

11-18-2009

Easterner, Vol. 61, No. 9, November 18, 2009

Associated Students of Eastern Washington University

Follow this and additional works at: https://dc.ewu.edu/student_newspapers

Recommended Citation

Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, "Easterner, Vol. 61, No. 9, November 18, 2009" (2009). *Student Newspapers*. 683.
https://dc.ewu.edu/student_newspapers/683

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Eastern Washington University Digital History Collections at EWU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Student Newspapers by an authorized administrator of EWU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jotto@ewu.edu.

the EASTERNER

November 18, 2009

Volume 61, Issue 9

www.easterneronline.com

YOUR CAMPUS VOICE NEWS

Parking dilemma still plagues campus

Despite attempts to clear the air on parking, questions and misconceptions remain on where it's OK to park

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

While students complain about parking on campus, the university's Parking Services offices is working hard to find answers to these problems, providing support and assistance for most students.

Parking Services reported that the number of parking spaces available remains greater than the number of parking permits purchased this year, leaving a couple of hundred spaces open on campus for those who have purchased permits or still want to purchase one.

"We are customer-oriented all the time," Campus Services Director Greg Dempsey said. "We are always looking out for students to be sure that ... they have a place to park with the resources that we have."

Parking Services has 2,924 spaces on campus in 18 lots. Of those total spaces, 175 use meters, 616 are free parking and 2,133 are permit parking. The total number of active permits sold is 1,990, leaving 143 permit spaces available on campus.

Parking is free in the Woodward Stadium parking lot at all times and does not require a permit or meter payment.

According to Dempsey, most complaints that Parking Services receives are from students who have permits and cannot find spaces to park. Most of these complaints come in the first few weeks of school when illegal parking is at its highest.

Parking Services hands out yellow reminder slips on vehicle windshields in the first three or four days of the school year when a car is parked illegally. These yellow slips remind students and visitors that they need to display or purchase a permit to park in campus parking lots.

The yellow slip policy provides some leniency at the beginning

of the year that works to lessen the blow of illegal parking tickets, Dempsey said.

After the first three or four days of school, Parking Services begins to put warnings on cars that are parked illegally, informing the student or driver that they will get a ticket if they do not purchase a permit.

Since Sept. 1, Parking Services handed out about 500 yellow reminders and 1,600 warnings, allowing students a buffer before receiving tickets for illegal parking, he said.

"When I came into parking, the policy was: You give them a warning, and after that, you gave them a ticket," Dempsey said. "Now we are trying to be more friendly on how we are treating the people coming to campus."

All money received from illegal parking tickets pays for the enforcement of the rules and monitoring of parking lots.

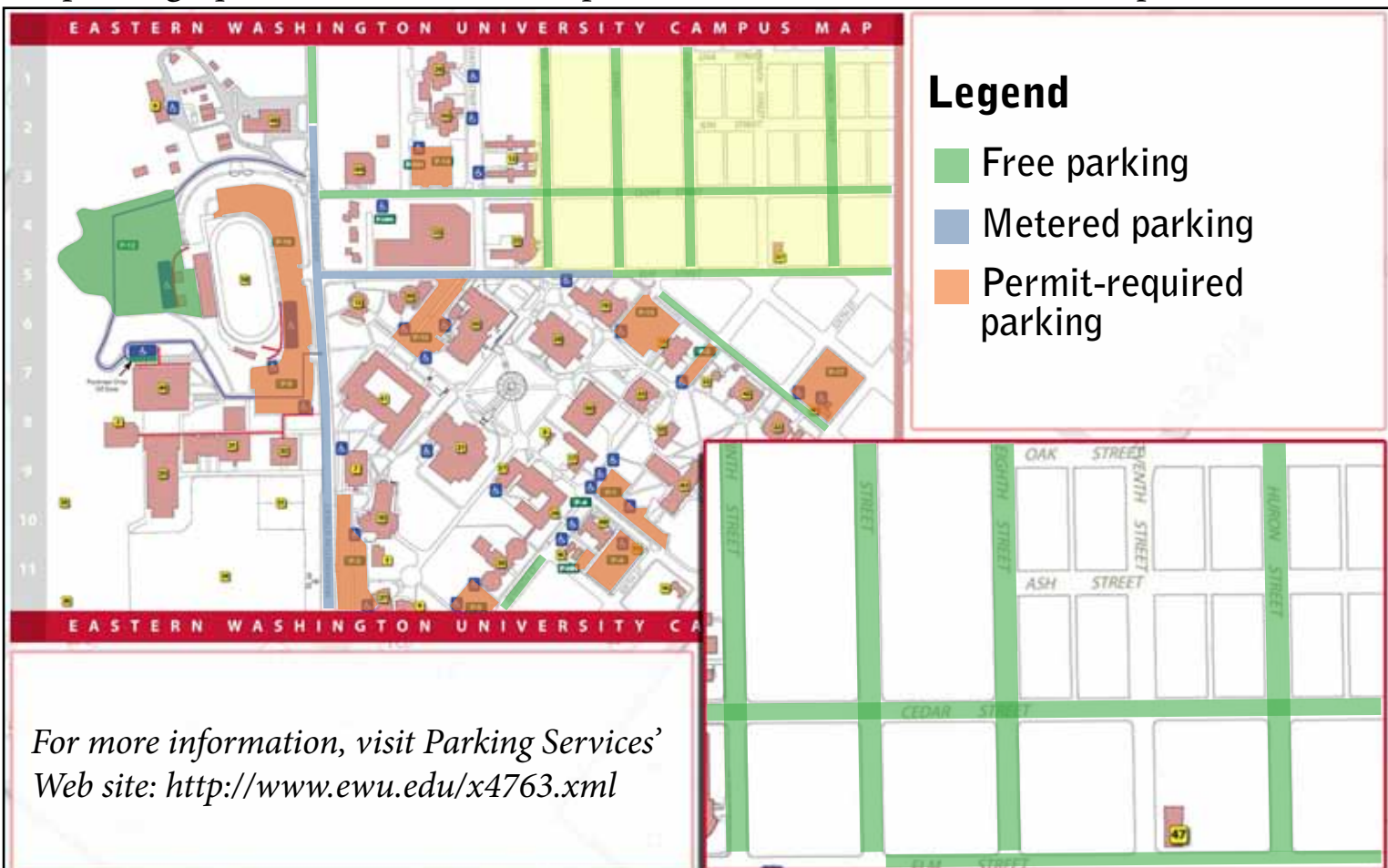
Income from parking permits is used to support the Spokane Transit Authority, parking facilities, route improvements, labor costs of staff and employees, parking lot care and maintenance, supplies and materials, equipment and property for new parking.

When gas prices rose last year, Parking Services noticed a considerable decrease in the number of cars on campus.

"Now that we have grown accustomed to the higher price of gas, we have more cars in the residence hall lots than we did last year," said Dempsey.

Dempsey said that fewer students drove 25 years ago compared to today. Many of the residence halls that were built back then did not take into consideration the need for parking.

PARKING | PAGE 4



Above: A layout of Cheney's streets, indicating where parking is free, metered and permit-required.

Left: Several complaints reach Parking Services each year. There are currently 143 parking permits available to be purchased.

Photo by Lyz Pynsky/Easterner

Parking Quick Facts

175 metered spaces
+ 616 free spaces
+ 2,133 permit-required spaces
= 2,924 parking spaces on campus

Giving Tree program helps aid student parents

Program gets started with a bake sale to provide gifts for 60 children this year

BY ELLEN MILLER
staff writer

Every year, the Annual Giving Tree (AGT) makes it possible for less fortunate families to celebrate Christmas joy by receiving gifts.

For the AGT fundraiser, the organization requests that student parents at Eastern fill out a form that provides the AGT with the name, age, gender, grade, size and gift preference for their children or child. The AGT then puts the information onto a gift tag and replaces the name with an ID number. The gift tags are hung on a Christmas tree as an ornament, giving people the chance to choose a child they would like to sponsor this Christmas season.

All donors and recipients are anonymous. If the families want to write a thank you note, however, they can bring it to H.O.M.E. and they will deliver it to the donor.

This event will take place in the PUB atrium across from Thomas Hammer and outside the MPR from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 through 19.

"Our focus is the children," said Ashley Earl, the annual tree coordinator. "Children are our future. You can show them that you care with a gift and give their parents a helping hand."

AGT has about 60 children signed up to receive a gift this year.

"It's a good way for the parents and the children to get their mind off of things," said Earl. "We see the



The AGT uses "ornament" tags to identify the children of student parents at Eastern and type of gift the child and parents are seeking.

Curtis Chandler/Easterner

parents that come to get these gifts, and they are so happy and thankful to see that there are people who

want to give with no rewards other than the good feeling of giving."

During the AGT, there will also

be a bake sale for any child who doesn't get picked. The bake sale will be selling banana bread, zucchini bread, carrot bread, brownies, pumpkin bread, Rice Krispie Treats, cinnamon rolls and all sorts of cookies for about 25 cents to \$1. However, Earls said, "The creative pastries or cookies are going to be more expensive [at \$1.50] because they're pretty." The money from the bake sale will be used to buy more gifts.

The bake sale usually makes around \$100; however, sometimes there are extra donations given by people who don't want to buy any baked goods but want to be involved somehow.

"I personally like the bake sale," said Earl. "It's good for the students to get involved even if they can't pay the larger amounts for gifts. We will take any donation. You can't really put a cap on donations."

After the gifts have been donated, the AGT will have them wrapped, and the student parents who signed up for this donation will come to Monroe 207 to pick the gifts up. This will be done the first day of finals week between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

"It encourages people [to] pick up the tags from the Christmas tree knowing that they don't need to wrap the gifts," said Vines.

"It's really fun to see these students come in and be so grateful to receive free gifts for their kids as if a weight has been lifted from them," said Vines.

Service and Activities fee proposal cycle begins

Money from tuition fee allows several groups to maintain operations

BY NICOLE ERICKSON AND TJ MARTINELL
the easterner

A Service and Activities (SA) fee meeting was held Nov. 10 to discuss how funds were going to be distributed for the next budget term. The terms currently run in five-year increments, and Tuesday's meeting was held for Creating A Respectful Environment (CARE), *The Easterner* and the ASEWU to plead their cases regarding how much funding they each would receive for the upcoming term.

CARE on campus

CARE spoke first about how their program helps to deter violence from EWU students. Michelle Pingree of health and wellness services was the main spokesperson for the group. "Our program is ever-changing. We make alterations to meet the needs of our changing student body as well as the needs of our growing campus," she said.

CARE holds a variety of events, including their upcoming "Bowling Blowout," to raise awareness of how violence affects the campus and what students can do if they ever encounter violence.

"We have chosen to not ask for an increase but are requesting that

we maintain our .25 percent allocation for our program to continue operating successfully," Pingree said.

Pingree also noted the immediate success of the recently instated Green Dot program and said that the future of the program "looks promising."

CARE concluded their presentation saying, "We spend roughly \$6,000 a year and we purposely carried some funds from last year in order to have the money to support the Green Dot program."

Preserving the paper

James Eik, editor-in-chief of EWU's newspaper, represented *The Easterner* at the SA meeting. Eik stated that *The Easterner's* circulation "makes our campus cohesive in itself and with the Riverpoint campus."

The Easterner spent about \$120,000 last school year. Due to the receding economy, the paper has seen a shortage in advertisers, making money tighter than ever before.

"Without our carryover from

FEE PROPOSAL | PAGE 4

Read about the Athletics dept. and Child Care's proposal on page 4

This Week...

Only ONLINE

Video
Staff taste test of
"Mana potion"

Video
Meet Sports Editor
Krystal Deyo
Saturday's podcast
Thanksgiving
episode of "The
Easterner Show"

EASTERN
BY THE
20
members in
EWU's Harry Potter
Club

NUMBERS

47

percent of SA fees
directed to the
Athletics department

Say
WHAT!?

SEE THE WHOLE
STORY ONLINE

"SEEING THINGS OUTSIDE OF
WHAT IS IN THE CLASSROOM,
I THINK, EXPANDS YOUR
PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORLD."

- Carol Vines on
"Rabbit and
the Moon" film



James Eik

WEEKLY WEATHER

Nov. 19 to Oct. 26

weekly weather reports are provided by accuweather.com



44° THURSDAY 33°



45° FRIDAY 30°



40° SATURDAY 26°



37° SUNDAY 27°



36° MONDAY 28°



39° TUESDAY 31°



40° WEDNESDAY 32°



40° THURSDAY 35°

POLICE BEAT

Nov. 10 - Nov. 16

BY TJ MARTINELL
NEWS EDITOR

Nov. 10 5:46 p.m. A female student in LA Hall reported the theft of her clarinet from the Music Building after she had left it on the stage. The clarinet is estimated to be worth \$3,000. No leads have been found.

Nov. 11 12:56 a.m. Police arrested a female student for DUI after they pulled her over for failing to stop at a stop sign on Elm Street. When the officer inspected the vehicle, it was found to have a beer can and a bottle of vodka lying next to the underage female passenger. Both females were found to be intoxicated. The female passenger was cited for MIP.

Nov. 12 10:19 a.m. A male student was arrested for theft after a backpack was discovered missing from an unsecured locker in the URC. The male student attempted to sell the books to the EWU Bookstore, where he got identified through surveillance cameras. The backpack was later found with most its contents in a URC men's bathroom stall. The male student was booked into Spokane County Jail.

Nov. 13 3:38 p.m. A female student reported her iPod stolen from the PHASE. She estimated that it was taken two weeks ago on a Monday when she left it on top of stereo equipment in the upper gym. No leads have been found.

Nov. 13 6:50 p.m. EWU police assisted a Cheney Police detective in the arrest of a male student after pulling him over on First Street. The detective had a warrant for probable cause of harassment by the male student.

Nov. 14 1:12 p.m. An abandoned red Toyota Camry was found in Parking Lot 12 with damage done to it. The owner was contacted and declined to talk about it, stating that it would be privately towed.

Nov. 15 12:18 a.m. A CA was making rounds in Dressler Hall when a student was seen displaying signs of intoxication, as two other students were physically supporting the student. The student refused medical treatment and was later given a PBT test by an officer. The student was found to be above the legal limit. All three students were referred to OSRR.

Nov. 15 12:40 a.m. A female student from Morrison Hall complained of online harassment. According to the police report, the female had been contacting several people through online gaming and had started receiving harassing comments after they had exchanged photos of each other. An investigation revealed that the individuals are not from EWU, but instead from the other side of the country. The investigation is ongoing.

Nov. 15 1:56 a.m. An officer was making safety checks in Pearce Hall when they smelled burnt marijuana coming from a room on the fourth floor. Seven males were found inside. The primary resident of the room agreed to a search and nothing was found. The students denied smoking marijuana. All seven were referred to OSRR.

Nov. 16 10:44 a.m. A student reported their backpack stolen from one of the EWU Bookstore cubbies after leaving it there for 10 minutes. Among the items missing were a \$100 textbook and a \$20 calculator. The backpack was later found in the men's bathroom on the second floor of Baldy's. After viewing surveillance footage, officers identified a male student entering the bookstore with no possessions and later leaving with the backpack. The suspect was the same person who had stolen the backpack from the URC locker. He was cited for two counts of theft.

Nov. 16 7:55 p.m. A male student reported his wallet missing after leaving it at a computer in the library while using the bathroom. No suspects have been found.



Comic by Clancy Bundy

Nov. 11 5:00 p.m. A male student was arrested for intentionally setting off the fire alarms in Dryden Hall by burning popcorn in the microwave. The Cheney Fire Department responded to the alarms and evacuated the building. Several witnesses noticed the male student suspiciously leaving the Hall shortly before the alarms went off. The male student was later contacted by police and cited for a false fire alarm, giving a false statement and MIP, as he was both underage and intoxicated.

Accuracy check

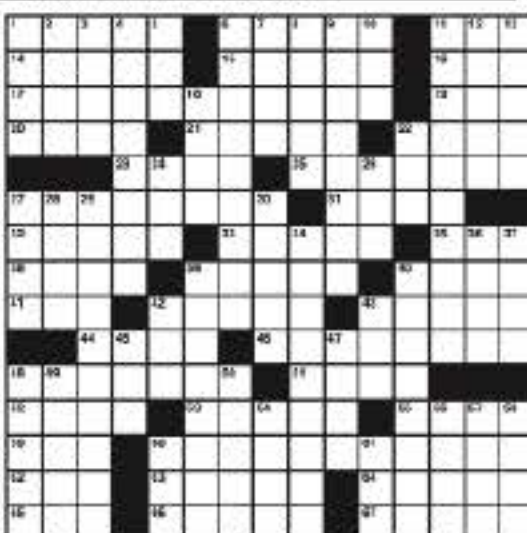
The Easterner is committed to accuracy. If you find any errors in our paper, please send the correction to easterner.editor@gmail.com, and they will be published in the next issue.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Feels a bit
- 6 Movie music
- 11 Cigar residue
- 14 Like bud chicks
- 15 "Family Matters" nod
- 16 Slope
- 17 "Little" "00s campaign slogan
- 17 Striving self-confidence
- 19 Blender setting
- 20 Having sufficient skill
- 21 No-brainer college course
- 22 Lamp-to-plug link
- 23 God of thunder
- 24 Short races
- 27 It's a virtue, so they say
- 31 Hires download
- 32 Midterms, e.g.
- 33 Embellish delighted sigh
- 35 Beaver or boater
- 38 Talk off
- 39 Paid to play
- 40 Haycock jargon
- 41 Condolencing out
- 42 Climbing tool for frozen surfaces
- 43 TV host Phibin
- 44 About, in a memo
- 46 Words while delivering a blow
- 48 Team supporters, collectively
- 51 Hobbing gait
- 52 Tiny pond plant
- 53 Aired, as a TV show
- 55 Wolf's shiver
- 58 Dry gently, as tears
- 60 Enrapping an extravagant audience
- 62 Brit record co.
- 63 "Maria" ...
- 64 Kitchen
- 65 Peach
- 66 '08 Ford flop
- 67 Part of a Santa



By Marcy Solomon

- 1 Muted trumpet sound
- 2 Midwest native
- 3 Dice throw
- 4 Provide a schedule slot
- 5 Indian life
- 6 Crop yielding a common sweetener
- 7 PC monitors
- 8 Gives the nod to
- 9 Went off the wagon, e.g.
- 10 Right-angled pipe
- 11 Shooting for the stars
- 12 Mini, mid or mail
- 13 Wharmies
- 14 Casino sign pos
- 22 Finish in front
- 24 "For ... a jolly ..."
- 25 Towel header
- 27 Sassy
- 28 Graph's x or y
- 29 Carrying on comradely
- 39 Better big-time
- 34 Sa-sided
- 37 Try not
- 38 Game in which "bules" can be wheatear card you do
- 40 747, for one
- 42 Nest egg component, for short
- 43 Sleep lab acronym
- 47 Crowned drinker
- 48 Washed-out
- 49 San Antonio mission
- 50 Quiter also
- 54 Ting function
- 56 La Scala solo
- 57 Operatic prince
- 58 Tear apart
- 60 Filmmaker Spike



your weekly guide to ending power-based personal violence

(The Green Dot strategy was created by Dorothy J. Edwards, Ph.D., University of Kentucky)

If we are going to use the green dot strategy to end partner violence, we need to recognize the behaviors of a batterer. It may be difficult to look at someone else's relationship and identify what is normal or abnormal. However, there are characteristics of abuse to watch for:

Is one person in the relationship controlling the other one? Does one person have all the power in the relationship?

Does one person feel entitled to tell the other person what to do, who to see, and how to feel?

Is one person's life getting smaller and smaller because of being in the relationship? Is one person giving up family, friends, or things they enjoy, to keep the peace and avoid conflict?

Is one person threatening to hurt

him or herself in order to keep his or her partner in the relationship?

In many cases, the batterer will use the techniques of a stalker within the relationship. The abuser will monitor the victim's activities, making the victim constantly check in, or monitoring phone calls and emails, or be excessive texting. Abusers are often extremely jealous, insisting their partner spend time with no one else. Their victim is isolated from others.

Abusers use physical violence to control their partner. Physical violence includes, kicking, hitting, slapping, spitting, and pinching, as well as throwing items, breaking objects, or preventing the victim from leaving.

Batterers emotionally abuse their partners. They criticize. They insult. They blame. They "teach." For exam-

ple, an abuser may "teach" the victim how to fold the towels, how to dress, or how to clean, insisting that the victim is incompetent and that the lesson is for the victim's own good. Often the abuser will change the rules or expectations randomly. The victim feels like she or he can do nothing right. Abusers also threaten and punish.

It may be hard to tell if someone is being abused. New love often has a feel of obsession and people who are newly in love may isolate themselves. It may be hard to distinguish between new love and isolation. It is okay to check in. Ask yourself, "If this was happening to me, would I want someone to ask if I was okay?" If the answer is yes, your EWU victim advocate will help you respond in a way that won't jeopardize the victim. 359.6429.



©clancy bundy 2009/colors by curtis chandler

theapartmentcomplex.spotlightonartists.com

The Easterner

Eastern Washington University's
Student Newspaper

WRITERS' MEETINGS:

The Easterner is open for any EWU student or faculty wishing to write stories that could be published in the newspaper.

Writers' meetings are Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in Isle Hall, room 102.

The newspaper is also open for anyone wishing to copy-edit. Editing nights are on Tuesdays.

NEWS-LINE

If you have an idea for a story, or are part of a campus club or organization that is holding an event, please call The Easterner tip line at (509) 359-6270.

Also, if you have a comment about a story or a suggestion for the newspaper, please feel free to voice your opinion on the tip line as well.

ABOUT YOUR PAPER:

All content in The Easterner is either produced or chosen by students from Eastern Washington University. Our goal as employees of The Easterner is to provide interesting and relevant information to the students, faculty, staff and residents of EWU and the surrounding community of Cheney and Spokane.

WEB SITE:

The Easterner publishes a weekly electronic version of the paper at <http://www.easterneronline.com>.

ADDRESS:

The Easterner is located in Isle Hall, room 102.
The Easterner
EWU, Isle Hall 102
Cheney, WA 99004

CIRCULATION

The Easterner is distributed throughout the Cheney campus, Cheney business district, the Spokane Center, Riverpoint and at various Spokane businesses. If you would like The Easterner to be distributed to your business or if you would like to start a subscription call the Advertising Department at 359-7010.

NEWS:

If you have a news tip, letter to the editor or press release, please call the newsroom at 359-6270 or the Editor-in-Chief at 359-6737. You can also contact The Easterner staff by e-mail or FAX at 359-4319.

ADVERTISING

If you would like to place an ad or classified ad call 359-7010, FAX 359-4319 or send an e-mail to advertising@theeasterner.info.

Advertisements in The Easterner do not necessarily reflect the opinions of either The Easterner or EWU.

2009 STAFF:

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

james eik
easterner.editor@gmail.com
509.359.6737

MANAGING/EALE LIFE EDITOR

elise axel
easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com
509.359.4317

NEWS EDITOR

tj.martinell
easterner.news@gmail.com
509.359.6270

SPORTS EDITOR

krystal deyo
easterner.sports@gmail.com
509.359.2273

PHOTO EDITOR

curtis chandler
easterner.photo@gmail.com
509.359.6270

DAILY ONLINE EDITOR

matt clsen
easterner.online@gmail.com
509.359.6270

CHIEF COPY EDITOR

jason banks
easterner.copieditor@gmail.com
509.359.6270

DESIGN EDITOR

clancy bundy
easterner.graphics@gmail.com
509.359.4317

SENIOR REPORTER

nicole erickson

STAFF WRITERS

thomas linnane
allie friese
ellen miller
mike brambley
jason keedy

COPY DESK

sara barrett
casey harris
brenden graham

PHOTOGRAPHERS

megan hopp
lyz pynsky

GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

sophie benson
katrina van cleave

DISTRIBUTOR

joseph schalter

CARTOONISTS

clancy bundy
michael cox

STAFF ADVISER

jamie neely



Elise Axel

Managing Editor
509.359.4317
easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com



news

Standpoint with Eastern students

EWU College Republicans President Joe DePinto reveals his aspirations for State Congress

BY TJ MARTINELL
news editor

How did you first get involved in politics?

Not unusual from most people, my parents were my biggest influence. My father being a small business owner gave me insight on being fiscally conservative. In general, I was raised in a conservative household, which I'm very grateful for.

After attending Eastern, I joined the College Republicans in my freshman year, but wasn't really involved until I was asked to be president during the presidential election and I transformed the organization into one that helps local Republican candidates run their campaigns as we did for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers in 2008.

What sort of inspirations led you to your current political ideology?

Besides some common sense, I value "The Law" by Frederic Bastiat, which resonates deep with me that the taxes I pay into should be used wisely and frugally. We easily forget about the other things we can use that money for, such as rent for a few months, a car payment or whatever you wish to spend your hard earned money on. When the government spends a lot of taxpayer money, they [had] better be using it wisely and not wastefully.

How do you plan to promote your political party and get Eastern students involved in politics on campus?

We plan to get some Republican speakers out here at Eastern to help people understand the party more.

What do you think of the present situation in Washington D.C.? What opinion do you have of your party's performance in Congress?

I believe both the Congress and the President have a very liberal agenda and it is not the change the American people wanted. Spending taxpayer money to bail out and



Photo Courtesy of Joe DePinto

Joe DePinto helped campaign for Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers in 2008.

"When the government spends a lot of taxpayer money, they had better spend it wisely"

-Joe DePinto

buy stocks in private companies is very disturbing. They should have claimed bankruptcy, restructured and re-evaluate themselves to become more efficient and successful. We have a very liberal Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, which is very unsettling along with the liberal Obama Administration.

The Nov. 3 elections put two Republicans into the governor's seat of two states that voted for Obama last election; what was your reaction to that news? Do you think there are any implications for such a victory (or loss)?

The American people are starting to realize that they are not seeing the change they envisioned with Obama and Democrats. People understand fiscal conservatism is the path our government must take.

Do you have any beliefs that contradict or differ from the mainstream of your party? If so, in what way, and how do you reconcile them with opposing viewpoints?

For the most part, my beliefs are in line with the Republican Party. I consider myself a moderate conservative.

Where do you see possible political activism at Eastern? What methods will you use to remove apathy on the part of students in order to get them involved?

I see a lot of instructors, mainly during the election year, preach liberal values in the classrooms, which is something I find distasteful. I do not attend class to be preached about an instructor's personal views on politics. I was impressed with the dialogue during the election year with forums. I would like to see more forums with more speakers. I feel students would attend if they found the subject to directly affect them and the forums should cater to that.

What is your main criticism of the opposite political party? Do you believe they have any valid points in their platform?

My main concern with the Democrats is their view that the government should pay for more social programs and use taxpayer money to do so. I don't like to see more government control of anything and think the government should not be getting bigger. I believe, like the Republicans, they want what's best for the American people, but unlike the Republicans, are unrealistic in their means to pay for it.

What issue would need to switch parties in order for you to switch parties as well?

My personal values differ too much from the Democratic Party to switch over. If they didn't wish to have more government control, it would be a start.

Do you see yourself running for any public office in the future?

Yes. I hope to run for State Congress in my hometown of Yelm's district.

How did you first get involved in politics?

The 2008 election was the first time I was able to vote, so I was actively involved in my local congressional race as well as campaigning for Barack Obama here on campus.

What sort of inspirations led you to your current political ideology?

In the summer of 2004, I decided to watch the Democratic and Republican National Conventions to determine which party was similar to my personal political beliefs. I was enthralled with the speeches at the Democratic Convention, and ultimately gave up on the Republican Convention after a day or two.

If you were to sum up your political party's beliefs in one sentence, what would it be?

The Democratic Party strives [to] operate an open and honest government, and to protect civil liberties for all Americans.

How do you plan to promote your political party and get Eastern students involved in politics on campus?

Our main goal as a group on campus is to provide an outlet for liberal and progressive students to connect and voice their opinions.

What do you think of the present situation in Washington D.C.? What opinion do you have of your party's performance in Congress or the presidency?

Our country is going through a rough time, and I think our federal government is doing everything they can to turn the economic situation around.

I am very pleased with the direction that Congress is moving, especially with regards to the new health care legislation and the Matthew Shepard Act. I am impressed with President Obama's appeal to diplomacy internationally, as well as his efforts to bridge the divides that still exist within our own country.

The Nov. 3 elections put two Republicans into the governor's



Photo courtesy of Mari Welch

Mari Welch participates in a tree planting event put on by the Spokane Lands Council.

"Each student deserves the right to decide what they believe."

-Mari Welch

seat of two states that voted for Obama last election; what was your reaction to that news? Do you think there are any implications for such a victory (or loss)?

I was not surprised at the results of the gubernatorial elections. Virginia is traditionally a right-leaning state, and their support for Obama in last year's presidential election was regarded as a major victory for his campaign.

While Obama campaigned for the incumbent in the New Jersey race, exit polling showed that a majority of voters approved of the work Obama was doing and disapproved of the governor's actions specifically. These two elections were the most direct example of the old adage, "All politics is local."

Do you have any beliefs that contradict or differ from the mainstream of your party? If so, in what way, and how do you reconcile them with opposing viewpoints that make up the majority?

I actually label myself as "progressive," which means I fall further left on the political spectrum

than the current Democratic Party. I strongly believe in social justice and equality, and therefore essentially agree with all of the core beliefs of the Democratic Party. I just think that the party should be more aggressive in the way they tackle the issues.

Where do you see possible political activism at Eastern gaining momentum? What methods will you use to remove apathy on the part of students in order to get them involved?

I think the best way to combat apathy is by providing information. Each person deserves the right to decide what they believe on the issues, and the most important thing we can do is provide information and thoughtful discussion.

What is your main criticism of the opposite political party? Do you believe they have any valid points in their platform?

What disappoints me most about the Republican Party is they seem to be the party of "Not, Anti, and No." "No" on equal rights for same-sex couples, "Anti" on a woman's right to choice and "Not happening" to big-business regulation. I respect their right to have a conservative point of view, but I am discouraged by the party's exclusion of so many social demographics.

What issue would need to switch parties in order for you to switch parties as well?

There would need to be a fundamental change across the board in both parties for me to consider switching. When the Republican Party endeavors to support equal rights for all American citizens, work for the middle class and establish standards that will protect our environment, I might reconsider.

Do you see yourself running for any public office in the future?

Not me! In the future, if I feel that a local public office is not being held to its full potential, I may decide to run, but I have no desire for a career in politics.



Live Your Passion!

Earn your master's degree in teaching in 13 months

By following your dream, you can help your students achieve theirs.

- Become an elementary or secondary teacher with a master's degree in 13 months!
- Complete full-time day program with a year-long internship in local schools.
- Teach across cultures during Jan Term international/domestic field experiences.
- Benefit from Whitworth's high placement rate for graduates.
- Earn scholarships, grants and financial aid.



WHITWORTH
AN EDUCATION OF MIND AND HEART

509.777.3769 or 800.929.6894 • www.whitworth.edu/MIT • mit@whitworth.edu

GIVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE.
IN THIS CASE UP TO \$16,000.

Fulfill someone's lifelong dream by donating your eggs. Fulfill yours with the \$16,000 we'll pay you. For more information, call 509.252.1034 or visit spokaneeggdonor.com. Anonymity guaranteed.

spokaneeggdonor.com



T.J. Martinelli

Fee proposal

from front page

Last year, operations would have been stalled until we got our funding from S and A, which was in mid-October," Elk said.

Elk broke down the budget for the paper into a three-year plan that consisted of new technology for the newsroom, more copies made of each issue and an increase in staff wages.

"We feel that we are losing talent due to our low wages," Elk said. "We are a business, and we are competing with other businesses for student employees based on wages."

Elk concluded the presentation by stressing the importance of a student newspaper as well as the need for an increase in funding.

Children's Center

The representatives of the Children's Center sought to maintain the 2 percent allocation they received from the Service and Activity (SA) fee in the previous budget, while explaining how the money is used to provide invaluable services for student parents and low-income families.

"Two percent is great," said Casey Bates, who works for the YMCA. "But if we can get more, that'd be great, too."

Ted Carmen, who works for EWU, also said that it is difficult to determine the exact financial needs of the center, as the number of children and families fluctuate during the year, reaching their peak during winter quarter.

"It depends on the students and how many kids they have," he said. "It's an extremely difficult budget to work with because during the summer there aren't as many students, but we've got to keep the staff there."

There was also the issue of establishing a Riverpoint children's center, a topic that had been brought up during the student forum. According to Carmen, it is an unlikely scenario.

"It was eventually decided that it just wasn't workable," he said. "Trying to find a facility in Spokane is impossible. You'd have to build one. But, I'm sure that there's a need for it."

According to the YMCA representatives, children from ages 6 to 10 are served there.

"It really does help the students a lot," said

Bates.

An example she gave was of two families that each save more than \$300 a month on child care costs, allowing them to spend it on food and housing.

To receive the subsidy, a student has to either qualify for financial aid at Eastern or meet the federal poverty requirements. While the Children's Center building is owned by the university, the staff is employed by the YMCA.

Athletic department

Knowing that the student forum had thrown plenty of flak at the athletic department's 47 percent allocation of the SA fee, Department Director Bill Chase defended it at every point.

"It's important for you all to understand the thought process of our funding and how it makes it function," he said. "It really allows us to run a Division I program."

Chase pointed out the fact that sports games draw the highest attendance of students for any kind of event at Eastern. Six of them drew more than 1,100 students, about 11 percent of the entire student population.

"It's a big enhancement to student life," he said. "It's a platform for students to connect outside of the classroom."

Chase also pointed out that Eastern students have free admission to sports events and that the SA fee represents 20 percent of the athletic budget.

In an effort to respond to qualms about the department's funding, Chase compared Eastern to other universities in regard to their program's allocations. In the Big Sky Conference, Eastern was the lowest at \$7.5 million, while Montana State had the highest at \$15.2 million.

The possibility of ending Eastern's football program was raised during the meeting. Chase commented that it was plausible, but it would require another sport to replace it. Even then, he said, it would be hard to remain in the Big Sky Conference.

"It wouldn't be a simple decision," he said. "You could do it, but then there would be things

that you would definitely have to work through. I personally think football brings a tremendous benefit to the students here."

An athletic fee was also suggested.

According to Patrick Spanner, the ASEWU vice president of finances, the fee would be roughly \$60 per student, which would allow for a 50 percent reduction of SA allocations money for the athletic department.

"It's up in the air," Spanner explained. "We stopped discussing it after ideas came about of other fees. The discussion is still out there. We don't know if the students would want to approve it."

ASEWU

Patrick Spanner, finance vice president for the ASEWU, spoke on behalf of the organization's budget for the upcoming year. Spanner explained that the SA fee comes out of student tuition and is then distributed throughout campus for various programs and clubs.

"We got [an increase] of \$156,000 this year due to record enrollment and raised tuition," Spanner said.

ASEWU requested that some of the SA fees stay at the ASEWU rather than being dispersed as they have been in the past.

"We usually just get what's leftover, but since we provide services to the largest range of students, we don't think that's adequate," said Spanner.

Spanner explained that it was difficult to create a balanced budget because the money from the budget goes to various organizations.

Ryan Eucker, ASEWU president, said, "The annual budget basis doesn't need a percent increase, but if we don't get it, the S and A fees will have to be increased." Eucker elaborated and said that the ASEWU doesn't need an increase, but "there is always somewhere to put it."

The final meeting in which the fees will be allocated will be held Dec. 1. Each group will learn how much of an increase, if any, they will receive for the 2010-11 school year.

Parking

from front page

"That is the difference between 25 years ago and now," said Dempsey. "More and more people are bringing their cars."

Chi Nguyen, a graduate student of education, lives in the dorms and parks in the residence hall lots with a year-long permit.

"I think parking should be free for the students here," he said.

"If Eastern could make that happen, it would be good for the students because we pay for so many fees for different parts of our education already."

Nguyen said parking permits should be paid for with tuition fees rather than as an additional fee that comes out of the student's pocket.

According to Nguyen, the best part of parking on campus is the convenience of being able to park close to the residence halls and classes. Regular police patrols are another benefit of parking in the residence hall parking lots.

"I like most knowing that my car is going to be safe and is in a well-lit area in that it is not too far from wherever I am on campus," said senior Brandon Wheeler, an education major.

Wheeler said he has trouble finding a place to park when he is looking for a place close to his dorm room in the middle of the afternoon.

Matthew Liberty, a graduate student in psychology, commutes to campus for classes. He chooses to park down the street and walk to class rather than park on campus.

"I don't understand why parking in a parking lot is so expensive," he said. "That is why I park on the street because it is not worth the \$90 a quarter that it costs to park in a parking lot. I would rather walk."

Parking Services is located in Tawanka Hall, room 131, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

"I don't understand why parking has to be so expensive."

—Matthew Liberty, student

THE EASTERNER

Don't be a square like your dad. Instead of just reading the newspaper, listen to "The Easterner Show" podcast at easterneronline.com



Get Internet Anywhere With Mobile Broadband



Mobile Broadband at Verizon Wireless

- speeds up to 1.4 mbps
- Take it with you on the road, in class
- Router capable for home, office networks



ALPHA
Wireless
PHONES • SERVICE • ACCESSORIES

1313 1st Street, Cheney
235-5511
Also in Ellensburg, Quincy

Get Connected, Stay Connected



Requires compatible EV-DO Rev. A modem device (sold separately). Speed claim based on stationary tests with 5 MB FTP data files w/o compression. Actual throughput speed varies. Mobile Broadband is available to more than 262 million people in 258 major metros in the U.S. Offers & coverage not available everywhere. Network details and coverage maps at verizonwireless.com. © 2009 Verizon Wireless

SHINE

Four Years of College — What Next? Economic Security!

With a **Masters of Science in Taxation** from Golden Gate University, your economic future will be secure with a career in either the tax profession or as a CPA.

- Obtain this degree in as little as one year, in a combination of in-person and online classes
- Personal advising to create a customized degree-completion plan
- Complete credit toward CPA exam requirements
- Courses taught by subject-matter experts
- A year from now you could be in a tax internship or a full-time job in a prestigious PwC accounting firm or company
- Part-time program also available with evening and online courses

In addition, in downtown San Francisco we offer full-time accelerated classes starting August 2010. For your **Masters of Taxation** or **Masters of Accountancy** degrees in 9-12 months in downtown San Francisco and be working in a prestigious Bay Area firm by the following spring, busy season or summer.

- Immediate entry into prestigious Bay Area accounting firms and companies
- Paid internship positions with personalized career coaching
- Professional development/career options workshops with accounting firm representatives

Applications are being accepted now for summer 2009.
Call 206-622-9596 or email jnorgans@ggu.edu.

We'll get you started on a career path to economic security.

GGU Seattle, 1424 - 4th Avenue, Suite 410, Seattle WA

BUSINESS | LAW | TAXATION | TECHNOLOGY

GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

SHINE



Photo Editor
509.359.6270
easterner.photo@gmail.com



Photo by Lyz Pynsky/Easterner

The new walkway is between the PUB and the Science Building. It has been designed to be more accommodating to students with disabilities who use wheelchairs.

Grand March Walkway section approaches completion

With a \$220,000 price tag, Construction and Planning Services endeavors to improve the university's appearance

MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

Construction work that fenced off the walkway from the mall to the corridor between the PUB and the Science Building is complete with only minor details to be finished.

"We are hoping that by upgrading these areas that haven't had upgrades for 40 years that we are making it more appealing and more accessible to all people," said Tim Raver, construction project manager of Construction and Planning Services. "We want to make it a safe place for students and make it easier for them to get from building to building."

The walkway under construction is part of the university's traditional Grand March Walkway that leads graduating seniors from the center of campus to Woodward Field where the graduation ceremony is held.

Construction cost \$220,000, which was paid for by an appropriation from the state Legislature, according to Raver. The project was part of the university's biennial request to use state funding for campus improvements. No money came from students for the project.

The walkway and surrounding area were upgraded to replace the broken concrete path, add new lighting, new plants and a new irrigation system.

"You have this gorgeous

"We hope that we are making it more appealing and accessible to people."

-Tim Raver

mall at the center of campus, and the idea is to continue these vistas throughout the campus so it unifies the landscaping and removes the disjointed feel of the corridor," said Thomson Spink, construction specialist of Construction and Planning Services.

The whole area surrounding the walkway was landscaped with new shrubs and trees that are expected to grow in over the next 30 or 40 years to make a more appealing natural environment on Eastern's campus. New dark sky compliant lighting will add to student safety when the walkway is used at night.

"This project started as a request for the Grand March Walkway, but then we saw ways that we could incorporate a campus-wide disabilities survey within the same boundaries of the project that was being addressed," Raver said.

The upgraded walkway is specially designed to improve navigation for people with disabilities in

wheelchairs, he said. Before the upgrade, the walkway was very cracked and steep, posing many hazards to people with disabilities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) affected walkway construction by requiring compliance with ADA standards for disabled access. The walkway now features landings designed to provide a rest stop for people with disabilities every 30 feet.

The prime contractor was Bacon Concrete Incorporated for the project, assisted by Joy Landscaping and Arc Electric. The project took eight weeks to complete.

"In Construction and Planning, we try to monitor the life cycle of our buildings and the life cycles of our exterior areas of campus," he said. "We try to keep the campus functional and we also understand that it is also subjective. As students and parents come to the university, we want to make it a nice place."

Construction and Planning Services plans to continue making upgrades to the Eastern campus in the future.

In the Construction and Planning Services master plan, future construction projects are planned for the next 10 years. The master plan can be found at www.ewu.edu, by searching for "construction and planning services."

Task Force proposals receive mixed response from senate

Nov. 9 meeting reveals apprehension and doubts about college merger, with fears that plans are being rushed

BY TOM LINNAME
staff writer

An academic senate meeting was held Nov. 9 regarding the proposals created by the College Consolidation Task Force for consolidating the six college system into four by merging departments.

Jointly appointed by the provost and the faculty organization, the Task Force currently has four different models of possible program and college mergers.

The Task Force is co-chaired by Dean Pat Kelley from the library, and Dr. Raphael Guillory, the faculty Organization President for the College of Education and Human Development.

"This merger is going to happen," Guillory said. "There has been a lot of faculty opinion voiced on this, and we as a task force are working hard to get the issue resolved effectively."

According to the EWU Web site, the Task Force consists of "three deans, four faculty, one classified staff, one administrative exempt staff and one student. The faculty and staff include representation from all colleges."

The Web site also lists reasons for a possible consolidation of colleges including, "increased faculty collaboration, synergy among programs and program functionality." Some professors, however, feel that this is little more than an attempt at trimming the budget.

"The whole reorganizing and restructuring of our colleges without that clear cut idea of what we're going to save doesn't seem like a sound plan," Dean Keifer of management said. "I think we need some better numbers on the costs compared to what we could be saving before we do something drastic."

Director of College Advancement, Priscilla Rabinovitch, said, "It's one thing to save money now, but that just means it's going to impact departments further on down the road."

Other problems, such as a loss of set departmental communications and the possibility of losing educators in a money saving effort are a major concern. The Task Force, however, is looking more at the administrative end of making cuts.

"Our senate made it very clear

last year that administration should be reduced and not faculty," Guillory said.

The Task Force hopes to gain a positive balance of more than \$500,000 from this reorganization of the colleges with the changes being made at a macro level. The Task Force has been trying to keep similar programs together and will "not try to break up any of the programs at all," according to Guillory.

Even department administrators, such as deans, would lose their positions, be demoted to faculty and receive the same pay. This has left many of the faculty wondering if a reorganization of the colleges is the most effective solution to the current budget problem.

"How much long-term damage are we willing to do to fix this short-term problem?" Dean Kiefer said. "This economy and budget isn't going to last forever, but these changes are going to last a while."

An emergency meeting will be held by the senate Monday, Nov. 30 to vote on whether or not to recommend the proposed models to the provost and present administration.

Jazz festival shows off EWU talent

BY ALLIE FRESE
staff writer

The 11th annual Jazz Dialogue Festival was held last Friday and Saturday with more than 50 different guest groups from Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

The event brought roughly 1,000 students to Showalter Auditorium for performances full of brass, high hat, scat and everything in between.

"We're trying to give the Eastern students exposure to world-class people and understand what kind of teamwork it takes to put on something like this," said Rob Tapper, EWU's director of jazz studies, associate professor of trombone and founder of the Jazz Dialogue Festival.

Among the attendees were middle school students, high school and college jazz combos, and choirs and bands from across the Northwest along with a few big names in jazz such as Pete McGuinness, Benny Green and Frank DeMiero.

"Benny Green is the biggest name [that we had this year]," said Tapper. "He's played with anyone who's anyone in the world of jazz."

A seventh grader from Ellen Ochoa Middle School, Karina Sanchez, plays trumpet in jazz band and attended both days of the festival with her school.

"We went to a lot of clinics," she said. "We learned how to properly warm up so we sound better when we actually play. I liked going to the trumpet clinic. They talked about how to warm up but



Graphic by Clancy Bundy

also how different mouth pieces can help you with different types of music, whether you want it to be broader, louder or echo."

Throughout the two days, students attended clinics including jazz theory and improv, reading chord changes, developing jazz vocabulary, vocal health and the business of music.

The main focus of the festival is on education, improvisation and the jazz language. In addition to the public performances and student clinics, the two-day event included ensemble critiques, workshops, open rehearsals and master classes with the guest artists. There were various awards handed out, including best high school trumpet, trombone, saxophone and rhythm sections for a collective big band performance Friday night.

EWU's jazz ensemble, directed by Rob Tapper, performed both Friday and Saturday night.

"No matter who we bring in, everybody has the same message: be a nice person, and do good things," Tapper said.

The Jazz Dialogue Clinicians also performed both nights and included Kirk Marcy and Frank DeMiero on vocals, Dana Landry on piano, Jim White on drums, Jon Hamar on bass, Tim Ishii on saxophone, George Stone on trumpet and keyboard, and David Williams on trombone.

"Our festival offers a truly educational experience for all middle school, high school and college students," said Tapper. "We take pride in considering this one of the best educational festivals in the country."

Next year's Jazz Dialogue Festival is already scheduled for Nov. 12 and 13. According to Tapper, planning for the festival begins in May and takes approximately six months to prepare for.

STD?

PREGNANT?

235-4673

www.I-CHOICE.org

I-CHOICE

FREE SERVICES. CONFIDENTIAL.

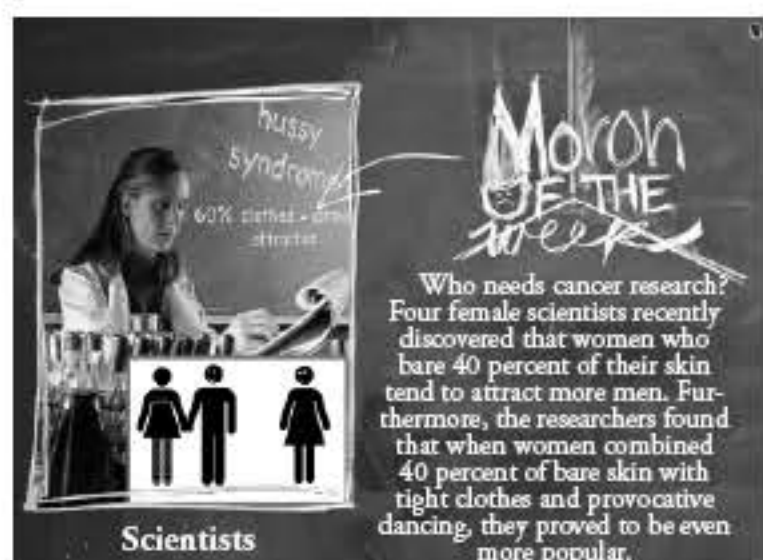
schweitzer.com
208.263.9555

09.10 college season passes

BUY ONLINE NOW!
\$299*

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2009

schweitzer MOUNTAIN RESORT IDAHO



[letters to the] editor

Unhappy with budget distribution

Spanner said, "Students will support athletics. That's just the way it is." We will? Why is it that 300 student athletes get 47 percent of the budget while the other 10,509 students got only .45 percent more? This doesn't seem fair at all. The majority should be getting way more than just .45 percent. I also have a very good question: What about the hockey team? They only get the club budget and yet sell-out every home game. Can any other sport at Eastern say that?

- Scott Driver

It's a madhouse! A madhouse!

BY TJ MARTINELL
news editor

The day after Thanksgiving, commonly known as "Black Friday," is the worst unofficial holiday of the year. Super Bowl Sunday may be the strangest in terms of behavior it creates in people, but nothing compares to the appalling, embarrassing antics of individuals who are enraptured by Black Friday's unapologetic pandering to the greediest aspect of ourselves.

Interestingly enough, I did not become aware of Black Friday as an American holiday until I was in my mid-teens. My family never went shopping the day after Thanksgiving. Instead, my mother would force us to endure the overly cheesy floats in various parades around the country until around noon. Then we would all pack ourselves into the family van and drive off to a Christmas tree farm.

While the entire country was tearing itself apart, ripping down buildings and savagely attacking the

shopper right next to them for the same half-priced item, I would be out in some tranquil area drinking hot cider and harshly judging the potential Christmas trees around me. It was quiet and peaceful, aside from the usual bantering that makes every family trip complete. The closest we ever got to death was when we once had to endure the horrendous parking environment one farm had to offer.

Maybe that's why I can't stomach listening to Black Friday commercials or hearing about Black Friday rampages on the news. Advertisers seem to have no soul when it comes to taking advantage of holidays, using them as excuses to mark their grossly overpriced products down to a seemingly tolerable price. Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Labor Day, Easter, the Fourth of July and countless other holidays that are supposed to mean something virtuous have become a sales opportunity.

I sometimes question the intelligence of people in general when I

see how they react outside of malls and stores. Like easily manipulated herds of gazelle, they smash down doors and wreck entire aisles in their attempt to find a toy or a new gadget for their home, which they are certain they must have or they will die soon, and you had better not be in their way when they are dashing toward it because they really need it.

The fact that people get trampled to death every year on Black Friday doesn't surprise me, though it does prove my overall misanthropic beliefs about mankind about how they turn into animals at the slightest of pretenses.

But news stations and newspapers don't help it either. They're almost as bad if not worse because they use all of this as fodder. Every year, they talk about how much people spent on Black Friday, and if the American people don't spend as much as they did last year, it's a sign that the economy is doing poorly; and Americans should be ashamed of themselves for not throwing

more of their money away to boost the economy.

I hate Black Friday because it is an unofficial holiday that is meant to celebrate excessive spending and crass consuming by the public. Everybody pretends not to be a part of it, but the second they hear of that new TV or computer being on sale, you can bet they'll be lined up at the nearest electronic store like a Harry Potter fanatic at the premiere of "The Deathly Hallows."

Ultimately though, I hate it because it is a holiday that is in direct contradiction of what the day before it is supposed to be about. Thanksgiving is a day for Americans to find what they are thankful for and cherish it. Black Friday is a day when Americans find what they covet and lust for. One is about charity and fellowship; the other is about blindsiding the person next to you so they don't nab "your" new video game or movie.

Simply put, if you celebrate Thanksgiving, there is no reason for you to celebrate Black Friday.

"Twilight" originality is a fake

BY WOO KIM
contributing writer

Stephenie Meyer, the writer responsible for bringing "Twilight" to the masses, has seemingly brought the idea of forbidden love to a new generation as if it were an original concept. Well, wait a minute. Hasn't this been done again and again? The answer to that is "yes!"

To be clear, I have not read "Twilight," and I have not listened to any audiobooks on my iPod or iPhone. Though I have not watched the movies, the trailers to the movies are not very impressive. With that said, I will not say that "Twilight" is awful because I have not looked at the material in depth, and I have no interest in delving into that material because I have no interest in it. Therefore, I will only say that "Twilight" is overrated because there are better vampire-human love stories.

To this day, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," created by one of my idols, Joss Whedon, is still my favorite vampire story because Buffy Summers, portrayed for seven years by Sarah Michelle Geller, was the first female character in

a vampire story. Whedon said, "It was an odd idea for people, and not just because of the silly name, Buffy. It was because we were making an action-adventure show about a young woman without the fellow coming to save her every five minutes." This series really appealed to me in that regard.

Whedon was able to show the strength of this woman, and other female characters on the show, without demeaning the importance of the men in Buffy's life. The two main men were Angel, played by David Boreanaz, and Spike, played by James Marsters. The relationships Buffy had with both of these men were different in their own right, but she was never shown as weak; she was shown as human, which, from what I've heard from fans, you don't get with Bella's character in "Twilight." Whedon has never claimed that he invented the female heroine or the idea of a human woman falling in love with a vampire.

So why is it that young women I see on this campus, and wherever I go in Spokane and Cheney, are so convinced and so enraptured by the story of "Twilight" as if it is a new idea of

forbidden love?

There are several possible reasons for this. Look at the demographic of "Twilight" fans. I have jokingly said "Twilight" is to young women what Oprah is to middle-aged women. Most "Twilight" fans that I've seen or met are female, and most, if not all, are younger than 35.

The reason that "Twilight" is so popular is because, for one thing, Whedon created "Buffy" in 1997 and most fans of "Twilight" were too young to watch this show. Another reason is that for "Twilight" fans, "Twilight" was the first portrayal of a vampire man falling in love with a human.

But it could also be due to the fact that "Buffy" was created by a man and "Twilight" was created by a woman. Call it petty, but that matters to some women. Or maybe it's just because the fans of "Twilight," whether it be in film or novel form, identify with the characters.

Whatever the reason may be, they have a right to their opinion, I just don't see the fascination. And by the way, it isn't a new idea.

Trains: a necessary evil?

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
senior reporter

So I live in the Grove, and let me tell you that there is NOTHING more annoying than the constant roar of trains. Not only are they disruptive during times when I am trying to sleep or study, but they also thoroughly hinder my ability to get to class on time.

Allow me to explain.

Like any college student, I am up until the wee hours of the morning studying and writing essays that have been assigned for weeks, but I am just getting around to doing them the night before. While studying, my concentration is broken at LEAST 10 times

every hour as a train rumbles less than a mile away from my humble abode.

To make matters worse, being the light sleeper that I am, I find myself waking to these monstrosities every 15 minutes until my alarm finally goes off at 7 a.m. However, being in a restless sleep all night due to obnoxious, out-dated methods of transportation, I hit my snooze button at LEAST three times, causing me to run half-an-hour late.

So there I am, my make-up a mess, my hair is half-dry, which is unhealthy in these cold temperatures, and I am running to my car to try to make it to class in the five minutes I have to spare.

Then I come to the railroad tracks.

Just as I approach them, the arms of the

railroad crossing are lowering, accompanied with the incessant dinging noise and flashing lights. All this is taking place while the train is barely within view.

So, already put off by the emotional pain and frustration these machines have been causing me all night, I have to wait at least 10 minutes as I watch my worst enemy roar past me and the minutes on my clock slowly tick by, making me late for class.

Now, I realize that my frustrations won't put an end to the train industry nationwide, nor will the sounds of these trains be muted, unfortunately. I do, however, feel much better venting my feelings on these ridiculous contraptions that are putting a significant damper on my college experience.



Hassan: the sum of our fears

BY SAM STOWERS
contributing writer

Nadal Malik Hassan was one of the thousands of Muslims who joined the military after 9/11 and was harassed because of it.

Hassan was a psychiatrist who worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) where he researched Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences estimated that nearly one in three soldiers who fought in Iraq will develop PTSD.

Hassan didn't get along with his co-workers, and he became vocal about his political and religious views, which bothered his colleagues. He was warned multiple times for poor performance, and his superiors contemplated justifying his firing because, like 34 percent of U.S. adults over 20, he was overweight.

Soon he started to show signs of psychosis. Hassan seemed aloof and schizoid and one official was worried that if deployed to the Middle East, he might leak information to extremist groups. Afraid of being accused of terminating him for being Muslim, the WRAMC instead

transferred him to Fort Hood where Hassan's Islamic beliefs became progressively more radical. He contacted extremist Imam Anwar Al-Awlaki 15 to 20 times while being monitored by the FBI. However, there was no correspondence between the FBI and the Defense Department on this issue.

Hassan is now believed to be paralyzed after being charged with the shooting of 13 people and the wounding many more. Fox News and CNN are still debating whether this massacre was due to Hassan's mental condition or his connection with a terrorist group.

The Ft. Hood massacre dif-

fers from our nation's recent tragedies; the Oklahoma City bombing, Columbine massacre and 9/11 attacks were devastations that healed with time—albeit very slowly.

The Ft. Hood tragedy is like broken glass in a wound. As we pick out the pieces of what caused this injury, it just hurts more. Violent occupational meltdowns, prejudicial harassment or even the fear of being accused of prejudicial harassment recalls a shame the U.S. has suffered for the past 15 years. Whether he is a terrorist or a psycho, he is a product of our controversies.

the EASTERNER

The Easterner strives to provide EWU students and staff with the opportunity to comment or express their opinions and/or views on any topic relevant to our readers. We encourage the campus community to submit letters and opinion pieces that conform to the requirements listed below. Opinion articles and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Easterner, its staff members or Eastern Washington University.

THE EASTERNER EDITORIAL BOARD

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
JAMES EIK
EASTERNER.EDITOR@GMAIL.COM

NEWS EDITOR
T.J. MARTINELL
EASTERNER.NEWS@GMAIL.COM

MANAGING/EAGLE LIFE EDITOR
ELISE AXEL
EASTERNER.EAGLELIFE@GMAIL.COM

SPORTS EDITOR
KRYSTAL DEVO
EASTERNER.SPORTS@GMAIL.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADDRESS:
The Easterner, Room 102
EWU, Isle Hall
Cheney, WA 99004
easterner.opinion@gmail.com

REQUIREMENTS:

- Letters should be 300 words or less, and typed or hand-written legibly.
- Include your full name, signature, telephone number and e-mail address for verification.
- We reserve the right not to publish letters; furthermore, all letters are subject to editing.
- Letters must be received by no later than Monday at 3 p.m. in order to be considered for publication the following Wednesday.
- If your letter is in response to a specific article, please list the title and date of the article.



Miss Jean Brodie takes the stage

Theatre Department delivers a strong performance on the opening weekend of the production, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"

BY JASON NEEDY
staff writer

From the first stirrings of Western culture, there has been a propensity by the great thinkers to romanticize ideals.

From Plato and his idolization of the Forms to the renaissance painters and their obsession with symmetry and the body, the quest to know or to create something pure and unsoiled has driven our society to some great achievements, but it has also inspired some of the most gross acts of inhumanity.

With "The Prime of Miss Brodie," the Eastern Theatre Department presents a memorably complex examination of a spirited young schoolteacher whose seductive idealism forever alters the lives of four of her young students.

Set in a conservative, all-girl's school in Edinburgh, Scotland during the early 1930s, the play centers on Miss Brodie and her girls, a group she has hand-picked from the rest of the class and with whom she shares her joy of the arts and muses about lost love and the

importance of, "Beauty, Truth and Passion."

The play follows the girls from age 10 until age 16. Set against a backdrop of classical paintings from such masters as Giotto and Rossetti, Miss Brodie attempts to instill an appreciation for the arts, encouraging the girls to study in the classics and humanities; as opposed to the teacher training into which the greater society would force them.

As the play progresses, the audience finds the grace and magnanimity of Miss Brodie challenged as her idealism runs head-on with reality. Her unwillingness to sully her finely woven ideology begins to distort her romantic relations, leading her to forge a disconnected romance with two of her fellow teachers.

A division among her girls soon develops as Miss Brodie begins categorizing and playing favorites.



Cast members of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," left to right: Molly Owens, Chris Rounsville, Ashley James and Adrienne Wilson.

Basing her judgments on romantic ideals of physical beauty, she singles out Jenny (Rainee Palmer) as one who will live an exemplary life

and who will transcend the "common moral code." While ascribing classic feminine qualities to Jenny, Miss Brodie assigns Sandy the

more masculine traits, such as insightfulness and intelligence. In Sandy, (Lenea Tomoson) we see a character that is mentally bruised by Miss Brodie's callus and flippant character studies.

While inspiring and courageous, Miss Brodie's tendency to manipulate eventually leads to tragedy. With imagery from the then rising tide of fascism throughout Europe, the play vividly recalls the recipe of staunch idealism and young discontentment that boiled over and turned the continent into a war zone.

As Miss Brodie, senior theatre major Molly Owens serves as the emotional axis of the play. Conveying a steadfast devotion to deeply ingrained standards, Owens' charming Miss Brodie haphazardly toes the line between reality and fiction.

In what must be a very trying role, Owens succeeds in presenting a character so seemingly brilliant yet

inwardly conflicted.

Brodie's group of girls, played by Palmer, Tomoson, Adrienne Wilson as Monica and Ashley James as Mary, provides a dynamic foundation. We find in the girls an innocence and impressionability that when manipulated can turn into a highly destructive force. Tomoson turns in a vivid and efficient performance of a perceptive and sensitive young girl whose maturity is greatly beyond her years. While initially charmed by Miss Brodie, young Sally soon perceives the implications that are inherent within her teacher's games.

"The Prime of Miss Brodie" is carried by the strong performances of each of its players. The chemistry between the girls and the torrid, under-the-surface, affair between Miss Brodie and the magnetic Mr. Lowther, played by Chris Rounsville, serve to propel the play along. Director Sara Goff establishes a tempo that allows the dramatic nuances to slowly filter through—establishing a finale that delivers with its shattering clash of reality and imagination.

Thanksgiving dining

BY ELLEN MILLER
staff writer

With Thanksgiving around the corner, students tell of their favorite Thanksgiving dishes that their families enjoy with their turkey dinners.

Neddy Martinez said, "My family always has Mexican beef tamales, rice and beans in addition to the traditional Thanksgiving turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, etc. We have a big immediate family of 60 people on my dad's side, so my grandma makes 200 tamales!"

Jesse Gamboa said that he really doesn't do anything different. "Straight up beans and rice, this guy can live off of that for months," he said.

Chris Newberry said, "We don't have a specialty dish; however, we do like to use a lot of olives. My job is to take care of the olives, but I like them so much they never make it to the table."

Karl Johnson, an EWU alum, said, "My family makes a Jell-O-like cranberry salad. It has fruits, nuts, diced apples and mandarin oranges. I'm in heaven right now just thinking about it."

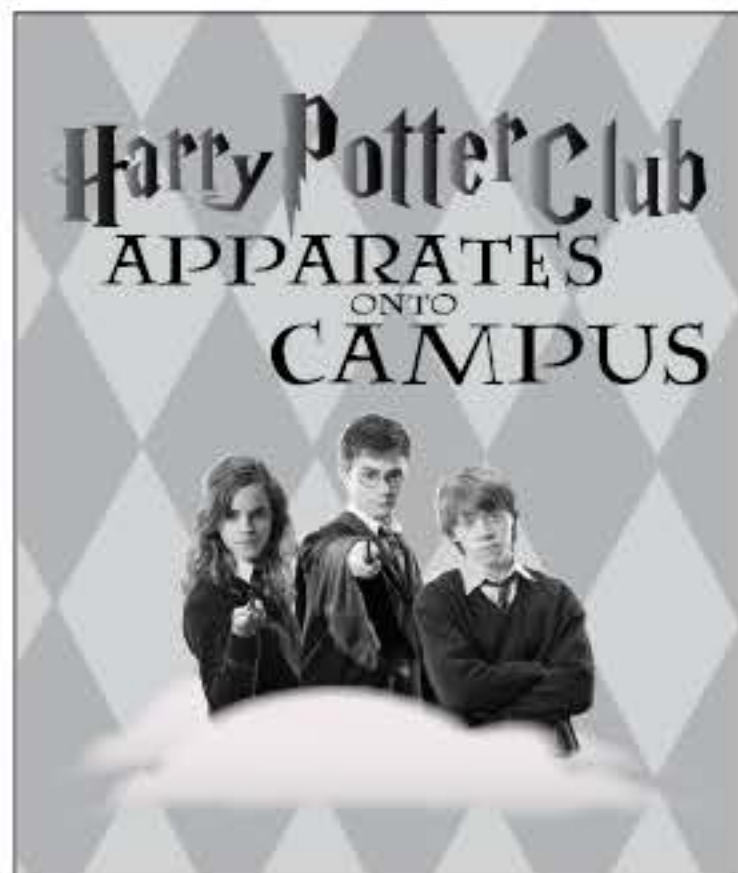
"My grandma always makes her famous stuffing," said Garrett Woods. "The stuffing is made of chicken stock, black bread (that's the key), sourdough bread and white bread. You need to cut up the bread in little tiny squares, then bake it in the oven. Then you put it in the pot and pour the chicken stock over it. Then bake it again until it is baked to a light crisp. She seasons it with salt and pepper. You wrap it up in tin foil and put it in a bowl. It sounds really simple, but it is super delicious. I don't think I could ever have a Thanksgiving dinner without my grandma's famous stuffing."

Cori Smith said, "Every year my mother makes traditional Italian stuffing, which is almost a meal in itself. It isn't stuffing for the turkey or anything like Stovetop. It's the real deal, and it's delicious. It's been in my mother's family for three generations. We are actually German, but my aunt's mother-in-law was full Italian, and she brought the recipe into the family. It takes almost two days for my mom to prepare it, and my siblings and I always fight for the leftovers."

Some students also talked about how they were staying in Cheney for Thanksgiving, and therefore they needed to get creative with what they were going to do for their Thanksgiving holiday. Some said that they were going to spend it with close friends. Some said that they were going to explore what's going on around town, and others said that they were just going to spend it volunteering for local Thanksgiving events.

Even though some students intend to stick around Cheney, they would prefer to go home.

"Thanksgiving holidays are the best with my family," said Johnson.



BY SAM STOWER
contributing writer

We are pleased to inform you of the EWU Harry Potter Club. OK, it may be far from Hogwarts, but the Harry Potter Club (HPC) is a sanctuary for muggles who dream of an owl dropping a sealed letter on their windowsill.

The HPC originated when current club adviser, Michelle Schultz, needed feedback from fans while writing her thesis paper, "Harry Potter, Prejudice and Bigotry: A Learning Process."

"I had originally planned on doing a reading group so I could use my friends as a sounding board about my ideas for my thesis, and then we jokingly discussed creating a club," said Schultz. "Eventually we just decided to do it."

The 20 members of the club, which became official in 2007, are separated into four houses: Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw. New members actually take a "sorting hat quiz" that determines a member's personality and the most suitable house based on their answers. A sorting hat ceremony follows in which members are placed in their respective houses, they'll even receive house scarves.

During club meetings, the houses compete in a hodgepodge of activities ranging from "muggle duels," which are trivia quizzes, to an adapted version of quidditch. "We don't have brooms, so that's

a bummer," said Gryffindor Head of House Nicole Werner, "but it's a mix of dodgeball and Ultimate Frisbee, and the goal is to get the Frisbee down the field and through the [opponent's] hoops."

The club also hosts film screenings and wizard rock concerts. "Wizard rock is pretty much music based off the Harry Potter series," said Werner, who estimates that there are more than 600 bands worldwide. This past Halloween, in addition to a screening of "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," the club also put on a concert featuring the Whomping Willows and Justin Finch.

Even though the club enjoys rocking to tunes such as Draco and the Malfoys' "I Gonna Kick You in the Face," the club's top priority is to promote literacy.

One of the club's current endeavors is working with an organization called Page Ahead. Club Treasurer Brittany Fitzthum said, "Their main goal is to get books to unfortunate kids who don't have money to buy books." The club is currently talking with Page Ahead to start a book drive. The HPC also reads to children at Cheney and Spokane libraries.

"Literacy is really important for kids," said Werner. "We're working really hard to get reading out there and have reading be fun."

If you are interested in joining the HPC, their next meeting is at 5 p.m. in Streeter Hall Dec. 1 or you can contact them at shehpc@hotmail.com.

"Partisan's Daughter:" a story of an unconventional love

BY ALIE FRIESE
staff writer

Best-selling author of "Cordell's Mandolin," Louis de Bernieres, is at it again with his 2008 publication of "A Partisan's Daughter."

The book is an unconventional love story with an anticlimactic ending and very little action throughout; however, it somehow captures and holds the readers attention from beginning to end.

The book takes place in London in the early 1980s.

The first character introduced is 40-something Christian, or Chris, who explains to the reader that he is "not the sort of man that goes to prostitutes." Roza, a young, voluptuous Yugoslavian, is the second narrator and also happens to be the woman whom Chris mistakes for a prostitute.

While Chris is horrified at his mistakes, Roza finds it amusing, and the two develop a close friendship over the following weeks. Roza tells intimate details about her sketchy past to her guest while Chris is driven mad by his lust for

her. The main downfall of the novel was several long-drawn descriptions of the Yugoslavian government and societal history, which can be very monotonous, especially if you have no knowledge of it already. Roza often mentions Tito, former leader of Yugoslavia, and how she used to be a communist.

The book is well written and an easy read. The narration switched between the two characters each chapter, but it was never difficult to distinguish whose thoughts you were reading.



Why pay for teeth whitening when you can get it for free?

Visit Collins Family Dentistry for a new patient exam, x-rays and cleaning to receive your free teeth whitening system. (a \$250 value)

Call (509) 235.8451 to schedule your new patient exam appointment today.

COLLINS FAMILY DENTISTRY
1841 First Street, Cheney, WA 99004
www.DrCollinsDDS.com

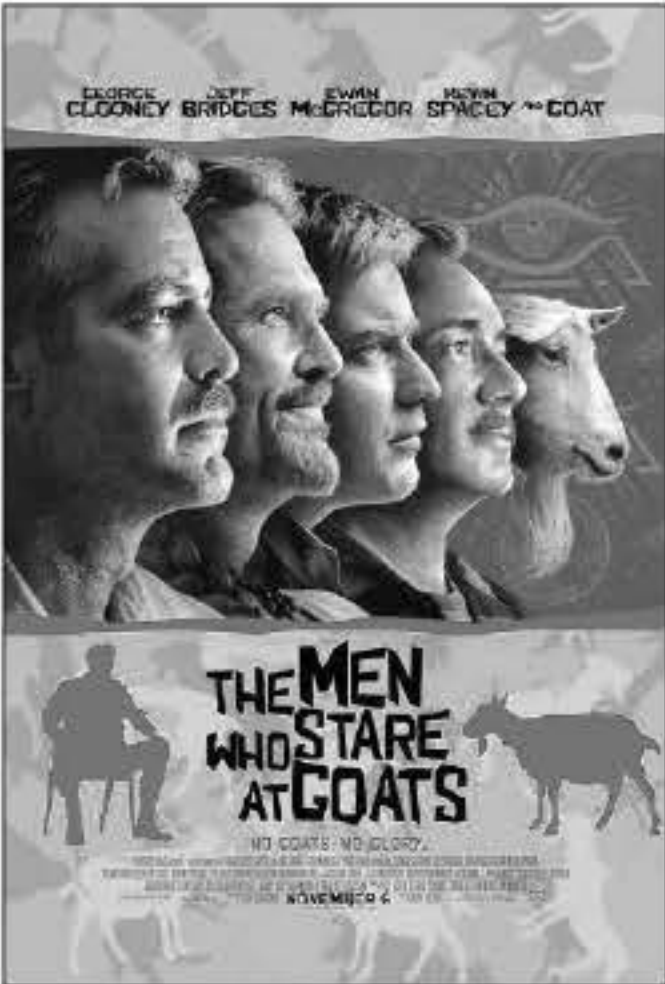
For Rent-

3 bedroom, Washer/Dryer provided
Pets?

21 W. Third
\$685+dep
Call 990-7492



Clancy Bundy



Easterner movie review:
"The Men Who Stare at Goats"

BY TOM LINNAME
staff writer

For a movie that ranges from the Vietnam War to mentally incapacitating animals, "The Men Who Stare at Goats," directed by Grant Heslov, manages to be funny and thought-provoking, though it rings of a Coen brother-like execution.

"The Men Who Stare at Goats" is actually the true story of Ann Arbor, Michigan reporter Bob Wilton (Ewan McGregor) and his attempt to impress his estranged wife (Rebecca Mader) by going on assignment to Kuwait in 2003.

While in Kuwait, Wilton is introduced to defense contractor Lyn Cassidy (George Clooney), who is a former psychic warrior with the "New Earth Army," a secret military project whose goal was to train psychic soldiers with an arsenal of mental weaponry.

Wilton decides to use Cassidy's psychic ability to gain entry to Iraq

and accompanies him through the desert in order to get a better perspective of the war-ravaged country's rebuilding efforts. Wilton gets more than he bargained for when Cassidy begins to regale him with stories about his days as a "Jedi warrior" in the "New Earth Army" led by his commander Bill Django (Jeff Bridges).

Cassidy eventually confesses that he received a mental projection from Django and has been "reactivated," which is the real reason for his trip to the sands of Iraq. After being kidnapped, sold by terrorists and then eventually escaping, Cassidy and Wilton end up at a secret base in the desert run by many of Cassidy's former colleagues including Django and also his former rival Larry Hooper (Kevin Spacey).

McGregor didn't do a great job playing Wilton; it felt as if he were impersonating the character while forcing a Midwestern accent.

This isn't to say he didn't have any funny or touching moments in the film; he just wasn't up to par with some of his comparable work, even as a "real Jedi" in "Star Wars."

The one "Jedi" that was on point was Clooney. As Cassidy, Clooney was absolutely perfect for the role of an overconfident weirdo psychic. Though laugh-out-loud moments were few and far between in the movie, most came from something involving Cassidy as well as the "Lebowski-esque" Django.

Though the film was imaginative and original in its own right, I couldn't help but feel like I was watching, "Fear and Loathing in the Kuwaiti Desert." Wilton acted as sort of a "gonzo journalist" making himself the main character in his own story, while Cassidy acted as the catalyst, creating most of the drama and driving the plot.

The fact that this story is based on a lot of real events is possibly

what makes it the most entertaining. Beginning the film with the quote, "More of this story is true than you would believe," begs the question, "What is real exactly?" Between a guy killing a goat with his mind and an aging hippie spiking an entire military base's breakfast with LSD, parts of the movie felt like a fictional tangent from what could be authentic instances.

It may be possible for someone to stare at a goat until it passes out, but staring really hard at this film will not make it any better. Even though based on a true story, that alone couldn't save it from mediocrity and an ending that didn't do the story justice.

Overall, the film was a good effort from cast and crew alike, but it wasn't the laugh-fest or story of self-discovery that it could have been. Unless you're a big fan of Jedi from this movie or another, I'd recommend waiting for the DVD on this one.

EWU Shows Off Talent

Open Mic night invites all students

BY DYLAN COIL
contributing writer

Eagle Entertainment put on the first Open Mic of the school year with student acts that included stand up comedy, poetry and live music that attracted one of the largest audiences ever.

Thursday night in the PUB student lounge, students had the chance to witness the artistic and creativity abilities of their fellow Eagles. The stage was surrounded by students sitting on the floor, in chairs and on couches, and at one point it was so crowded that there was a handful of people standing in nearby hallways.

Host and performer, senior Michael Montgomery, who prefers to go by Mick, has been involved with Open Mic for the past couple of years and helps with sound equipment, in-between act entertainment and performs some of his own poetry.

"I got involved in Open Mic about one and a half years ago," said Mick. "I have never seen that number of people in the audience in all the years I've been here."

During Open Mic, Mick provided commentary between performances, and maintained an open and real environment for the performers. According to Mick, Open Mic gives students the chance to express their

creative side in a forum that won't judge or criticize them for just being themselves.

"Everyone is invited. Everybody can be real," said Mick. "Open Mic night is about bringing people together through their creativity, their art and their talent." Sophomore Joel Gorman works with Mick to provide the proper accommodations for the performers.

"I liked it a lot," said Gorman about Open Mic. "There was a lot more people that showed up than I expected."

According to Gorman, the night was a big success in regards to the amount of people that were in the audience, but there were a few organizational problems.

"One thing that didn't work out how we planned was how we were letting some people go past their assigned time," said Gorman. "As a result, some acts couldn't go."

One of the acts was a stand-up comedian that was not well received by the audience. Controversial subject matter and some jokes that may have been considered racially offensive ultimately made this performer leave the stage.

"In all the years I have been at Open Mic, I have never heard anyone get booed before," said Mick. "Some people just aren't mindful of the environment they are in."

As the host, Mick made it clear that performers like this comedian are not to be overly heckled while on stage. After the comedian left the stage, Mick let the audience know that Open Mic is a place where anyone can speak their mind in any way they wish.

Other performers included free-style rap artists, acoustic singers and songwriters, a rock band including a drum set and electric guitars, and different styles of poetry.

"Our main acts usually include a lot of the spoken word," said Mick, "which ends up being a lot of poets, comedians and singer/songwriters."

Mick really tries to stress the importance of Open Mic as a venue where students can come and cope with the stresses of the world by performing their talents without feeling like they won't be accepted.

"I try to be supportive of all the acts," said Mick. "Open Mic is a place for people to just come, have fun and be real."

Poems and paintings inspire composers

BY ADRIANA MENDOZA
contributing writer

The Fall Composures Forum last week presented music majors with an opportunity to showcase their talents.

The pieces composed by the students were an assignment that requires them to use some sort of inspiration in their piece. Some students used paintings while others used poems.

Most students had the help of their colleagues to bring their pieces to life. The first piece by Drew Stein, who used the poem "The Bear Tree" as his inspiration, read his poem out loud before it was performed by Jeremy Larson on piano and Natalya Lainhart who sang the poem mezzo-soprano.

The second performance was by Nicholas Bailey who performed two pieces, "Guitar Studies" one and two.

Becca Castillo followed with her piece performed on the piano with the help of Brian McDougall, who played the flute, and Christina J. Pendleton, who sang alto for the poem "Heavenly Journeys" which was the

inspiration for Castillo's piece. Before the performance, Castillo emphasized that the flute was meant to be an angel. "He's my beautiful angel," said Castillo in regards to McDougall.

The next few pieces were played over the speaker system. They were called "Contrapuntal Compositions" including "Miniature Fugue" by Daniel Craig, "Fugue" in A sharp Minor by Gregory Holte, "Canon" in D Minor by Jared McFarlin, and "Canon" in C Minor by Alex Vakulich.

"To Remain Ashore" was the name of the next piece by Natalya Lainhart. She had the stage set up to look like the painting that inspired her piece. "This is supposed to convey how I feel when I looked at the painting," Lainhart said.

The next piece by Jeremy Larson, which was also played over the speakers, was inspired by a Red Fuji painting and was an electronic one.

"Hopes for Spring" by Pendleton was also inspired by the poem "The Bear Tree." It was performed by Noree Johnson singing soprano, Castillo sing-

ing alto, Ian Gonzalez singing tenor, Henry McNulty on bass and Pendleton on the piano.

Brian Burke was the next student to perform his piece, which was also inspired by the painting Red Fuji. It included Castillo on the electric piano and Burke on a electronic drum set.

The last piece, "Rainstorm" by Alex Wolfe, was inspired by a Van Gogh painting and another similar painting. His goal was to show the differences between the two paintings.

"There are two melodies: one is sunshine, and one is rain," Wolfe said. With the help of Lainhart on saxophone, Kit Schubach on the bass, and Garrett Stannard and Pendleton on the marimba Wolfe stood in front and led the group in the performance.

Rebecca Hammer, a student who attended the forum, said, "I really enjoyed seeing how the various composers let their individual personalities come through their pieces." The different selections definitely showed some of the talent that is on our campus.

Zip's
Drive In

Airway Heights Now Under NEW OWNERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

SERVING BREAKFAST DAILY UNTIL 10:30 AM AT BOTH LOCATIONS

Zip's Coupon

BUY ONE GET ONE FOR \$1
Add 2 Drinks for \$2
Add 2 Sundaes for \$2
WITH COUPON

Chicken, Fish or Shrimp Basket
\$1 Basket is of equal or lesser value
\$2 Drinks are fountain drinks only
Limit one coupon per customer per visit.
Not valid with any other offer. Coupon valid at Cheney & Airway Heights Zip's. Our coupons never expire.

Zip's Coupon

PAPA JOE

99¢
with purchase of a large drink
WITH COUPON

Wi-Fi Hotspot at both locations

Zip's
Drive In

911 First Street
Cheney
OPEN 24 HOURS

12421 W Hwy. 2
Airway Heights
DAILY 6 AM-10 PM

Pumpkin Pie Hike

Environmental Club will hike, sun or snow

BY DAKOTA WILLIAMS
contributing writer

If you are feeling overwhelmed by classes and are looking forward to Thanksgiving food and letting off some steam, the Pumpkin Pie Hike Nov. 21 would probably be the perfect solution to both.

Eastern's Environmental Club is organizing the hike and the potluck held afterwards. In the true nature of environmentalists, the hike will take place regardless of weather conditions.

"The members of the club decided that to be in the spirit of Spokane winter, we would take our hike whatever the weather. And besides, a hike is always a good way to increase the appetite to enjoy the potluck," said Laci Hubbard, a member of the Environmental Club.

Before the hike, all interested people will meet at a club member's house to drop off food. Then they will carpool to Turnbull.

The hike should last about an hour, though Hubbard divulged, "We plan on ending it whenever people get tired."

Depending on the interest in the hike, it may become an annual occurrence. The club welcomes members of all types who take an interest in the environment or who endeavor to learn more.

The club does not have a membership fee, and although they are recognized by the ASEWU, they do not receive funding.

According to Hubbard, "I think people should attend [the hike] because it will be an adventure towards the end of the quarter that will allow people to use their energy to destress a little bit and to enjoy some excellent cuisine."

Anyone interested may e-mail Laci Hubbard at easternenvironmentalists@yahoo.com or call (509) 714-7977.

Chiropractic · Massage
Therapeutic Exercises

Cheney Spinal Care, P.S.

235-2122
1951 First Street

international week

BY ALIE FRIESE
staff writer

Wednesday, there is an International Scholars' learning community panel in the morning at 10 a.m., fashions of the world event at 1 p.m. and an Asia University American Program talent show at 6 p.m.

Thursday, a Model UN mini-conference will be held in the morning at 10 a.m. in PUB room 206, a Judo Club demonstration at 10:45 a.m. At noon, Dr. Kristin Edquist will present "Global Mental Health Governance and the Modernity of States," which addresses issues regarding mental health care in developing countries. The lecture will be held in the second floor reading room of Hargreaves Hall.

Thursday night, there will be an international film night in the JFK auditorium beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The final event of the week, the "World of Music Night," will be held Friday from 7 p.m. to midnight.

When asked why students would want to attend, Dr. Stephen Schwalbe, EWU's study abroad manager, said, "The events during the International Education Week are fun, interesting, informative and mostly free!"

For information regarding the events, there are posters at various places throughout campus, or visit outreach.ewu.edu/InternationalWeek.html.

Steam Plant Grill

\$99 KEGS

CELEBRATE BREWING COMPANY KEGS BREWED ON-PREMISE

\$2.75 PINTS DURING HAPPY HOUR

HAPPY HOUR 3-6PM MONDAY THRU SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 2PM UNTIL CLOSE

VALIDATED PARKING

GAME ROOM WITH POOL AND DARTS

EMPTY BEER AVAILABLE IN BARGE ONLY. MUST BE 21 AND HAVE VALID ID



Online Editor
509.359.4318
easterneronline@gmail.com

Lady Eags split games Eagles fly by Pilots

STORIES BY CHRIS NEWBERRY
contributing writer

PORTLAND— They say free throws win championships. Take a look back at the 2008 Final Four Championship game where Memphis missed crucial free throws against Kansas toward the end of the game. Although last Saturday night's game against the Portland Pilots wasn't a championship game, it was the season opener for women's basketball. In that opener, the Eagles cashed in on their free throws, making 15-of-19 as they made their way to a win, 72-64.

The EWU women's basketball team traveled to Portland for both team's season opener. The Eagles led the entire ball game with the score being tied just once at 12-12 with 12 minutes, 26 seconds on the clock in the first half. The Pilots wouldn't see the lead change in their favor for the rest of the game as the Eagles stayed on top.

During the first half, the Eagles led by as many as 15 points with the performances of Brianne Ryan and Tatjana Sparavalo. Ryan helped the Eagles with 10 points, three steals and shooting 4-of-6 from the field while teammate Sparavalo added a perfect 2-of-2 from the field, three point range and free throws. Sparavalo ended the first half with eight points and three rebounds as the Eagles took a 44-29 lead.

"We had some big plays at the end, and made some shots. Overall, we were prepared for this game. We had a great scout and played really hard. We played hard from the first minute until the last, and that was really important. We played really well on defense and forced a lot of turnovers," said Sparavalo.

Forcing turnovers was exactly what Eastern did, forcing 28 Pilot turnovers and scoring 20 points off of them, but the Eagles also had 22 turnovers of their own.

Some games come down to free throws, and in the second half, the Eagles depended on their free throws to win the game. Eastern shot an 81 percent from the free-throw line in the second half, going 9-of-11 at the line. The Eagles ended the game with a nice shooting percentage of 79 at the charity stripe.

Jessica Huntington helped the Eagles reach a lead of 23 points in the second half with her performance. She shot 2-of-2 from the arc while cashing in 6-of-7 free throws for a 12 point half of her own.

Leading scorers for the Eagles were Huntington, who totaled 18 points, three assists and going 7-of-9 at the free-throw line; Ryan, who ended her night with 17 points, five rebounds, four steals and shooting 7-of-11 from the field; and Sparavalo, who had six rebounds, shot a perfect 4-of-4 from the line and added 10 points for the Eagles as they beat the West Coast Conference team by a final score of 72-64.

No match for Oregon

EUGENE—With a crowd of 2,250 on hand to watch the Oregon Ducks take on the Eagles, the EWU women's basketball team couldn't keep up Monday night at "The Pit" as the Ducks led the entire game with the help of a huge first half en route to an 86-48 victory.

With an opening three ball from Oregon's Taylor Lilley and then a two-point jumper from Eastern's Julie Piper, the Ducks built on an 8-0 run to start off the game and would never look back. Oregon would lead by as many as 20 points in the first half with the performance of Lilley, who shot 5-of-13 from the field, tallying 13 points for the Ducks. Teammate Nicole Canepa added 11 points, five rebounds and a perfect 5-of-5 from the free-throw line as the Ducks took a 45-27 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Eastern had their hands full with Lilley as the Eagles couldn't find a way to slow her down. Lilley had herself a game as she went off scoring 28 points, shot 7-of-14 from beyond the arc and shot a combined 10-of-21 from the field. The Eagles had trouble down low with the play of Canepa as she snagged 10 rebounds and took a trip to the free-throw line 12 times, cashing in on nine of those 12 attempts. Canepa ended her night with 17 points for the Ducks.

The Eagles couldn't seem to get into the rhythm that they had against Portland Nov. 14. Eastern shot 29 percent from the field and went 3-of-24 from the arc. Oregon dominated the Eagles on the glass, grabbing 51 rebounds to Eastern's 37 boards. The Ducks scored 14 points off second chances and added 28 points from inside the paint.

Piper led the Eagles in scoring with 10 points, shooting 5-of-12 from the field and getting eight rebounds. Teammate Kyla Evans added eight points and five boards for Eastern. Evans and Piper were the only two high scorers for the team Monday night. The Lady Eags (0-0, 1-1) return to Reese Court for two home games starting Nov. 19 when they welcome the Idaho Vandals. Game time is set for 7:05 p.m. The Eagles will take on Corban College Nov. 21 at 2:05 p.m.



Matt Brunell saves an Eagle ball from going out-of-bounds while Brandon Moore posts up under the basket.

Krystal Deyo/Easterner

Men's basketball keeps busy

After a hard fought battle, the Eags fall to the University of Portland

BY DUSTIN TOMS
contributing writer

Nik Raivio had 16 points and nine assists, and Luke Sikma added a double-double, helping the University of Portland Pilots' men's basketball to a season opening victory against EWU.

Portland out-rebounded Eastern 37-24, which was one of the key stats in Portland's victory. Not only did they have a 13-plus margin in rebounds, but they also shot 53 percent from the three-point line.

"I told our players that we played OK, but OK is not good enough," said Eastern Head Coach Kirk Earlywine. "We can't get out-rebounded by double digits and allow a team to shoot over 50 percent from the three-point line and win. For days we have been hammering our guys that those were the two keys to the game. We needed to be even or win the rebound battle and not give up threes."

Benny Valentine led the Eagles in scoring with 20 points despite coming off the bench.

When asked about coming off the bench, Valentine said, "Everybody wants to start the game, but you got to do what's best for the team. You got to play hard and bring what you got to the table. I don't know why [I came off the bench], but at the same time, I didn't question it."

The Eagles had the same scoring problem as last year, shooting

only four of 19 from the field in the first half despite only trailing 19-25. They shot 32 percent for the game.

"I liked the shots [we took], I thought they were good shots, we just didn't make them," said Earlywine. "It was just one of those nights the ball didn't go into the basket," added Valentine.

"We grinded it out and made it a game at the end."

-Player Benny Valentine

Portland guard T.J. Campbell went four for six beyond the arc; three of them occurred during a big first-half run.

"Campbell shot 53 percent from the arc a year ago. He is a terrific shooter," said Earlywine.

"Credit Portland; they are good," said Earlywine. "They are old, and they are experienced, and I thought that really showed, especially early in the game. Their guys are old-strong-physical. They play right."

Even though Eastern came out on the wrong side of the scoreboard, a positive attitude was kept in the locker room.

"We stuck around. We grinded it out and made it a game at the end," said Valentine. "One of these nights you shoot that bad, you expect to get blown out, and that's one thing we didn't let happen."

"For the most part we got good shots, and didn't take as many bad shots as we did against [MSU] Billings," said Earlywine. "Our physical competitiveness was good and we only turned the ball over 10 times."

Men come close to upsetting Cougs in Pullman then win a close game at home

BY COLIN ANCEL
contributing writer

The EWU men's basketball team outlasted the Missionaries of Whitman College Tuesday night, 100-88.

Monday night, the Eagles headed to Pullman to face the Washington State Cougars for their first away game of the season.

Eastern started off hot against the Cougars, leading by as much as eight points in the first half, until WSU eventually caught up, taking a five point lead, 30-25. The second half appeared in the Cougars' favor as they led by a score of 50-35 with 11 minutes left. But the Eagles caught up, outscoring WSU 26-12 to make it a one-point game with three minutes left to play. The Eagles were unable to capitalize, however, and the Cougars went on to win the game 67-61, sending the Eagles home with a 0-2 record.

Looking for their first win of the season, Eastern came out Tuesday night with guns-blazing as they led by as many as 23 points in the first half. At halftime, the Eagles held a comfortable 49-30 lead, having shot 55 percent from the field and holding Whitman to a meager 28 percent as well as 0-9 from beyond the arc.

Both teams poured it on offensively in the second half as Whitman outscored the Eagles 58-51. The Eagles managed to hold onto their lead as tall men Brandon Moore piled on 19 points and 19 rebounds and forward Mark Dunn added 21 points and grabbed five boards as well. Eastern dominated in the paint, outscoring the Missionaries 56-42 in the game, 40 of those points coming from Moore and Dunn.

Both teams shot 42 percent from the floor in the second half, and both teams shot 80 percent from the free-throw line throughout the game.

"I thought it became painfully obvious that fatigue was a factor in the second half," said coach Kirk Earlywine, following the victory. Not only were the Eagles outscored in the second half, they seemed sluggish and tired by the time the final buzzer rang.

On a positive note, the Eagles are not afraid to go beyond their starting five, as the bench added 41 points to the mix, outscoring Whitman's bench by 14 points. Benny Valentine led all bench scorers in the game, shooting 6 of 14 from the floor, 10 of 12 from the charity stripe and netting 23 points and seven assists.

Although the Eagles won their first game of the season, coach Earlywine isn't thinking too much about it. "Every win is important," he said. "A win is a win, and to say one win is more important than another. I don't really buy into that, but it was important for us to win tonight."

When asked about the exemplary performance of seniors Moore, Dunn and Valentine specifically, coach Earlywine added, "They're doing what seniors are supposed to do. Seniors are supposed to play well for you in order to have a good team."

The Eagles will be looking to reach .500 with another win on the season against Texas-Arlington this Saturday on the road. The game starts at 5 p.m.



BY DUSTIN TOMS
contributing writer

Kurt Warner passed for his 200th touchdown in the Cardinals (6-3) win against the Seahawks (3-6) 31-20.

The Seahawks jumped to a quick 14-0 lead after an 11-yard touchdown by Justin Forsett and a 31-yard catch by John Carlson. Forsett, who replaced an injured Julius Jones, ran for 123 yards and one touchdown while adding an extra 26 yards through the air.

However, the 14 point lead was quickly erased as the Cardinals scored 31 of the next 37 points.

"[Arizona] has a ton of talent on offense," Seahawks' Head Coach Jim Mora said. "They started making plays."

Arizona Rookie Beanie Wells had two rushing touchdowns in the second half, one of them giving the Cardinals the lead for good. Wells had fumbling problems earlier this season, but he is starting to win over his teammates' trust.

"I think we all see why we drafted him where we did," Warner said of Wells, "and what he brings to the table and the power and the strength and explosion

that he brings to an offense."

Matt Hasselbeck played with an injured shoulder, went 26 for 52 for 315 yards and threw one touchdown pass and two interceptions. The more costly of the two interceptions came late in the game when the Seahawks were three yards from scoring. Hasselbeck nearly dropped the snap and attempted to dump it off to Forsett, but Cardinals' Adrian Wilson dove in for the interception.

"The shoulder is OK. It's the same, no worse," Hasselbeck said. "I felt like last week I didn't really have much to offer by way of zip on the ball, but I felt much better this week."

The Seahawks' offense made it into the red zone four times in the game, but only managed to score once after being stopped at the one-yard line, settling for a field goal from kicker Olindo Mare.

The Seahawks will be playing the rest of the season in urgency. They are three games behind Arizona for a playoff spot. Next week, they travel to Minnesota to play the Vikings (8-1) for what should be a tough match-up.



Seahawk fan of the week, Chris Newberry.

How did you become a Seahawks' fan?
"I've been a Seahawks fan my whole life. There wasn't a moment or time when I decided to become a fan like most the bandwagon fans we have at our school. I grew up watching the Seahawks and I'll forever be a Seahawks fan."

How did you feel after the Seahawks blew a 14-0 lead?

"Oh, I've seen them blow worse leads before. Offense scores, defense wins ball games right? Seahawks' defense needs to figure it out and turn things around. I felt like I was watching a parade with Arizona marching down the field the way they did."

In the Stands

Team Red pushes school spirit

BY TIA WEYRAUCH
contributing writer

Team Red is EWU's sport club that is designed not only to bring students together to enjoy and cheer on Eastern's sports, but also to help students come together outside sports.

According to Rockwell Rutter, an active member of Team Red as well as electronic marketing manager of the group, Team Red "gives students a chance to get out of the dorms, to get out of the house, hangout with students that share the same interests in a safe and fun way."

Team Red activities center on sports at Eastern. The groups attend games and simply enjoy watching them; though they also set up tables in the PUB from time to time. Team Red is currently working on expanding their activities.

Even though they currently only go to games, Rutter said, "Team Red is a sports club, but we have a community focus." Therefore, they would like to start doing more in the community by helping out and including Cheney in events.

This quarter, there are 40 new Team Red members, along with approximately 300 pre-existing members. It is unknown, however, how many members are still active or if they are still aware of their membership. Some of the current Team Red members are working on a demographic study to find out more about the members.

Even with approximately 340 members, Team Red is always searching for fresh blood. According to Rutter, one of Team Red's main goals is "to be as big and as loud and as exciting as possible ... and really get students involved." Anyone with an Eagle card is capable of joining. The group is also working on a "Friends of Team Red" program for outsiders who wish to join, such as alumni, parents and members of the community.

The fee for joining Team Red is \$10 with which new members receive a T-shirt and a discount card for approximately seven local businesses and special seating. Team Red actually has its own seating section at sports events at half court, which requires a Team Red shirt or card for admittance.

In reference to the roots of Team Red, Rutter said, "I believe back in those several years ago, it was a group of students that really liked going to the games and had a good time, and they just started calling themselves by a certain group name. The next thing you know, here we are."

Currently, the management 490 class is working on a project that involves growing Team Red. It is a senior capstone class in which their main project is the continual growth of Team Red through this quarter and the future. "We're taking the opportunity right now to really get serious with it and really start making things happen," said Rutter.

In their attempts to grow Team Red, the members have faced some difficulty. "Our biggest obstacles with growing Team Red is lack of exposure, a lot of people that we talk to have never even heard of Team Red," said Rutter. For that reason, they have created a Facebook page under the name "Team Red," a MySpace under "teamredewu" and a twitter account by "ewuteamred."

Nichols breaks BSC record in passing

BY KRISTAL DEYO
sports editor

Senior quarterback Matt Nichols broke the Big Sky Conference career record for total offense yards during the game against Southern Utah.

The 18th-ranked Eagles defeated them, 41-28 in a non-conference match up.

Nichols passed for 380 yards and four touchdowns to finish with 455 yards of total offense and five touchdowns. He now has 12,440 total yards in his 45-game career, breaking the 17-year-old record of 12,287 held by Weber State's Jamie Martin (1989-92).



Krystal Deyo

Head to Head

Stewart

Praast

High jump champions Adam Stewart and Stephen Praast will "jump" it out once the track season commences

BY COLIN ANCEL
contributing writer

Adam Stewart and Stephen Praast are participants in Eastern Washington University's track and field program; both specialize in the high jump. Last year, Stewart won the Big Sky Championship in the indoor high jump competition in Arizona, and Praast took the Big Sky Championship for the outdoor jump in Montana this spring. Although good friends off the field, these two don't let anything get between them and their events as they head into the indoor season to prove who the best high jumper in the Big Sky Conference will be.

How long have you two been involved in track, specifically in the high jump?

Stewart: I started track in my junior year of high school, and ever since then I've been involved in more events since high school, but I came to college for the high jump. So, maybe about five years.

What events did you do?

Praast: 4x4, 4x1, long jump, triple jump. This is my 10th year of high jump. I started back in junior high in seventh grade. I've definitely done a bunch of other things. I've played around a bit. I triple jump here, too because I'm athletic and I can get away with not having the best form. I'm trying long jump as well, but we'll see how that goes when the first meet comes around.

How long have you two known each other?

Stewart: Since my freshman year here. I'm a junior right now.

Praast: We lived together last year. We were living in a house with a couple other track guys, so we know each other pretty well.

Is there any kind of rivalry between you guys considering you compete in the same event?

Praast: There's a little bit of a rivalry, I'd say. I mean, we don't root against each other, so there's a little bit of a friendly rivalry going on. Adam and I have a little running joke that he had never beaten me in a meet before, 'cause I never competed in his freshman year. He hadn't beaten me all during the indoor season until the conference championship game, and then he finally beat me. So, when it counted, he won.

Do you guys train with each other?

Praast: Yeah, we train with each other. It makes for a pretty good atmosphere, training with the Big Sky champion. It's probably good for the other guys, too training with two Big Sky champs.

How much training is involved in high jump?

Stewart: I'd say three to four hours per day. Praast: Three to four hours a day, six days a week, probably. An hour of weights every day, roughly. In between that, there's two or three days of technical training, high specific things like drills. Our other training is more strength building and endurance.

How did you feel when you won your championship last year?

Stewart: It was good. It was a great atmosphere being down in Arizona. It was really fun for me.

Praast: I felt pretty good. That day during warm ups, I had the attitude that I was the best jumper out there that day, and watching everyone else reinforced that. Adam had kind of a rough day, and some things weren't right. Montana was a pretty tough place to jump because you start off on the grass, so it was hard to get any kind of push. But I've jumped there many, many times, so I have the experience there. I just got it done that day.

Were you nervous at all?

Stewart: I got a little nervous before the meet started, but after that it was smooth sailing from there. I'd say I was more excited than nervous.

Is there any extra training involved before a meet? What do you do differently?

Praast: We work on the more event-specific stuff. We stay away from the weight training for sure, and we go to more technically specific things. Definitely more on the technical training.

How do you two feel about how you're doing so far this year?

Stewart: I feel great. I feel like there's another title on the way. I trained all summer and ever since school's started, so I feel really good about this season.

Praast: I feel really good. We just started high jumping again, so it's nice to get back into that rhythm and work out some of the kinks. Once you get back into the rhythm of high jumping, it gets ugly for a couple of days but then it comes back to you. I feel

pretty good. I feel like I can stop Adam from winning that indoor title. I don't think there are a lot of athletes in the Big Sky that can contend with our team as far as the jumps go. We should be the second highest scoring group in the Big Sky and hopefully that will lead to a team championship.

What are your guys' thoughts about the Candy Cane meet Dec. 4?

Stewart: We've already started training and getting into specifics. We've started high jumping already. We're just trying to work out those kinks.

Praast: The Candy Cane meet is a really good chance to get out there and get qualified before winter break. It gets some good stress off of your shoulders and you can put the hammer down and you don't have to worry about qualifying at any of the other meets. Between us, we should go one-two unless something is really wrong. Montana doesn't really have a very good jumps program, so we should be beating up on them pretty good. We should take one through four, hopefully. We should go one-two, though. Probably me at number one.

Which of you guys is the better jumper?

Praast: I'd say Adam is the better high jumper. I just jump higher.

Stewart: If it was more technical, I would probably win that part.

Praast: Adam is definitely more technically sound than I am. I can just get away with it.



WEDNESDAY COLLEGE NIGHT
FREE ADMISSION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS
7:00PM - 8:30PM SKATE RENTAL \$3



Eagle volleyball players celebrate a conference game win.

Krystal Deyo/Easterner

A night to remember

Eagle volleyball takes two wins at home including one on senior night with a surprising ending.

BY ALUE FRIESE
staff writer

Lady Eagle volleyball was boosted into a second place tie in the Big Sky Conference (BSC) after winning two games this weekend against the University of Northern Colorado and against Northern Arizona University on senior night.

Eastern beat UNC in three close games, with the scores of 27-25, 25-21 and 25-19.

Senior Hayley Hills stood out against Northern Colorado Friday night with 17 kills and 14 digs. Chenoa Coviare added 13 kills and eight blocks. JaNae Mortensen had nine digs and Ashley Hamilton had 39 assists, four digs and five block assists.

Four EWU seniors were honored Saturday night: Hills, Mortensen, Amanda Yausie and Hamilton, who are all starters on the team.

"[Friday] night was probably a little bit more tense because it was a team we really wanted to beat," said Head Coach Miles Kydd. "[and] a team that can do more things against you; we were a little bit more on edge. [Saturday] we knew that if we just played decent, we should win the match."

To finish the season, the Eagles beat the NAU Lumberjacks in three games. Sara Todorovich played an impressive game, hitting a perfect 10-for-10. After

the game, senior JaNae Mortensen said that she simply felt "amazing."

"We obviously like winning in three games, especially on senior night, [to] send the girls off right," said Kydd.

Again, Hills stood out with 13 kills and nine digs, and Coviare was close behind with 11 kills and six block assists. Hamilton added 39 assists and nine digs. Mortensen picked up 11 digs, and Yausie had five digs.

After the match, the team lined up while Kydd said a few words about them. Hamilton's long-time boyfriend walked onto the court, dropped to one knee and proposed. Hamilton grabbed the microphone and told the crowd, "Yes! I said yes!"

With Hamilton getting engaged and the team on their game, Kydd said that it was a "special night" for everyone.

This year, the Eagles had 9-1 record at home.

Eastern plays a non-conference match at Washington State Nov. 17, and will finish their regular season play in the BSC at Sacramento State University Nov. 21. The Eagles will host the Big Sky Conference Championships Nov. 27 and 28 at Reese Court.