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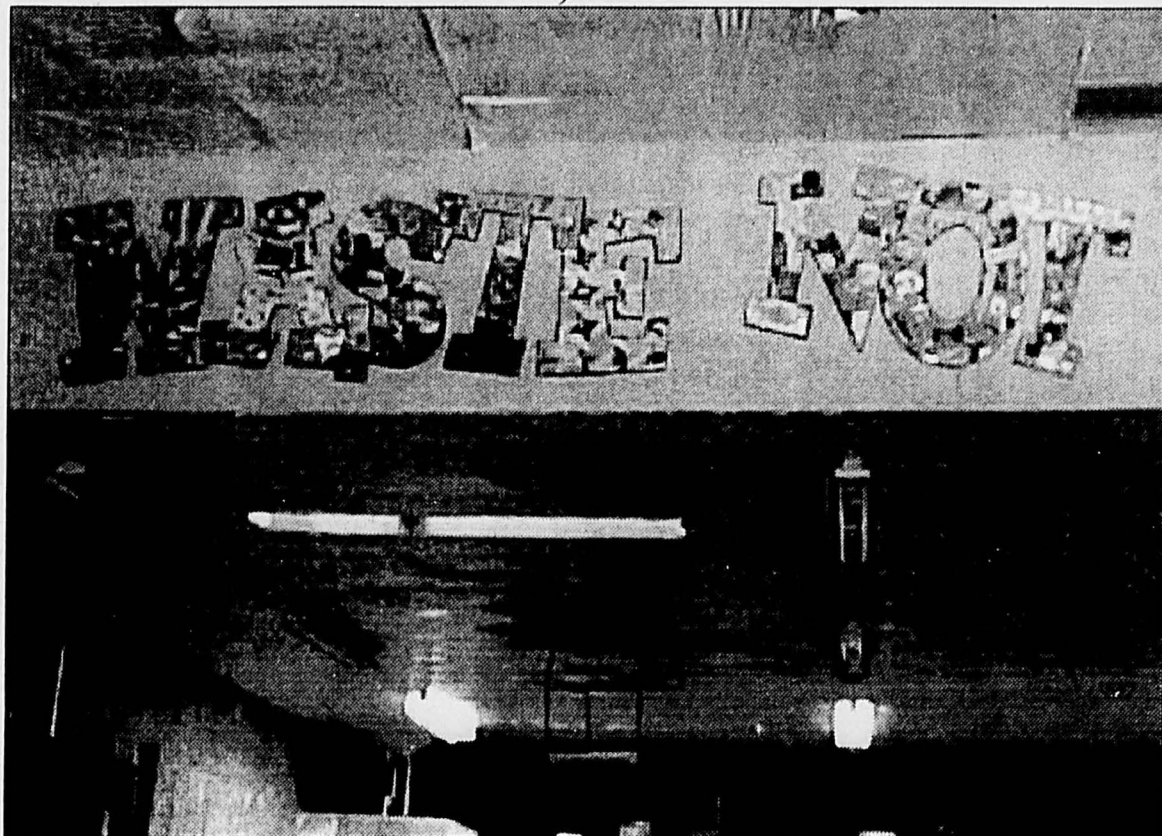
Journalism with an attitude

Eastern Washington University

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Want Not, Waste Not



▲ Students from the Cheney School District collaborated to create "Want Not, Waste Not," a work of art made completely out of recyclable products. The art is permanently on display at the Cheney Recycling Center.

Art appreciation not "wasted" on Cheney's school children

Seth Swift
Easterner Reporter

Last Monday, at the Cheney Recycling Center, 40 members of the community, including two local news stations and a number of fidgety children, attended an unveiling of student art themed, "Waste Not, Want Not."

Artist Rik Nelson, the catalyst behind the idea for the artwork, had his qualms about how the artwork would turn out. "That's always an unknown. Especially when you're using such an unusual medium as purely recyclable materials."

The artwork was done independently by students from classes in the Cheney School District. The skill level of the students ranged from third grade to high school, and no one saw what anyone else's artwork looked like until the unveiling. This also added to Nelson's reservations.

"I expected the artwork to be funky just because of the materials that were used, but the results we got are spectacular. I've been to a lot of art shows at museums, and this could easily be displayed in many of them."

The sponsors of the Cheney Recycling Center for Community Involvement Project were the Boeing Company, Cheney Free Press and Safeway Food and Drug.

John Ballester, the manager of the Cheney recycling plant, said the idea for the project came about a year ago.

"Rik was showing me some of his own artwork, and I told him he should display some of it here. He makes interesting art," Ballester continued on to say, "This is a good all around project. It helps to educate kids and the community."

"I expected the artwork to be funky just because of the materials that were used, but the results we got are spectacular."

Rik Nelson
project Coordinator

The 3-D artwork impressed Kathy Fleming, president of Cheney Recycling, as well. "It's the little things that the students put in that make it special." To prove this, she pointed out the piece done by students from the Cheney Alternative High School, which had miniature deer made out of recycled beer cans.

Fleming went on to emphatically state, "This artwork will remain permanently mounted for public viewing and enjoyment."

Nelson works extensively with the medium of recycled materials. For those interested in viewing his artwork, it can be found on the web at www.artenrich.com.

EWU police hit the pavement for yearly Spring bike patrol

Ian Klei
Easterner Reporter

Potential felons beware; the cops are out to make it harder on you. The Eastern Washington University Campus police are jumping back onto their bikes this spring to start the fourth year of the bike patrol program here on campus.

The bike patrol is a program putting five members of the EWU campus police on bikes to go out and patrol the campus, as opposed to being in a patrol car. It was started with the thought that it would be beneficial to get out among the crowds and the people and patrol the campus in a more personal manner.

"We felt we needed to get a little closer to the people versus driving around with our windows up and our air conditioning on," said Officer Dennis Hauenstein. This program

was also intended to help save on equipment and general wear and tear of the vehicles.

"Not to mention we needed the exercise," said Hauenstein.

The numerous benefits found in this new method of patrol are highly accredited by the campus police department. The police find it to be a good way to be able to talk to the people and get to know the staff and faculty better, and also can respond quicker to calls because the bikes allow them to take shortcuts across

campus and other general places where the cars cannot go. Another added benefit is that it provides the officers with a more effective deterrent and more surveillance because people do not suspect the bikes as much as they do the cars.

"Our patrol cars are very visible and when people see the car coming everything ceases, of course, but a lot of times people do not see the bikes and we can get more of the malicious mischief, the M.I.P.'s, stuff like that," said officer Hauenstein.

One drawback mentioned by the police staff was that if they get a call to back up the Cheney police then they have to "peddle ferociously" to get to the scene. Also, if someone is arrested, officers either have to go back and get the car or call someone to bring it to the scene.

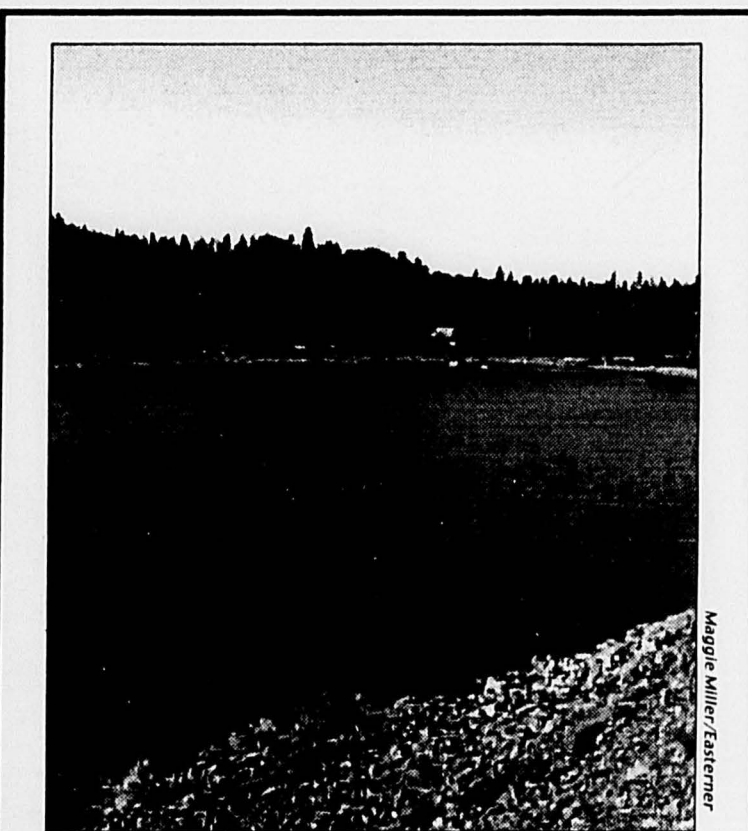
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___ Yes ___ No
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▲ Fish Lake is located just about two miles out of town on Cheney-Spokane Road. It provides a perfect place for students to rollerblade, bike, swim or just sit and relax around the barbecue.

Moody, Beal and Humphreys graduate this spring. For your last shot at publicly criticizing them, send your letters to the editor--see opinion page for details.

Eastern announces National Science Olympiad 2000 winners

CHENEY, Wash.--Booth Middle School, of PeachTree, Georgia, and Troy High School, of Fullerton, California, won top honors at the 16th annual National Science Olympiad 2000 Tournament, held Saturday on the campus of Eastern Washington University.

The schools competed against more than 2,100 of the best science students from across the U.S. and Ontario, Canada in 34 tournament events like Science Crime Busters and the Trajectory Contest, geared to demonstrate science knowledge and problem-solving skills as well as the ability to work as a team.

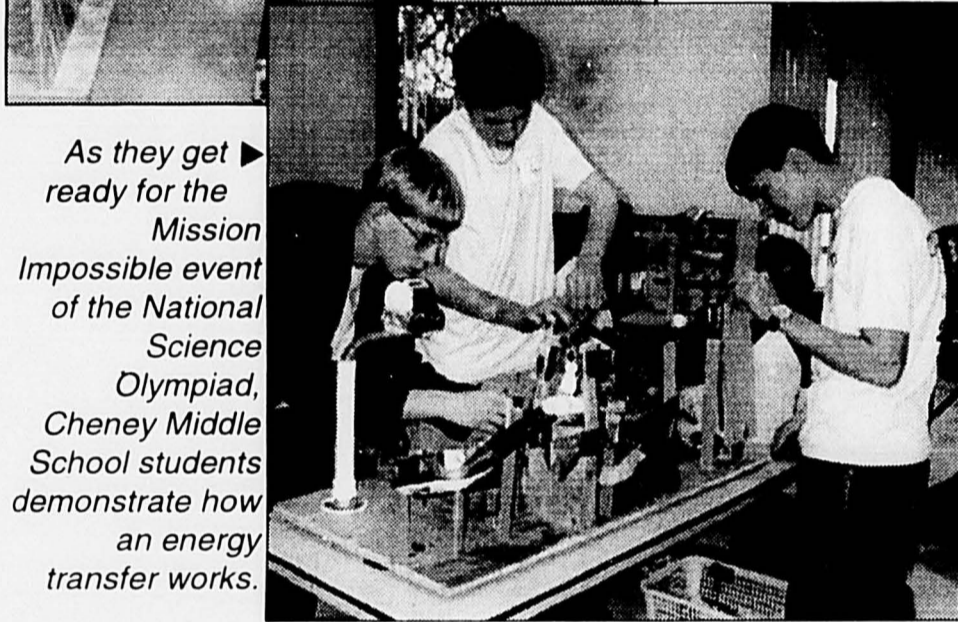
Of the 108 teams - 54 middle schools and 54 high schools - competing in the National Science Olympiad Tournament, the top six places in each event were awarded Olympic-style medals and plaques were awarded to the top 10 overall winners in both middle and high school divisions.

The National Science Olympiad is an international non-profit organization devoted to increasing and sustaining student interest in science. It provides recognition for outstanding achievement in science education through classroom activities, research, training workshops and local, state and national competitions.

Visit the "press room" at www.NSO2000.org for winners list and photos



◀ Cheney Middle School students who participated in the National Science Olympiad prepare for the Water Strider event. They are mixing sodium bicarbonate and acetic acid to produce carbon dioxide, which is designed to propel an object down a water-filled trough.



As they get ready for the Mission Impossible event of the National Science Olympiad, Cheney Middle School students demonstrate how an energy transfer works.

Governor Locke to speak at EWU commencement

CHENEY, Wash. - Eastern Washington University holds spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 10, at Woodward Field, with Washington Governor Gary Locke presenting the main commencement address.

For the 1999-2000 academic year, Eastern will confer 1,750 baccalaureate and 459 master's degrees. Graduates will line up at the central mall at 8 a.m. and begin a Grand March to Woodward Field at 8:30 a.m. The commencement ceremony is scheduled to begin as soon as all graduates are seated (approximately 9 a.m.). Each graduate will be recognized by name when crossing the platform to receive his/her diploma cover.

Commencement is expected to take between two and two-and-a-half hours.

Complete Commencement information (including a campus map) is available at the web site: www.ewu.edu. Click on "What's Hot" for details. Or you may call (509) 359-6580 for general information.

"We recognize the hard work and sacrifices our students and their families make to reach this level of academic achievement, and we congratulate them all," said Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, EWU president. "We encourage everyone with a family member or friend graduating from Eastern this year to come and celebrate this joyous occasion with us.

"And, please, out of respect for each other and the solemnity of the occasion, we ask that all graduates and guests remain seated for the duration of the entire ceremony."

Open seating in the bleachers for the outdoor ceremony begins at 7:30 a.m. (it is recommended that guests be seated by 8:30 a.m.), and there is no limit on the number of persons each graduate can invite.

Persons needing special accommodation for seating (wheelchair, crutches or other physical restrictions which prevent them from climbing into bleacher seats) may make arrangements for special needs seating by contacting EWU Disability Support Services at (509) 359-6871 or e-mail: pmcdermott@mail.ewu.edu

Handicapped and special needs parking and passenger unloading will be in Lot 16 adjacent to the east side of Woodward Field. (A state handicapped permit, EWU "H" parking sticker or Commencement day special needs parking permit will be required for parking in Lot 16.)

General parking is available at campus parking lots 3, 5, 6, 12, 15, 17 and 18. A shuttle bus will circulate throughout campus to take guests to and from Woodward Field throughout the day.

A professional photographer will take photos of each graduate, although there is no obligation to purchase. Guests will not be allowed access to the field to take personal photos.

There will be a Commencement Barbecue at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the central mall. Tickets for the Barbecue cost \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for persons age 62 and older and children under age 10. Tickets purchased in advance cost \$1 less per ticket. A form for advance purchase is enclosed with the information mailed to all graduates, or call 359-2540 for information.

On Friday evening, June 9, an Academic Honors Convocation and dessert reception will be held in Showalter Auditorium (by invitation only) to recognize honor society members, present awards to those students who completed University Honors programs and to acknowledge recipients of the Frances B. Huston Medallion Award. The Huston winners are graduating seniors who have been chosen for special honor for their academic and community accomplishments.

Here's to good health and good food

History 498-0

History of Health & Medicine
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8:30 am to 10:50 am

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History 498-30

Food & Culture: Social History of Eating

2 credits

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Both classes will be taught by Laurie Carlson. Laurie's thesis on the Salem witchcraft hysteria of 1692 (*Fits and Fevers: Salem's Witches and the Forgotten Epidemic*) was recently published by a Chicago trade publisher. Laurie serves as adjunct faculty in Eastern's history department and has recently been selected as one of five finalists for the Year 2000 WAGS/Bell & Howell (formerly UMI) Distinguished Master's Thesis Award.

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EWU public affairs symposium looks at salmon recovery

Dams and salmon. These two words lie at the heart of a controversial and impassioned public discussion that is important to the future course of development in the Inland Northwest.

Eastern Washington University is bringing together a group of experts and advocates on Thursday, June 15, to explore values, public policy and practical solutions to what underlies the controversy at a day-long Public Affairs Symposium, "Both Sides of the River: Salmon Recovery in the Columbia Basin."

This free public event takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Met, 901 W. Sprague, in downtown Spokane. No preregistration is necessary. For information, please call (509) 623-4355 or toll free (800) 831-6114.

William Dietrich, author of Northwest Passage: The Great Columbia River, will give the keynote address, "The Columbia River and the Meaning of Life." Dietrich, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his national reporting of the Exxon Valdez oil spill, is a well known speaker on Northwest environmental issues.

"Eastern Washington University takes seriously its responsibility to enhance the intellectual and cultural life of Spokane and its environs," said Robert Herold, EWU executive vice provost and symposium moderator. "For nearly a decade, the annual Public Affairs Symposium, produced by EWU Summer Session, has brought nationally known scholars, writers and political figures to

Spokane to inform and debate a number of issues important to the city and the region. We are pleased this year to enhance public discourse on the issues surrounding the Columbia River Basin and salmon recovery."


Symposium topics in recent years have included downtown revitalization, at-risk children and religion in schools.

This year, Eastern's annual symposium tackles the collision of interests brought about by the subject of salmon and dams - recovery of salmon runs, cheap power from the hydropower system in the Columbia Basin, irrigated agriculture made possible from reservoirs behind the dams, commercial and tribal salmon fishing and land development alongside rivers and streams.

Twelve stocks of salmon and steelhead are endangered or threatened as the return of fish to the Columbia River has declined from 10 to 16 million in the previous century to about 1 million fish today, most of which originate in hatcheries. Although over-harvesting, habitat degradation and estuary problems are factors in this decline, most of the attention has focused on dams.

Is dam breaching the answer? What would breaching mean to the people of the Inland Northwest in terms of economic development, agriculture, transportation and more? What concessions are we willing to make to restore salmon runs? Are there other solutions?

The public will have the opportunity to interact with the symposium panel.



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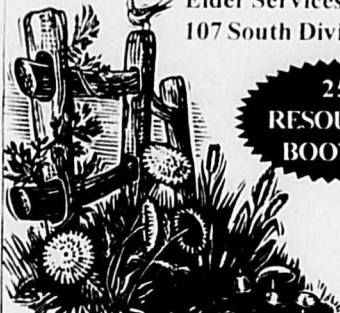
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City of Spokane takes every last cent seriously

New parking meters just another way to separate Spokane motorists from their money.

John Lichorobiec
Easterner Reporter

Well the brilliant minds of Spokane city government have done it again. Those of you who attend classes at the Spokane Center can attest to the parking meters in front of and adjacent to said center have brand new parking meters.

Normally this wouldn't be of much concern to anybody, except for the fact that last week a quarter was worth 30 minutes of time and this week the shiny new digital meters tell me that same quarter is only worth 25 minutes.

I can accept the fact that for my major I need to attend classes in Spokane because I'm "using the City of Spokane as a learning laboratory." Many other majors around campus are dealing with similar issues.

Surely the argument can't be made that the increase is tied into paying for the new meters due to the fact that the old meters worked just fine.

But why raise the price of the meters? Are they trying to get us to park in the concrete mausoleum better known as the Riverpark Square Parking Complex? Smart move Spokane. Yet another way to show how inept things are run.

For those less informed, the city of Spokane is accruing a massive debt due to the Riverpark Square Parking Complex. Somewhere in the ballpark of half a billion dollars. Good luck in the lawsuit against those trying to recoup the debt the parking garage is accruing, you're going to need it.

Spokane hopes to generate money to place back into the repayment of the parking structure through collecting meter monies and through bonds. Want to guess what happens when the city can't pay back the debt on the parking structure and it goes under? Spokane's bond rating drops significantly. The higher the bond rating for a city, the better it is for the city's economic well-being.

It's kind of like paying for a dead horse. For a city that wants to be so different from Seattle, it now appears they're doomed to the same fate. Kingdome ring a bell anyone? That was financed through bonds as well. Seattle is stuck to pay those bonds back for a demolished structure. See the correlation here? Spokane doesn't have the resources to write off all that bond money. Take a guess who gets to pick up the tab, Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public. Gee thanks Spokane!

Spokane can't attract new industry into town because the city and county won't give tax breaks to encourage industry to come to Spokane.

People are fleeing Spokane like it's a jail break. Take an informal survey among your friends. I'm willing to bet most people can't wait to get the hell out of here after they graduate. I'm not being bitter here either. Spokane, Cheney and EWU have all served their purpose in my educational endeavors, but it's silly things such as parking meter increases that shows in a microcosm just what's inanely wrong here.

Encourage businesses to come to Spokane. Last time I checked, economic growth wasn't a bad thing? Any wonder why the Spokane valley has been trying to get itself incorporated into its own city for the past few years now.

Think things are going to change when Spokane finally has their own "strong mayor" come this November? The marionettes holding the puppet better known as John Talbott would like you to think so, but it's hard to imagine the same inept people doing any better even though the structure of government changes.

Looks like moving all the classes from the Spokane Center to Riverpoint isn't sounding like a bad idea after all. It's just too bad I won't personally be able to take advantage of it. All over a lousy freaking nickel.



Eastern's former presidential candidate speaks out on behalf of Washington's salmon

Seth Swift
Easterner Reporter

The world recently gave itself a high five as it passed the six billion mark in people and further degraded the value of human life, which at one point meant a lot, but now means as much as an ice cream cone left out in the noonday sun in mid July on the sidewalk.

Except for the fact that these new millions of babies are being brought up from the very beginning to be wasteful, spite worthy entities, just like their parents and grandparents, this doesn't concern me much. I'd assume it probably doesn't concern many of you out there either, except that it's added competition in finding parking spaces.

What really concerns me is the salmon. I know, it may appear that there is no correlation between the recent landmark number in human lives and the salmon, but there is.

The salmon in the Columbia River are dying. People have known about this for years and, as is the way with humans, they've only begun to notice and talk about it recently, when it is essentially too late to do much of anything about it. Nearly the only thing that we can do about it is undam the damn dams before it is too damn late and we lose yet another species to the ever encroaching toxic waste that is humanity.

That is why I believe that we must undam the dams. In order to save the salmon, we must drown the people. Save the salmon, drown the people. Is that just a beautiful saying, or is it just truly beautiful?

Sure, the dams provide a lot of energy and electricity for all the people of Washington, most notably Seattle, but what purpose does it really serve?

And at what cost? Are we willing to let yet another species die off in the name of more cheap power and extra neat bridges, or are we going to do something about it? Most likely, as is the way with humans, we will do nothing about it except put the remains of the lost species in some nice museum in New York and pray that our children, the same children that we will throw thousands of tons of "disposable" diapers away for in the first three years of their lives, will remember them too.

In other words, save the salmon, drown the people, because the people don't mean anything except another life that will be taken in the end.

Letters to the Editor

Does Humphreys need any help moving out? If so, where do I apply to help?

Dear Editor,

What makes the difference between a 2 year degree and a 4 year degree? Obviously your Copy Editor, Dave Humphreys is too busy being impressed with his own knowledge to understand.

The goal of any 4 year University is to expand the knowledge base of its' students, to open up their minds to other points of view and to challenge the students to see the world from another perspective other than their own.

Critical thinking can only begin in earnest when ones own beliefs have been questioned and the individual has learned to examine life from all viewpoints, just not their own. It is this difference that allows a person to excel at what they do. The most successful employee's and business owners are those people who are able to assess the situation around them, formulate an opinion or plan and push themselves beyond the minimum expectations. These are also the skills that allow you to accel in your field of study and in life. Without them, you are only getting half of the education and maturity that will make you successful. Believe it or not, the General University Requirements are the foundation of this concept.

So in closing, I challenge Mr. Humphreys open up his mind instead of his mouth. Believe it not, you still don't know everything at 19 or 20 years old. And by the way, if you don't like EWU or "Screw U" as you call it, I will help you pack your bags for Tech. School.

Mike Wilson

The Spokane Center will be holding their last appearance in next week's Easterner. It's your last chance to give them a piece of your mind. All letters, complaints, threats are welcome.

*Easterner editorial,
lacks reasoning,
clear thoughts*

Aaron Brand
Contributor

Seldom do I pause to respond to the trivial ramblings masked as journalism in the pages of "The Easterner." As Jeff Holmes so pointedly observed in a letter to your newspaper last week, "The Easterner" favors a sensationalized style of rants and hot-headed debates, a childish pose typical of tabloid antics; this can be rather disheartening to see, again and again. However, the editorial ("Two Years of Crap") from Dave Humphreys appearing in your most recent edition is just too good to pass up, and I think a response is warranted.

Dave Humphreys penned a shallow diatribe against the General Education Core Requirements here at Eastern. His argumentative points are not only weakly rendered and unsupported, but Mr. Humphreys also takes great care in offending as many people as he possibly can in a three column piece. Bravo, Mr. Humphreys!

Nowhere does Humphreys respond to the stated intention of GECE's, although he briefly mentions it in his second paragraph. From there, Humphreys is quick to make unsubstantiated assertions about the irrelevancy of these required courses, even going so far as to say such courses will "decrease the chances of each Eastern grad being able to get a job when they eventually graduate." Dave, where's your support on that one? In today's fast-paced and ever-changing job market, and in an age when employers are looking for a variety of skills, wouldn't a well-rounded education prove to be an advantage in landing a job? Nowhere, too, do you acknowledge the real strength of a liberal arts education, which is to become an educated citizen and a critical thinker — both of which are important to our quality of life as adults, even, perhaps, to rambling, radical journalists such as "The Easterner" staff. Furthermore, Mr. Humphreys, you knew about Eastern's requirements before you came here; if, for some reason, you were unaware of them, you just didn't do your homework. Indeed, GECE's are common throughout Washington and the rest of the nation; what makes Eastern's requirements so special that they fuel your venom, Dave?

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Mr. Humphreys, throughout your essay you tend to make reductionary statements about the worth of an education for students here at Eastern. When you say something such as "If [students] don't know where Quito is on a map, too bad for them," you pigeonhole and stereotype those students who may not have had a strong education in high school; indeed, your comment

"Why can't 'The Easterner' hold itself to a higher standard than one of simply sparking controversy? The Eastern students, really, deserve better than that."

there is rather belittling to many students. Ah, but that is just the beginning of your offensive escapades. In the next paragraph, you mention "unfortunate dumbass desk jockies," and exactly to whom you refer (teaching assistants? other faculty?) is suspiciously unclear. Yet, you criticize such folks by saying they couldn't get a job "outside of the education field"; well, Dave, a job in the education field is just as much of a job as any other job. Knowledge specific to that field is no less worthy than knowledge specific to copy editing, of which, after glancing at any issue of "The Easterner," you and your fellow staff members may want to brush up on.

Mr. Humphreys, though, you seem to save the greatest display of offensive name-calling for the editorial's latter half. Upon careful reading, you seem to make a cheap, insincere attempt at common ground by name-dropping Dr. Boateng and giving lip-service praise to the African-American studies department. Your only purpose here, I assume, is to make the subsequent slaps against the Native American and Chicano studies departments more palatable. If your intentions are otherwise, I apologize, but your tone here is so different than the flippant tone of the rest of the piece that I believe your sincerity can be called into question. As well, the curious "poor white guy" stance you take in this section of the article simply won't wash if you recall your history, Mr. Humphreys. Coming on the heels of the recent display of racist graffiti in L.A. Hall, this pose is incredibly insensitive, especially with the unsupported litany of criticisms you heap upon the Native American and Women's Studies academic departments. Your line about priding yourself "on being a non-hyphenated American" is racist in its implication. Are Cuban-Americans, Latinos, and Polish-Americans, according to your vision, supposed to not feel some sense of pride in their heritage? What is so damaging to the American psyche that our identities can't be made up of the multitudes we contain within our sense of self? As well, your attitude here seems to spring from a shallow, utopian ideal of "all Americans as one." Sure, Dave, we Americans can all be "one," but when people define themselves as "Italian-American," "Asian-American" or "African-American," that in no way needs to negate their status as Americans,

as well. You seem to think otherwise, and you seem to have a strange, obsessive self-consciousness at work here.

Ancestry and heritage does matter, Dave; it is one vital component of who we are and where we are going as individuals living in a range of interacting cultures and communities. Indeed, it does not completely define us, and perhaps that's what you truly mean to say. Yes, when one culture's self-definition and pride is built up by denigrating another culture, this is a problem. One could say that just such an attitude of strength through subordination is responsible for much of the conflict and strife through the ages. If the Native American and Chicano studies departments take time out to teach us about how we Caucasians have been doing exactly that for, oh, a few thousand years (through exploitation of other cultures, slavery, racism, etc.), where is the problem in learning history? Perhaps your real point here is that such information wasn't presented well, or perhaps it was taught in a combative tone; if so, you should say so and get your facts straight on the matter. Otherwise, what's left is a pack of howling, unfortunate rants. That may work well in getting T.A.'s such as myself riled up, but in the long run, it does not promote serious debate and dialogue. Why can't "The Easterner" hold itself to a higher standard than one of simply sparking controversy? The Eastern students, really, deserve better than that.

I know my tone is harsh and critical, but I think it's time the good students at Eastern were treated to something more ethical in the journalism that covers their lives and more representative of the critical thinking that can, and does, go on here at this institution. In discussion today, my students noticed the "ad-hominem" personal attacks and faulty, confusing logic so prevalent in the editorial, Mr. Humphreys, not to mention the issues which were left out of the discussion. As well, they responded to and noticed your nuggets of good points and clever turns of humorous phrasing. My suggestion, to you, Mr. Humphreys, and to "The Easterner": start using such strengths to explore real issues thoroughly and substantially, and leave the rest for the bathroom walls or personal journals.

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Battlefield Earth misses the mark

Adrian Workman
Easterner Reporter

I have heard *Battlefield Earth* critics smash it apart like the Death Star in *Star Wars*. I have read reviews which write it off like a tax exemption. I would like at this time to click on the solitary light bulb in my lonely arena of *Battlefield Earth* appreciation and say, "I liked it."

I think John Travolta is a stinker. At best, he is a cutie-picture boy aimed at the hearts of dissatisfied, aging housewives. At worst, he was wearing a white suit and discoing to *Saturday Night Fever* (an absolutely uproarious comedy if you are drunk and/or stoned enough). It was a good thing that he played a stinker; an egomaniacal, greedy Psychlo who oversees the mining operation on Earth.

The setting is 3000 AD. The human race has been enslaved and exterminated into near-extinction. Those who are not

slaves live in small tribes in the mountains and forests. Johnny Goodboy Tyler (Barry Pepper) matches wits against Psychlo overseer Terl (Travolta) after his captivity by said Psychlos. It all hits the fan when Terl has Tyler educated in Psychlo ways.

The plot is just complex enough to gnarl the socks of a latte-chugging turtleneck wearer. Yet, it still has all the badges of a Sci-Fi film: Why are the people using ancient clichés, like "piece of cake," when no one has eaten cake in a millenium? How the hell can people learn to fly Harriers in less than 7 days? The action and special effects was more than an acceptable apology, if not an breathtaking distraction.

What really got me going was the special effects. Don't get me wrong: I yawned through *Jurassic Park*. Effects don't make the movie, but these were awesome. Especially the pans of the cities, overgrown with weeds and chirping with birds. It's a concept thing. Kind of like how, for

Water World, a guy must have woke up and thought, 'If this global warming thing *did* happen, this is how society would survive.' We won't touch on *Water World* other than that, I promise.

If you can get past the fact that this is not the next *Clockwork Orange* (it was not made to be discussed in English 383 or Starbucks), if you can get past hating sci-fi, if you can get past Travolta as disco boy, if you can get past the fact that the movie was based on a book written by L. Ron Hubbard, who kicked off the whole Scientology religion, and if you can get past the fact that the cast is dotted with Scientologists like stars in the night sky, I'd recommend seeing this movie.

Do not decide to see this movie as a compromise with your girlfriend for not wanting to see *Where the Heart Is* or *Return to Me*.



Road Trip is a rolling good time

Kellie McNeil
Easterner Reporter

An accidentally mailed sex tape plus a hilarious cast from young Hollywood equals this summers brain candy hit "Road Trip." This suprisingly enjoyable film is a great addition to this summer's movie lineup. The delightful cast and comedic script makes "Road Trip" this year's "American Pie."

"Road Trip" doesn't contain fabulous scenery, award winning cinematography, or ground breaking directing or million dollar special effects. What it lacks in impressive elements it makes up for in character. High-

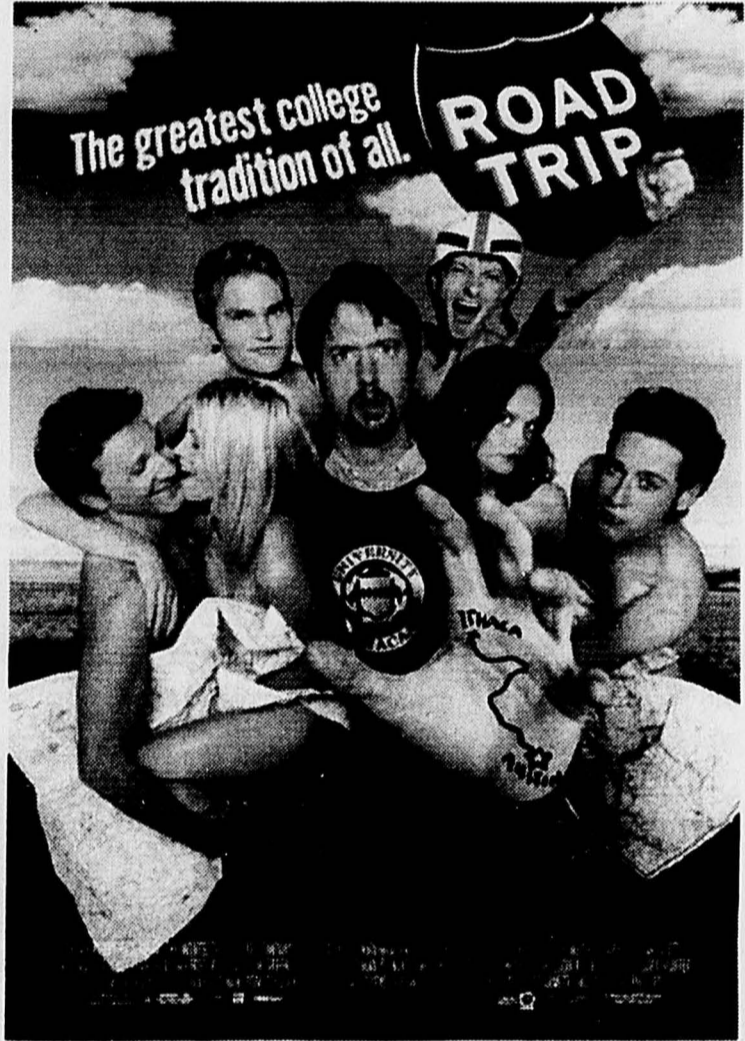
lights of the film include a stoned, talking dog, the comparison of classical Philosophy with WWF wrestling, an exploding car, and a mouse that the audience roots for. College has never looked like more fun!

One element of film that "Road Trip" excelled in is casting. The cast, including Tom Green ("The Tom Green Show"), Brekin Meyer ("Go", "Clueless"), Sean W. Scott ("American Pie," "Final Destination"), Paulo Costanzo ("My Date with the President's Daughter", "Psi Factor"), and DJ Qualls ("Cherry Falls", "Mama Flora's Family"), made the film not only palatable but

definitely worth the price of admission. Tom Green's zany antics enhanced the film as the psychotic narrator, Barry E.L.'s (Scott)warped views on life and Rubin's (Costanzo) Physics calculations make "Road Trip" an excellent blend of comedy and young talent.

The other successful factor of "Road Trip" is the hilarious script. The situations that the cast is put through keep the audience rolling in the aisles. From blowing up their car to staying with Barry's (Green's) grandparents, the laughs just keep coming. The script's humor is very earthy, but "Road Trip" pulls it off.

"Road Trip" is nothing but low class, comedic fluff aimed at a high school and college aged audience. If you're looking for a film that's an Oscar contender, I suggest going to "Gladiator." Between the nudity, sexual content, and Marijuana use it's clear that "Road Trip" is just a good movie to see with your buds.



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Nickleback worth every penny

Allen Moody
Editor

There's an old concert adage that the opening act should never upstage the headliner, but that certainly won't be the case next month when Nickleback, Sevendust and Creed appear at the Spokane Arena on June 6. One listen to Nickleback's debut on Roadrunner Records, 'The State,' will leave no doubt that this one band to reckoned with in the future.

Nickleback, hailing from North of the border, seems primed to expand their fan base in the States, as they're already one of Canada's most popular bands. After self-releasing their first two albums, a major-label recording contract and a hectic touring schedule should be all it takes to put them over in the U.S.

It isn't often that you'll come across a catchy hard rock song, but Nickleback manages to churn them out with amazing regularity on 'The State.' It's one of those rare albums that sounds distantly familiar, yet entirely unique upon first listen.

Co-produced with Dale Penner, probably best-known for his work with the Matthew Good Band, and

mixed by GGarth Richardson (Red Hot Chili Peppers, Rage Against the Machine) 'The State' opens with 'Breathe,' an amazing song, and along with 'Leader of Men' and 'Old Enough' comprise the best three songs on the album, and arguably three of the best songs to come out this year.

Trying to compare Nickleback with any existing bands would be a disservice to the group. Their style is all their own; no-holds-barred rock & roll that would be damn-near impossible not to like. Solid vocals, killer guitar riffs and well-penned songs make this one CD that anyone who enjoys heavy rock should own.

If you're planning on attending the Creed, Sevendust, Nickleback concert on June 6, just make sure you get there early. If you're late you'll miss the best band of the night.



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Don Henley shows no sign of "Takin' It Easy"

Former Eagle comes up big with his latest solo effort.

Dave Humphreys
Copy Editor

Mix the thick, flowing melodies of The Eagles with the rhythm and beat of John Mellancamp, and you have a particular music product which was thought impossible: an album which the whole Easterner staff, with the exception of Allen Moody, agrees kicks ass.

The first song, "Nobody Else In The World But You," brings in Glenn Frey of the Eagles, Henley and Wonder in a pop-rock fashion similar to that of the mid '80s production of "Huey Lewis and The Blues."

"Goodbye To A River," is a romantic soundtrack in which Henley sings about that mystical place which everybody seems to remember as home, and contrasts it with environmental stance of seeing your homeland polluted, destroyed and all but erased from memory. The slow chords make even the most cold-hearted remember, what was once good and descent in our past. The acoustic setting brings out a silence to be felt in listeners which definitely has ties to the Eagles' song "The Last Resort"

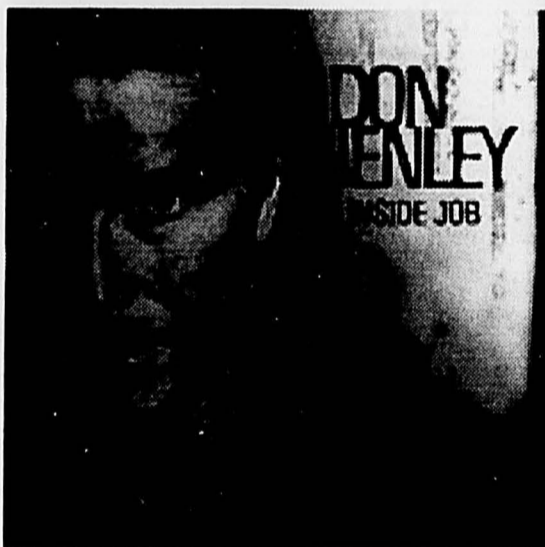
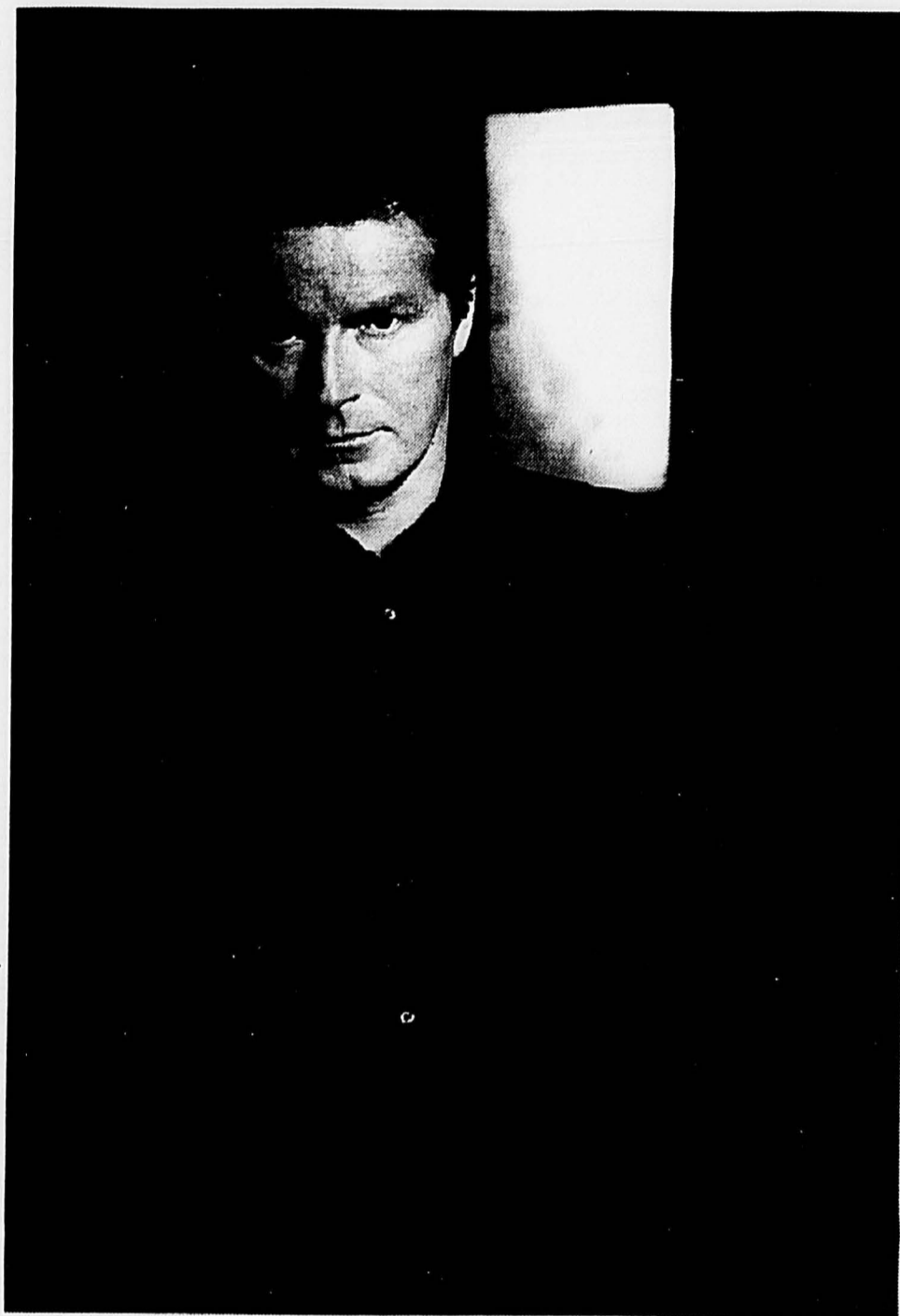
"Damn It Rose," is a serious, rather depressing lament to the mental instability of people as a whole.

Its easy intro preludes into a serious artist-to-reader discussion of lost love. Very country in its style, the song is best heard in a wide-open, lonely place, this song is too powerful to be listened to alone.

"Miss Ghost," returns to the Mellancampesque style of blues, with a blues guitar accompaniment which would make Bo Diddley tap his feet. The phasing during the bridge only increases the mysterious feel of the song.

In the fourth song, "Everything Is Different Now," Henley's opening vocals are confusing, speaking quietly with his raspy voice as if he's angry, while the lyrics themselves are ironically positive. This combination draws in the listener, and is about as universally inspiring as was the "Learn To Be Still" track on "Hell Freezes Over." It WILL make an appearance on the local radio charts. A good love song based on Henley's recent marriage, its one of a set of tracks dedicated to his wife.

The sheer fact that we could all agree on the quality of this album should testify to the releases appeal to an extremely wide audience base. It has rock. It has easy listening. It has a little bit for everybody. Its only weakness is that it doesn't have enough. If Henley could have made the album longer, it would've escalated the album from being a "mere" hit to an outright classic for any listener.



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Eagles sign transfer guard from Southwestern Oregon Community College

Former Jacksonville State Starter Jason Lewis Transfers from Southwestern Oregon CC

Jason Lewis, a standout guard at Southwestern Oregon Community College this past season and Jacksonville State University the year before that, has signed a scholarship agreement with Eastern Washington University and new men's basketball coach Ray Giacoletti.

The 6-foot-4 Lewis can play both guard positions, and this past season averaged 14.2 points and 8.3 assists. In the 1998-99 season he started 21 games at Jacksonville State in Alabama, averaging 5.5 points, 3.1 rebounds and 2.5 assists. He is a 1998 graduate of Churchill High School in Eugene, Ore.

"Jason is a player we're very excited about," Giacoletti said of his first recruit since becoming head coach on April 5. "He has started 21 Division I games already, and gives us great experience at the point and perimeter guard positions. He comes from a great basketball background at Churchill High School in Eugene. We're excited to have him as part of our basketball family."

Lewis helped lead Southwestern Oregon to a 24-9 record overall and a third-place finish in the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAACC) Tournament. He was a second team All-NWAACC selection, and a first team All-Southern Region pick after leading his team to the region championship with a 13-1 record.

He set a school record for assists with 274, and led the NWAACC Tournament in assists with 35 in three games. He also made all of his free throws and averaged 19.3 points per game in the tourney.

In addition to his averages of 14.2 points and 8.3 assists, he also averaged three steals per game while making 76 percent of his free throws, 48 percent of his field goals and 39 percent of his three-point field goals. He was selected to four different all-tournament teams during the season.

At Jacksonville State, Lewis started 21 of 26 games and made 41-of-125 field goals (32.8 percent), 15-of-52 three-pointers (28.8 percent) and

46-of-62 free throws (74.2 percent). He also had 30 steals, with season-highs of 15 points versus Florida Atlantic, nine rebounds versus Samford and six assists on two occasions.

Jacksonville finished the 1998-99 season with an 8-18 record overall, and 3-10 record in the Trans America Conference. He started all 16 conference games, averaging 5.6 points and 2.8 assists per game.

Eagles track squad finishes all-time best third place in Big Sky Conference Championships

Junior Ryan Cole successfully defended his javelin title to help lead Eastern Washington to its best-ever finish -- third -- at the Big Sky Conference Track and Field Championships that concluded Saturday at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento, Calif.

Helped also by a pair of top three finishes by sprinter Johnnie Williams and a 2-3 finish in the triple jump, the Eagles scored 68 points on Saturday to finish third with 97. Eastern's previous highest place was fifth on two other occasions, and its previous highest point total was 82 1/2 last year when the Eagles placed sixth. Weber State won this year's title with 202 and Northern Arizona placed second with 180.

Eastern's women, fifth after the first day, scored a total of 54 points to finish eighth. Mandi Fish was the team's top placer with a second-place finish in the shot put with a career-best throw of 47-0 1/4 that ranks second in school history.

Cole threw the javelin 222-8 to win the title by a little more than three feet over NAU's Heath Fisher. Cole's mark fell shy of his season-best of 225-2, as well as his career-best of 229-5 set last year when he went on to place 15th at the NCAA Championships. Eastern's Eric Boyd, who on Thursday placed second in the decathlon, finished fourth in the javelin with a throw of 193-11.

Williams, the defending champion in the 100 but hampered by a hamstring injury

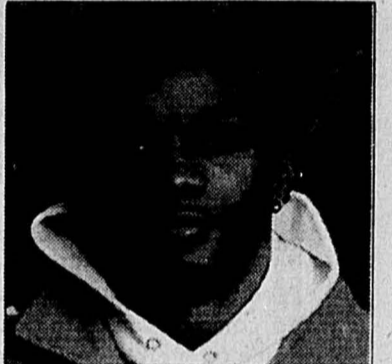
this season, placed second in that event with a 10.54 time that was .11 from his school record set last year. Francis St. Paul of Northern Arizona won the title with a 10.48 time. Williams also placed third in the 200 with 21.73 clocking.

Eastern's Tim Archer and Kurt Kraemer placed second and third, respectively, in the triple jump. Archer became only the fifth 50-foot triple jumper in school history with a 50-6 3/4 effort. Kraemer, who has a career-best of 51-3 1/2 to his credit this season, had an effort of 49-10 on Saturday.

Eastern also had a fourth-place finish turned in by Brian Trimble in the 800 with a 1:52.61 time. For the women, Katie Ellison also finished fourth in the 800 in 2:12.63.



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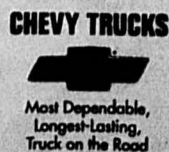
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Eagles look forward to winning football season

Consistent winners in recent years, now the Eastern Washington University football program tries to become a consistent championship contender under first year head coach Paul Wulff.

Eastern finished the 1999 season with an impressive 6-2 Big Sky Conference record and was 7-4 overall. With a difficult schedule that included I-A opponents Idaho and Boise State, the Eagles came one victory from its second NCAA Division I-AA Playoff berth in three years. The Eagles won the Big Sky Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Division I-AA "Final Four" in 1997, finishing with the finest season in school history at 12-2.

Wulff's first team is experienced on both sides of the ball, with 20 letter winners back on offense, 20 on defense and three more back at kicker/punter. The Eagles return 16 starters, including eight on defense, six on offense and two kickers/punters.

"There's no question the talent is there to do some good things," said Wulff, who makes his coaching debut at Oregon State on Sept. 2. "It takes some breaks, but I envision us to be very competitive in every game we play. We'll see how this team unfolds. We have 40-50 practices before we play Oregon State. Hopefully we can stay healthy and come together as a group, and we've shown signs of that already. I think we're going to be solid the next couple of years."

Wulff was named head coach on Dec. 8 last year, and almost instantly he demanded a huge commitment from his players — particularly his 13 seniors. The Eagles have always stressed the importance of strength and conditioning, but now the off-season became almost as important as the season itself.

"We're going to be a more physical team because we've mandated in the weight room that our players get bigger and stronger," he explained. "We're looking for some leadership and see who is going to step forward. Our seniors need to create their identity and stamp for this team. Whenever a team has success, they always have quality senior leadership. I'm putting a lot of pressure on them, because this is their team."

With a pounding running game the last two seasons, Eastern hopes to return to the balance that made it the nation's top offensive team in 1997. Improving at quarterback behind 1999 starters Fred Salanoa and Chris Samms is one of the priorities. Plus, Wulff hopes his defense can tackle better than

it did in 1999.

"There are some areas we definitely want to improve in," he said. "We need to improve our passing game a tremendous amount. We need to be a little more efficient throwing the ball, and if we can do that it will open up our offense even more. We need to tackle better and be a little more aggressive on defense. We need to challenge people more, but if we can just tackle better we'll see a big difference in our defensive production."

Last year, Big Sky champion Montana and Northern Arizona — a team the Eagles defeated 14-10 — represented the Big Sky Conference in the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs. Although several teams can compete for the conference title, the Eastern-Montana winner has gone on to win the conference title the past five seasons. This year, Eastern hosts the Grizzlies at Albi Stadium in Spokane on Sept. 30.

"Our conference is going to be real strong this year," he predicted. "Two years ago it was very weak and last year it was better. I think you'll see every team improved, and it will be a very competitive conference. I think the teams that represent the league in the playoffs will do quite a bit better."

Despite New Linemen, Offense Skilled & Experienced

Senior Fred Salanoa made his much-heralded Eagle debut last fall, but it didn't last long as he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Eastern's third game of the season. He'll be back in the fall, and so will junior Chris Samms who started Eastern's last eight games of the season. Salanoa passed for 515 yards and four touchdowns while completing 44.7 percent of his passes with one interception. Samms led the Eagles to a 6-2 record in his eight starts, and passed for 1,528 yards, 10 touchdowns and 13 interceptions while completing 48.8 percent of his passes.

Sophomore Eli Marsh and senior Lance Hattemer add depth at quarterback. Marsh completed 11-of-27 passes for 137 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions a year ago. Both Marsh and Hattemer were non-lettering squad members a year ago.

Fortunately, the powerful Eagle running game helped take the pressure off the quarterbacks in 1999. Jovan Griffith and Jesse Chatman combined for 2,164 yards and 25 touchdowns between them. Griffith finished with 1,275 yards and 14 touchdowns in 10 games, and

Chatman bulled his way for 889 yards and 11 touchdowns before missing the final two games with a knee injury. Both earned honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference honors after sharing 350 carries for the season.

Junior Elijah Baker and converted defensive back Mario Sweet add depth at the tailback position. Baker, senior Shaun McMakin, junior tight end Kyle Delorme and even Chatman provide some added blocking from the fullback position.

At wide receiver, starters Joe Levens and Lamont Brightful return. Levens caught 30 passes for 532 yards (17.7 per catch) and four touchdowns as a sophomore in 1999, and Brightful caught 24 passes for 460 yards (19.2 per catch) and three scores. Also starters in 1998, those two players have combined for 101 catches, 1,636 yards (16.2 per catch) and 13 touchdowns in their careers.

Other returning letter winners at wide receiver include junior Wayne Timmons, senior Romaine Smith and sophomore Peter Coombe. Timmons is the only one of the three to catch passes last year, grabbing three for 21 yards.

Junior Dan Curley, an honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference selection a year ago, heads Eastern's group of tight ends. Curley caught 16 passes for 244 yards and two touchdowns last year. Senior Lance Ballew added seven catches for 71 yards, and Delorme caught one pass.

On the offensive line, three new starters will take over in 2000 for a trio of players who earned All-Big Sky honors a year ago. Among the returning players is senior Luke Fritz, a second team All-Big Sky selection last season. The other starter back is junior Chris Polinder who shared a position with a fourth departed senior. Junior James Venters started the first three games before a knee injury shelved him for the rest of the season. Other letter winners returning on the offensive line include junior Asim Poston and sophomore Kurt Sigler.

Among the newcomers expected to help in 2000 is University of Memphis transfer David Sherrod. He was a two-year starter at Memphis, and as a freshman in 1998 he was selected to the Conference USA All-Freshman team.

Eight Starters Back on Defense

Anchored by returning all-conference selections Jeff Allen, Greg Belzer, Anthony Griffin and David Alcalá, the Eagles have lots of established experience throughout their defense.

Belzer, despite being troubled by a knee injury all season, earned second team All-Big Sky honors after finishing with 74 tackles in seven games as a junior middle linebacker. Griffin, now a junior, finished with 55 tackles in his first season at outside linebacker for the Eagles. Also returning at linebacker with starting experience is senior Brad Packer, who finished 1999 with 82 tackles and four forced fumbles. Other returning letter winners at linebacker are sophomores Adam Zeiger and Luke Vincent.

The defensive line is led by Allen, a senior end who finished with 10 sacks and 50 tackles to earn first team All-Big Sky honors. Alcalá, also a senior, earned honorable mention All-Big Sky honors after finishing with 50 stops as a tackle in 1999. The other starter back is senior tackle/end Josh Martin, who finished with 51 tackles and seven sacks a year ago.

Sophomores Brandon Moore and Romanus Chodorowski also saw considerable action in 1999, and had three starts between them. Moore finished with nine tackles, including 1 1/2 sacks, and Chodorowski had 21 tackles with one sack. Junior Lance Gibson (11 tackles, one sack), junior Adam Chambers (four tackles) and sophomore Sam Martin return as well.

In the secondary, the Eagles were ravaged by injuries a year ago which led to lots of quality playing time and several starts by players returning this season. In fact, six players return with starting experience.

Senior cornerback Ole Olesen and junior free safety Alvin Tolliver are the veterans of the group as both have started since their freshman seasons. Olesen had 42 tackles, a pair of interceptions and seven passes broken up last year in nine games, and Tolliver finished with 25 tackles and four passes broken up in just seven games.

Backups who received considerable experience included junior safety Lavonta Howard, sophomore safety Patrick Edwards, senior cornerback Claude Jean-Baptiste and junior cornerback Travis Reed. Howard started Eastern's last four games, and finished with 43 tackles. Edwards started once before he was injured, and finished the season with 13 tackles in five games. Jean-Baptiste was a four-game starter, and closed the year with 32 tackles. Reed started twice and finished with 36 stops.

Eastern also receives a boost in the secondary with the return of senior Maurice Chambers. He did not play last year, but had 42 tackles, two interceptions and eight passes broken up in 1998.

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