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**YOUR** CAMPUS VOICE NEWS



Curtis Chandler/Easterner

It's fairly easy to distinguish the "old" side of the PUB from the more recently renovated side. Reasons for the proposed remodel include maintenance issues such as cracked skylights and lighting issues throughout the building.

## Renovation proposal for PUB gets its start

Two-year plan to introduce plans for new design will be sent to students in an e-mail survey; last renovation was in 1995

BY JAMES EIK  
editor-in-chief

Maintenance issues and expiring bonds are among the reasons cited by ASEWU Executive Vice President Stacey Butler to renovate the Pence Union Building.

Butler, also chair of the Student Union Board of Control (SUBOC), started the information-gathering process during summer break and described the current project as being in its

"baby steps."

"We've been in discussion since the beginning of summer," Butler said. "It was just a topic of SUBOC after we worked with the Tri-Fund budget to figure out where we were going to go with that."

There hasn't been any official discussion of a fee yet since the project is still in the planning stages; however, a fee would be attached to tuition for the project.

The building has been in existence since 1971 and had bonds

attached to its construction. With the expiration of those bonds, SUBOC believes that now is the best time to put forward a renovation proposal to students.

Except for a renovation in 1995, most of what stands is the original building. Some maintenance issues addressed by Butler include skylight cracks, lighting problems, crumbling brick material and mold. Mike Morissey, a maintenance mechanic in the PUB, confirmed cracks in the

Plexiglas skylights. He noted, however, that the building is far from breaking down anytime soon.

"I think the building is in pretty good shape," Morissey said. He also mentioned that there are lighting issues on the older side of the building that create blind spots at night.

To gather more information on how students view the renovation, a survey is being created through SurveyMonkey. Included in the survey will also be questions about

a proposed athletics fee. The survey will likely be sent through the university e-mail system.

Funding for the building comes from three sources: the university administration, building renters and students. This forms the Tri-Fund agreement that allows money to be spent on projects within the building, with each group contributing \$30,000. Getting a higher number of student responses than those who vote in the general election is one of the goals

of the survey.

"I want to reach at least half the campus," Butler said.

Although the renovation hasn't been formally decided yet, there is a rough timeline for the project. Blueprints are expected by March, and a rough plan regarding costs should be in place by fall quarter of next year. January 2011 is the ex-

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## Athletic fee proposed

State budget problems and busy schedules hinder progress

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

The ASEWU has been busy discussing various budget requests as well as how the tech fee will be allocated throughout campus. In addition to these topics, the ASEWU has been assessing the athletics fee, which has been on the back burner for years.

"The idea has been thrown around for years," said Stacey Butler, executive vice president.

The athletics fee would be an addition to the tuition that each

student pays, similar to the tech fee, and would go toward athletic events and supplies for athletes.

"We are currently working on a survey to send out to students to see what their views are on the fee," Butler said.

The survey will be put out via e-mail and students will be handing them out around campus as well.

"We are hoping to have students fill out the survey so we can accommodate as well as possible," said Butler.

The fee would cost students

roughly \$90 to \$150 per year and has been discussed on a yearly basis to improve the relationship between students and Eastern athletics.

The process is in the beginning stages of formation as the ASEWU has other things to focus on, such as the 2010-11 fiscal budget.

"The state financial situation doesn't seem to be improving, and cuts to higher education, financial aid and work study are becoming

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Jason Banks/Easterner

The gym of Reid Elementary School houses hordes of unpacked chairs and tables, all from the offices that used to be in Patterson Hall. Faculty are expected to be in their temporary location for two to four years.

## 'Camp Reid' starts unpacking

Offices displaced by Patterson remodel get used to new surroundings

BY SAM STOWERS  
contributing writer

As the final boxes are unpacked, faculty members make the shift from Patterson to playgrounds.

For EWU history, English, composition, journalism and philosophy instructors who were relocated to Reid Elementary, the biggest worry coming back from winter break wasn't the lines of cars halted by icy roads, but instead lines of teachers at the copy machine.

"Everyone was still confused on how it was going to be, where

it was going to be and even what their office number was, so they couldn't put it on their syllabus," said English 101 instructor Brent Schaeffer.

Last Monday, faculty members officially moved into what will be their temporary offices for the next two to four years while Patterson Hall is under construction. The move follows the dean's office move to Hargreaves Hall and has been in the works for more than a year.

Although given preliminary tours and time over the break to check out the new "office space," faculty didn't know which of the

roughly 10 cubicles in each room would be theirs until the first morning of winter quarter.

Minor mayhem ensued as faculty scrambled to make last second changes to their course plans before their first class of the new year. "It was kind of a kerfuffle," Schaeffer said.

Despite the first day of confusion, professors are becoming accustomed to the new space and reconnecting with their early educational years.

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## 'Lit! Lovers' is seeking donations

Program from 'Get Lit!' helps to fund the annual literary festival

BY ELLEN MILLER  
staff writer

Eastern found a new way for people to lighten up their day by donating to the 'Lit! Lovers' programs online.

The "Lit! Lovers" programs are

there to enhance the "artistic, social and cultural life of people throughout the region," said Danielle Ringwald, the "Get Lit!" programs coordinator.

This is done through an online giving page where a donor can enter some basic information and their payment.

"To become a 'Lit! Lover,' we are asking you for a pledge between \$50 and \$100, plus a commitment that you will tell two friends who might match your donation to 'Get Lit!' programs," Ringwald said.

Program organizers prefer having members tell their friends about the literature program so that information about it can get around.

"Like so many other arts or-

ganizations, 'Get Lit!' programs is facing many new challenges in regards to funding," Ringwald said.

All donations go toward the various program needs. Funding, however, is still needed.

These donations fund 50 events, including bringing the annual literary festival to the Inland Northwest. This festival includes author readings, contests, workshops, panels, author panels and concerts.

"As many as 10,000 people participate each year," Ringwald said.

Students always get into these events free with their ID card, and a majority of them are open to the

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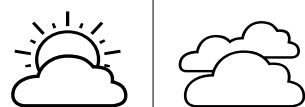
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POLLICE BEAT

Sept. 20 - Sept. 26

BY JAMES EIK  
editor-in-chief

**1/4 2:35 p.m.** – A suspect was apprehended at the Bookstore for the theft of a textbook. Police were contacted after the suspect attempted to sell the book back for cash.

**1/5 11:20 a.m.** – EWU Police responded to a call from the Bookstore regarding a possible theft of a book. The incident is still under investigation.

**1/5 12:57 p.m.** – A female student was detained at the Bookstore after police responded to a call about potential book theft.

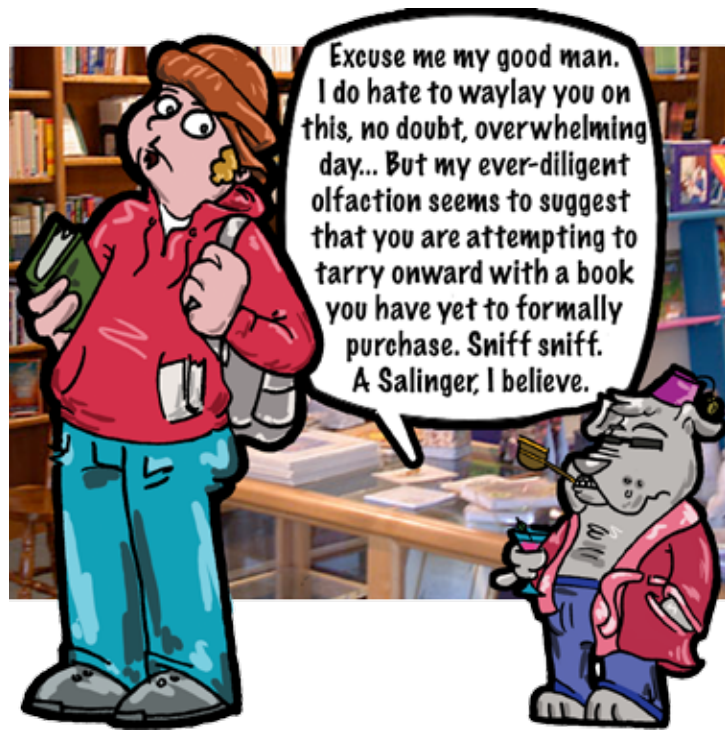
**1/7 1:23 p.m.** – A suspicious device on the ground was initially thought to be a pipe bomb. Upon arrival, EWU Police determined the problem to be an electrical-related situation.

**1/7 8:32 p.m.** – EWU Police received a call from Isle Hall regarding a theft. A calculator had been taken from one of the custodian's offices in the building.

**1/8 11:12 p.m.** – Graffiti was discovered in one of the men's bathrooms in the Roost. The writing was on one of the stalls and had the word "Blue" or "Billy," with a handgun beneath it. On another wall was the word "Dizzy."

**1/8/10 3:00 p.m.** – More graffiti was found in Monroe Hall. This time, the writing was discovered in one of the building's men's bathrooms.

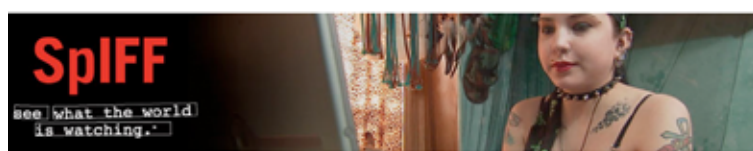
**1/10 3:20 p.m.** – In Morrison Hall, a CA found what was believed to be marijuana in the fourth floor stairwell. The substance was taken and booked into property for destruction. There were no charges made.



While less intimidating than their drug-sniffing counterparts, by resorting to the use of book-sniffing dogs, the Bookstore was able to curb the recent wave of book theft.

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your weekly guide to ending power-based personal violence

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

green dot spot

January is stalking awareness month. This year's theme is, "Know it. Name it. Stop it." This is a fitting theme considering the green dot strategy where bystanders do what they can to end power-based personal violence. The National Stalking Resource Center defines stalking as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear. The dynamics of stalking are reviewed in the article: Power and Control Dynamics in Prealking and Stalking Situations, Mary P. Brewster, Journal of Family Violence, Vol. 18, No. 4, August 2003, page 207-217. Her research focuses on the connections between partner violence and what happens following the breakup of the relationship.

Brewster identifies the most common activities stalkers used with their victims, in this order starting with the most common: phone calls, watching, following, letters, involving members the victim's family, involving the victim's friends, and driving/walking by the victim's home. She categorizes stalking behaviors as forms of financial, psychological, social and physical attempts to control the victims.

It is important to recognize stalking activity and make the connection with how those activities are an attempt to control the victim. For example, by contacting the victim's friends, the stalker is attempting to erode the social support system of the victim. Typically these contacts involve bad-

mouthed the victim, trying to reflect the victim as the blame, or gaining sympathy by saying how the victim has wronged the stalker. As bystanders, our green dot can be to provide support to the victim and to refuse to abandon the victim when he or she most needs support.

Other examples of social erosion would be showing up where the victim is, trying to sabotage a new relationship, or causing a public scene. As bystanders, we can show support by speaking up and by checking in with our friend. We can let our friend know that he or she does not deserve this treatment. We can point our friend to resources that may help get the stalker to stop.



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# Standpoint with Mayor Tom Trulove

*Easterner* editor sits down with Trulove to discuss his upcoming challenges as well as future plans for the City of Cheney

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

After serving Cheney as mayor in the mid-'70s and mid-'80s, Tom Trulove is in office again as Cheney sees the turn of the decade. *Easterner* News Editor Nicole Erickson sat down with Trulove to discuss his past affiliations with the city of Cheney as well as his future goals for the community.

## What first made you interested in running for mayor of Cheney?

When I first came to Cheney, I served on the credit committee for the Cheney Credit Union. Back in the old days, we had to approve all the loans, so we met several times a week. Eventually, we became very interested in changes for the city government, so one of the members ran for city council, and I ran for mayor. I figured since no one knew me, I would at least get my name out there and then run for council next year, but I ended up winning the race and being Cheney's youngest mayor.

Of course, once I got into office, I had to figure out what the

job actually entailed.

## How did the first few years of being mayor look for you?

We spent a lot of time bringing a small town into a more modern administrative system with department heads and more instruction. In the process of running the city, I got involved in more state-affiliated programs. And when I was elected for my third term, a friend of mine got elected governor and asked me to be in his cabinet. I spent nine and a half years working on the Northwest Power Planning council before coming back to Eastern to teach.

## What department did you teach in, and how long have you been a professor at EWU?

I teach in the economics department and I have been there since 1969. I was off for a decade or so doing state service and working for the governor, and EWU enabled me to keep my retirement plan even when I was gone. They told me that when I was done with the state job, I still had a job at EWU. I have actually only taught



Curtis Chandler/Easterner

"It is good to have a strong relationship with the university, and I intend on trying to replenish that unity," said Trulove of Cheney's association with EWU.

maybe 29 of those years.

## How did the campaign this past June go for you and what brought you back to the mayor's seat?

I ran a fairly decent campaign

this June, and I won with about 67 percent of the vote. I enjoy administration; we have a great bunch of city employees that are dedicated, professional and better trained than when I was here last. When I was mayor before, we had about

50 employees, and when I checked last week, we have about 93 now.

## Have you always been interested in politics?

My driving interest is people having jobs and having a good standard of living. I grew up a little bit poor in the rural Northwest, and for me regional development has been of high importance. This requires industry, and jobs and my passion has always been economic development. To make local living conditions contribute to quality of life, we have to be concerned with governance and I have had interest in that. I haven't been very interested in running for state legislator or anything like that, but I have always been very interested in local governance.

## What is your main goal in the first year of being mayor?

I have essentially three main goals this year: Get the comprehensive plan done for the future of Cheney so that 20 years from now Cheney looks how we want it to. The next top priority is to get people out at the industrial park. And

the third goal, which is most immediate, is what we are going to do with our lost community center.

Another main thing I want to see accomplished during my term is a better tie to the university. It is good to have a strong relationship with the university, and I intend on trying to replenish that unity. There are a lot of exciting things going on at Eastern in terms of sports. However, we never rarely tap into sports that aren't varsity, nor do we address the arts or music activities that I would like to have a closer connection with.

## What would you say is your main interest in regards to the Cheney community?

I'm very interested in making sure we have close relationships with the university. I'm hoping we can find more ways to find meaningful ways to incorporate students down here, maybe internships or work study positions. I want to run efficiently and make Cheney a beautiful place that people are happy to reside in.

## Fire safety policy to be re-evaluated

Higher Education Opportunity Act enhances campus safety

BY ALLIE FRIESE  
staff writer

Recent changes in the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) have forced EWU administrators to include a fire safety policy in next year's Annual Security Report. The new policy is open for initial discussion until Jan. 13.

"This policy is needed to enhance campus safety. It is also needed to comply with the requirements of the Higher Education Opportunity Act," the EWU Web site reads. The 7-page document details fire safety as well as education and training.

A fire log will be included in the new policy and is one of the specific requirements of the HEOA. "Eastern Washington University shall maintain a written and easily understood fire log that records by the date that a fire was reported, any fire that occurred in an on-campus student housing facility," the document reads.

"The log shall include the nature, date, time, and general location of each fire ... Additions or changes to the log must be made within two business days of receipt of the information. The log shall be available for public inspection for the most recent 60-day period."

"It's very much an administrative type of policy," said Trent Lutey, university policy administrator. "We certainly had fire procedures and routines, that type of thing that people did, but this is directly in response to the federal requirement."

At [www.ewu.edu/policy](http://www.ewu.edu/policy), students, faculty, or interested persons can leave comments related to the new fire safety policy. "Everybody's input is considered. We want people to read it because the more people who look at it the better the chances that we don't have any mistakes in it," said Lutey.

The new policy includes, for instance, training that will be administered for both staff and students. "For student training, it says that during orientation, students will receive presentations covering a variety of topics including emergency procedures," Lutey explained.

The initial discussion, however, is already nearing the end. "We want to go to the Board of Trustees at the end of this month, on January 29," he said. "If they approve it, it will be effective immediately."

If the policy is approved, it's still unclear how the students will be notified of the change. "Since the school year has already started I'm not sure that anything will be disseminated to the students. This requirement of the HEOA is that this policy be in place, included in the Annual Security Report in October of this year. It's not really effective until October, but we're going to get our policy in place so that when we do our security report it will include the fire safety policy."

"[The Annual Security Report] is a huge deal," said Lutey. "There are a number of specific requirements, actually a lengthy list of specific requirements that the Annual Security Report includes. It's been in now for several years." This will be the first year that any fire safety policy will be included.

## Women's Support Group expands to Eastern students and faculty

Lutheran Church provides support for victims of assault at EWU

BY ELLEN MILLER  
staff writer

The Women's Support Group provided by the Lutheran Community Services (LCS) is stretching their branch out to the EWU campus to help collegiate assault victims cope with their experience in a friendly and supportive environment.

The support group will start Thursday, Jan. 21, 3-4:30 p.m., and will meet every Thursday for eight weeks. These groups are free of charge and are completely confidential.

This is the first support group put on by the LCS on a college campus. And even though this will be done on Eastern's campus, it is still open to all students from all colleges.

"It'll be a similar approach to what we already do here at the Lutheran services. Except for the one we have at EWU is more geared to college students," said Mandy Iverson, the victim advocate and volunteer coordinator.

The support group is there to help educate the victim on what the individual will be going through emotionally after an assault. "It's more to support and help people cope with such a traumatic event,"

said Emily Christensen, the education and prevention coordinator.

LCS likes to ensure the comfort of those attending.

"We really don't get into people's personal stories, which is good because most people don't like talking about this in front of a group of people," Iverson said.

Talking to women about assault and educating them is called psycho-educational help. LCS provides women with support and education on the matter while respecting them.

Currently, the LCS hosts and provides education to 10 different types of support groups, and they have thousands of women involved.

A woman who completed one of these trauma-based support groups said, "I can't change all the yesterdays that made me who I am today, but I can choose to make today into better tomorrows."

Another attendee said, "I am inspired by spending time with other women who are on paths toward healing."

"We're educating people on everything. It's empowering to survivors, and it's a safe place to be," Christensen said.

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Students and faculty enjoy themselves at events that have been put on in the past by the Friends of the Library group.



# Friends of the Library raises EWU funding

BY JASON KEEDY  
staff writer

For more than 12 years, EWU's Friends of the Library (FOL) have worked to assist the Library Development Board with its programming. Aiding in the promotion of EWU Libraries and its services, the FOL serves not only as a support group, but also as a provider of volunteers who assist in various events.

The FOL holds annual events each year to raise money for the university library.

"Books2Eat" is one of the most well known of the FOL events. For the contest,

participants create food concoctions based on literary themes. Last year's Most Creative award went to Amber Moritz's rendition of *Memoirs of a Geisha*. The winner for Most Representative of Title was Leslie Swannack's *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* cake. According to the EWU Library's winter 2009 newsletter, entrees have also included a selection made of sandwich meats that "illustrated a book on forensic science."

Selections for the contest must be edible, require no refrigeration and have an identifiable literary theme.

The annual "FOL Used Book and Recording Sale" is held each spring and fea-

tures a collection of books, recordings and videos for sale. The event, which is typically held in the JFK Library lobby, presents material ranging from classics to fiction, along with posters and records.

The "Make Your Mark" contest allows EWU students to use their creativity to make bookmarks. The winning entry will be distributed for free at both the JFK Library circulation desk and the Riverpoint Campus Library. Officials will also award the winner with the prize of \$100.

"Eagles Who Read to Lead" is a recent addition to FOL events. Posters of the EWU students can be seen throughout both campus libraries. The students,

according to the Library's winter newsletter, are chosen based on their "academic achievement and leadership." Students must be juniors, have a GPA of 3.0 or above and must have displayed leadership in campus activities.

The FOL holds various other programs that support the Library Collection Endowment Fund.

The FOL's annual meetings have included a couple of the states most celebrated literary figures. In 2008, the FOL welcomed Washington's first poet laureate, Sam Green. It was Green's first public presentation on the east side of the state.

Last year, the annual meeting featured

*New York Times* Bestseller and former EWU journalism professor Pat McManus, who signed his then new mystery "The Double-Jack Murders."

Members of the FOL serve as volunteers for the annual events. Membership costs range from \$1 to \$100 depending on the type. There are support and sponsor memberships available.

For more information about becoming a member, or to inquire about future events, stop by either the JFK or Riverpoint Library circulation desks or check the EWU Libraries Homepage on the EWU Web site.

## Studying abroad made easier

Students are able to make small trips abroad while keeping up on their Eastern course work with the approval of an instructor



Megan Hopp/Easterner

Preapproved students can take courses and travel on breaks.

BY ALLIE FRIESE  
staff writer

EWU's International Field Studies program is rarely utilized, but potentially highly beneficial to students who want to go on a short-term trip abroad.

"In our case, it's not a study abroad where you're going over into a school setting and taking classes at that exchange university. It's usually short-term travel

and we have Eastern courses that students can select to take when they're on an approved international trip," said Program Director Jeannette Phillips.

"We work with educational travel programs, people-to-people ambassador programs, which is based in Spokane. They send high school students and teachers every summer, mainly. They have some spring and fall travel too, but most of their travel is in the summer,"

Phillips said.

EWU students also have the option of making the most of already planned trips by taking some of the offered online courses while overseas. "We have had Eastern students take our courses when they're going themselves on spring break or December break," Phillips said.

"When they're going on a short-term travel, they can come and see me and get their travel ap-

proved ... Then I have to look at their itinerary to see if they're doing enough historical visits, cultural visits, that sort of thing, and if their travel is approved they can select from our list of courses," she said.

Interested Eastern students should contact Jeannette Phillips at the International Field Studies office at (509) 359-6792 or visit the EWU Web site.

## Conduct code revisions successful

Student alcohol usage is down from last year

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

Changes in the student conduct code have been proving themselves successful for EWU.

"Alcohol use is down about 50 percent from last year," according to Stacey Reese, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). "The successes have been minimal so far because it is so early in the year, but things are definitely looking up."

At the beginning of the 2009-10 school year, faculty and staff got together to revise the student conduct code. The code is revised every three years in order to keep policies up to date.

The new student conduct code extended disciplinary actions to students off campus as well as revising the language used.

"We were able to capture the broader sense of what the offense means and more clearly communicate that to students," said Reese.

In addition to changes mentioned, the OSRR added a section on stalking and technology

harassment.

"Technology is so advanced now that we had to revise the code to incorporate every aspect of harassment our students may come into contact with," said Reese.

The biggest change to the student conduct code is the reporting of off-campus offenses to the school. Officers now have the option of referring offending students to the OSRR so they are punished criminally and/or through the school.

"Our system of punishment is not punitive; it's meant to be educational," Reese said. "We prefer to educate our students as to why they are being punished as opposed to getting them into a lot of trouble."

The changes to the conduct code are still in the early stages; therefore, it is still early to be seeing the impact that it could be making.

"The lower alcohol violations are promising. It means that students are either choosing not to partake in alcohol consumption or doing it in a responsible fashion," Reese said.

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# Standpoint with professor Angela Schwendiman

*The Easterner's Jason Keedy sits down with African-American studies professor to discuss her lecture to be given in honor of MLK day*

BY JASON KEEDY  
staff writer

To honor Martin Luther King Jr. on his birthday, Angela Schwendiman will be giving a lecture in Showalter 109. *The Easterner's* Jason Keedy sits down with her to discuss the topics of her lecture.

**For starters, could you talk a little about yourself and what you teach here at Eastern?**

As for myself, while not new to Eastern, (I worked for five years as a radio producer at KEWU producing the daily program Perspective and taught part-time as well, in the Africana Education Program as an adjunct professor) this is my first year as a full-time lecturer. Currently, I am teaching African-American culture, African-American family and African-American cinema (in the spring). The challenges are great in defining the curriculum as there are so many avenues to pursue and explore in terms of African-American studies from an interdisciplinary approach, but I am beginning to feel more comfortable with the material and my approach as the quarter progresses.

**You will be the featured speaker during EWU's MLK Day next Tuesday. Your topic of discussion, titled "Ambassadors for Peace During Times of War," takes a look at the work of both Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and President Barack Obama. Could you provide a little insight into the talk and give your thoughts on the comparisons between the two?**

I'll say that I was inspired upon reading the president's Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech to make comparisons between President Obama's approach and the clear deference he makes to the legacy of Dr. King. While the end goal or desire of both men is peace, their methods and approach are diametrically opposed. This, in part, reflects the varying leadership roles and responsibilities to which each man is espoused—one as the leader of the most powerful free nation in the world and the other as the leader in the struggle for civil rights.

**If Dr. King were alive today, do you feel that he would be supportive of President Obama? In what areas might he have voiced objections to Obama's policy decisions?**

I feel it imperative to understand that the end goal for Dr. King was not just the absence of war, but for our nation to feel at peace with itself—that is, to be able to live with its own conscience. In order for "true peace" to be achieved, as Dr. King defined it, there must exist the presence of some positive force—justice, good will and brotherhood. He felt very strongly that non-violence was the means to achieving this end in order for the citizens of this nation to be able to see eye to eye and walk hand in hand.

**We hear the term "post-racial" society being bandied about. Is this an overly optimistic assertion? Whether on the personal/street level or systemic scale, where do you feel that we as a society are at in terms of the race issue?**



Africana Education Program

Professor Angela Schwendiman will be speaking Jan. 19 to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

By virtue of his office as president, President Obama's role must be to ensure the rights and protection of all American citizens. The nature of the battle against hostile forces such as Al-Qaeda requires that violence be met with violence to protect the lives of innocent people. It is for the protection and defense of citizens to which violence in this sense must be used. The end goal for both men is the same—peace.

**What about Dr. King and his ideas does this generation of students need to know more about?**

I feel that Dr. King, in spite of his opposition to war and his outspokenness against the Vietnam War, would support the president today. I point to the brotherhood and coalition with which he felt toward Malcolm X in taking this stand. Malcolm and Dr. King had very different approaches, and yet each individual reached distinct audiences with the purpose of uniting people in the common goal of obtaining freedom. Some of their differences lie partly in geography and in the demographics in which each individual struggled and culturally identified. Dr. King acknowledged and respected that there were those to whom his message could not be reached who joined the ranks in the struggle for peace alongside Malcolm X. It is with this attitude, I believe, he would respect the decision that the president has made to utilize and in fact, increase the amount of force required to achieve peace. Dr. King's goal was not humiliation, but understanding. President Obama recognizes that at this point in time, peaceable talks or means with which to approach an enemy who willfully terrorizes the nation are not realistically possible.

**Do you remember what initially led you to become interested in Dr. King? What inspired you about him and the movement he represented?**

The post-racial society has not yet been achieved nor will be until we are able to discuss realistically, without taking offense,

the nature and extent of the problems of race in society. The myths and meanings attached to "black" are still largely negative, and structural racism persists among the underclass with little hope at this time for members who are disenfranchised from the larger society to escape the gripping effects of poverty and the racism attached to their conditioned state. Hard work and belief in one's self are only the beginning of the path, which leads to alleviating the poverty and depravity associated with race within our nation's inner cities. We as a populace must no longer ignore the conditions of the poor, nor continue to blame the poor (they didn't get that way all by themselves) in order for things to change.

**Do you feel that the peace movement has a substantial influence in today's sociopolitical landscape? Are Dr. King's dreams truly being fulfilled?**

As we work toward reflecting a multicultural society, we must redefine the stereotypes by which we categorize and perceive ourselves individually and as a nation, racially, culturally, socially and otherwise. As we move forward, creating positive meanings to replace old and negative myths and stereotypes, we can achieve the kind of peace and existence reflected in Dr. King's dream. It must be, however, a conscious, collective effort.

Certainly, the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. King inspired millions to embrace an attitude of equality in terms of opportunities, regardless of race. Much needs to be done still to make that dream a reality. It begins with introspection, reflection and an honest desire to change.

## PROPOSAL

pected date for looking at construction documents, and a final vote would be put before students in the spring of 2011.

"If [the vote] gets shot down, then at least we have the startings for the future where we can pick it up again," Butler said.

Trying to get the project started a few years after the completion of the rec center is difficult, Butler admitted, stating that it would have been a "better idea to combine them." She understands that there may be opposition to a renovation, but she argues that the rec center was an investment that has paid off.

"When [the rec center proposal] first came up, people were against it. Now it's one of the most used buildings on campus," Butler said.

Students wishing to voice their opinion can partake in the SUBOC meetings held every other Friday at 11 a.m., in PUB 307. The next meeting is Jan. 15.

## FEE

more prevalent discussions in Olympia," said Ryan Eucker, ASEWU president. "Unfortunately, because of this, we've had to postpone some talks in regards to any possible additional fees for next year.

The athletics fee was brought up in the first council meeting, and it probably won't be addressed again until later on this year due to other issues.

"As of right now, students should be more concerned with the state-wide budget cuts," said Butler.

## LIT LOVERS

public. The next literary festival is April 14-21. "There are so many people in the community that love 'Get Lit' and love reading, writing and storytelling," Ringwald said.

The "Get Lit!" program was created when people started asking how they could donate.

In response to these requests, "Get Lit!" officials asked the alumni department to set up an online donation system.

The average donation is usually around \$75; however, program organizers are very grateful to receive any donation size. Ringwald said that she would be happy even if they only got one dollar.

"People like Dan Webster and Jess Walter, who have been long term supporters of the festival, are now 'Lit Lovers!'," Ringwald said.

Currently, they have raised more than \$500. The success, Ringwald said, depends on the students' help. "The 'Get Lit!' programs office has one full-time coordinator, but the success is dependent on student help. Students throughout the region come to help get these

programs up and rolling," she said. "One of our newest 'Get Lit!' programs' goals is to keep people informed about local literary events through blog postings, Facebook notifications and an online community calendar," Ringwald said. "This is done to increase attendance at these events as well as to get the word out about what's going on."

Ringwald said that the calendar is constantly being updated with events related to reading, writing and storytelling from all over the Spokane region. People can find this calendar and other useful current news on [outreach.ewu.edu/getlit](http://outreach.ewu.edu/getlit).


"Our mission is to engage members of the Inland Northwest community in a celebration of the written word and to encourage discussion, at all age levels, of literature in its many forms," Ringwald said.

"Contributions can be made in a one-time payment, quarterly, monthly or semi-annually through 'Get Lit!'s secure Web site," Ringwald said.

It's early in the campaign, but Ringwald hopes that people appreciate the artistic, social and cultural events they offer to people of all ages throughout the year.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION


BY ALINA SHANIN  
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**Ann LeBar**

Professor of history


"It's shown one thing that is not good about the university, and that's communication ... Classrooms are poor and the schedule is chaotic [and] it's really hard on the faculty."



**Tom Trulove**

Chair of the department of economics

"Personally, it's been no problem at all. It's been a good move [and] a good reason to clean out my office. One negative thing is that in Patterson, we had a connection with the department ... it's a lot harder for students to interact with faculty."



**Michael Conlin**

Professor of history

"I think it has gone smoother than I anticipated. For all the down sides, I see up sides."

"Most importantly was the quality of communication between faculty, students and staff. It's not about physical space, it is about the quality of communication."

Mary Benham, program coordinator and academic adviser.



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## Religious Rights' blame is misplaced

Diamond Rio's hit "In God We Still Trust" stirs up censorship issues with concerned citizens

JOE TYMAN  
contributing writer

I recently got an e-mail from an anonymous sender telling me about an older song titled "In God We Still Trust," by the country music band Diamond Rio. It spotlights issues that never really go away. The song is about outside forces (The Government? Global society?) taking God out of America. The sender claimed country music radio stations refused to play it. Apparently, the stations feared offending others with the song's controversial subject.

Hmmm, censorship to appease those who would be offended? I know country music stations have needed to grow a pair for the last decade or two, but this sounded too extreme for me to believe. A quick check on *Snopes.com* showed the censorship claim to be false. But we all know the related debates regarding religion and culture: school prayers, praying after touchdowns are scored, etc. The sender of the e-mail wanted to connect the feelings behind these issues as a call to action against perceived oppression of religious freedoms.

This line of thinking is becoming more and more popular on the right side of the political spectrum. It reminds me of a scene from the film "Charlie Wilson's War." A constituent, who is lobbying Congressman Wilson (Tom Hanks) to fight for religious displays on government property, asks who is insulted by the displays, besides liberal lawyers.

Ordinarily if there is a lawyer to be insulted, count me in. Few cling to their guns and Bibles more than my family. But, and I may be showing my Northeastern blue roots underneath my Western red hair dye,

the idea that God being removed from America by a conspiracy of nonbelievers or the government is completely and utterly false.

If God is being removed, it is because people do so individually through choice or complacency. No armed soldiers ever forced me out of (or into) a church. It was always my decision to attend or not. If conservatives want to tout individual liberty, then individual accountability must be touted as well.

The First Amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ." This protects religion as much as it protects government. The last thing I want is the government allowing prayer in school or the Ten Commandments in the lobby of the courthouses because allowing government and religion to mingle works both ways. For example, if the government lets prayer into public schools, the political right will see it as a victory — but not so fast. It's a short slide down the slippery slope before some politician wants a say in how (or maybe to whom) those prayers are said. I want that decision to remain where it belongs, with my family.

As Christians, we've been thrown to lions by those who shared none of our religious views we've been decapitated by those who shared most of our religious views, and we've been abused by those who shared all of our religious views. Our faith has survived. So I think we'll make it through my kids not saying a prayer before first recess.

My biggest concern today is why the Diamond Rio rumor, which according to *Snopes.com* began in 2006, is just getting to me now.



## A bad Christian movement

Alienating gays and creating an atmosphere of hate in Uganda

JASON BANKS  
Chief Copy Editor

"We have to move undercover," said Ugandan gay rights activist Stosh Mugisha.

In recent months, the Ugandan government has been pushing for the passage of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill of 2009, which seeks to condemn gay people to death.

This bill, as it turns out, was the result of cultural interference by three American Evangelical Christians last March: Scott Lively, Caleb Lee Brundidge and Don Schmierer.

All three claim they know how to cure gays and are on a mission to mobilize "the body of Christ to minister grace and truth to a world impacted by homosexuality," according to the *New York Times*.

I think they missed the mark as they have instead mobilized a body of fear that has unleashed anti-gay protests across Uganda as well as verbal and physical harassment against gays, not to mention a death bill.

Not surprisingly, the three Americans are now on a mission to distance themselves from the results of their

preaching, which consisted of anti-gay rhetoric delivered to thousands of Ugandans over the course of three days.

According to Stephen Langa, the Ugandan organizer who set up the event in the country's capital, the theme was "the gay agenda—that whole hidden and dark agenda."

The trio feels "duped," as they did not expect something so "horrible" to be a product of their teachings.

What did Lively, Brundidge and Schmierer think would result from their anti-gay preaching? Ugandans would hold hands under the rainbow and reach a civil consensus on the matter of homosexuality?

Upon entering another country, people need to realize that they are essentially entering another world.

It's common sense that every country contains a vastly different social environment, hence the reason why the human race is in a constant state of conflict. I'm sure the three Americans were aware of this as it proved to be their greatest asset.

Lively, Brundidge and Schmierer's knowledge on gayness is greatly ques-

tioned in the United States. So in order to achieve their "mission," they travel to places where their logic can become sound.

It's not that the countries they visit lack any reasoning which lends logic to their mission, Uganda was making progress on the issue of homosexuality before the Americans' visit, but rather the stature of these three individuals in the global spectrum: they are Evangelical Christian Americans.

In Uganda, Christian values and family are of high regard, so it's the perfect place for these Americans to wage their war to "save the family," as they see it.

Ugandans looked up to them because they came, shared the same values and made themselves out to be essentially like Ugandans themselves.

One month after the visit from the Christian Americans, a Ugandan politician, who boasts of having evangelical friends in the American government, introduced the Anti-Homosexuality Bill of 2009, according to the *New York Times*.

It is never right to abuse your influential status as a platform to launch

a crusade against a group of people society neglects to properly understand. Christians shouldn't let a few speak abroad on the behalf of all of them.

Lively, Brundidge and Schmierer say they are appalled at the bill, but Lively played a hand in drafting it.

Also, when you write multiple books condemning homosexuality and deliver countless anti-gay speeches saying things like, "Gay men sodomize teenage boys," and, "The gay movement is an evil institution," it's quite clear that you'll have no remorse for what becomes of your words, just satisfaction.

These three achieved their mission in Uganda, as they can now happily say that they lent a hand in ministering "grace and truth to a world impacted by homosexuality."

Perhaps they and people like them should take a real hard look at the fruits of their labor and explain to Mugisha why a man administered self-corrective rape on her in an attempt to make her straight.

Maybe I'm a bit perplexed, but I didn't realize that ministering "grace and truth" could be so horrible.

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# “Avatar” still captivates audiences in theaters across the nation

3-D or not, this film maintains aesthetic appeal through its cinematography and remains a box office hit

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For nearly the past month, “Avatar” has dominated the box office and has been the center of both scrutiny and marvel regarding its storyline and visual effects. Not to mention, it has brought director James Cameron back into the media spotlight.

But is it really worth the hype? Put simply, the answer is yes.

It took me four tries to see the movie at the AMC theater in Spokane, but the effort paid off in full.

Visually, “Avatar” is superior to just about any film that I’ve seen. Precision and detail are by far the biggest contributors to the film’s success. From the opening shot of Jake Sully (Sam Worthington) to the first look of the exotic features of Pandora, each shot has detail that reaches down to flies buzzing and plant seeds floating around.

The film takes viewers to Pandora in 2154. It’s a forested world, comparable to a rainforest, on which humans have arrived to drill for a certain mineral. While The Company is running the operation, military forces provide security for the base as well as for those interacting with the natives. The Na’vi, who are 9-10 feet tall with blue, striped skin, have been touchy about the mining and are becoming increasingly hostile over the operation. This leads The Company to bring in Dr. Grace Augustine (Sigourney Weaver) and



Neytiri (Zoe Saldana, right) teaches Jake (Sam Worthington) certain skills that he needs to know in order to survive Pandora.

that is most striking. Cameron obviously took great care when he plotted out each shot, detailed to the last leaf on a tree. While the world is visually stunning, it often left me wanting to say, “OK, now you’re showing off.” Various creatures are shown interacting with their environment, and are then explained for the audience. In many ways, the Na’vi are much like Native Americans, using the land to the fullest extent, but never exploiting it for their own gain. There’s a balance held with the land and its owners, until human activity disturbs it all.

Possibly the biggest hype surrounding the film is its use of 3-D technology. The gimmicks of random items being thrown at the audience for cheap thrills are gone. Instead, a rich and almost lifelike detail is favored. The visuals shown in “Avatar” are what future films should consider to be a standard in the film industry.

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her “avatars,” which are essentially remote-controlled, artificial Na’vi bodies. The project worked for a while, but now, being shut out, Augustine and her group are trying to find a way back in.

That way comes through the

form of Sully, a paraplegic ex-Marine, whose brother had trained for years to handle an avatar and recently died in a mugging. Since Jake Sully is his twin brother, he has the same genetic makeup and therefore qualifies as the only per-

son to control the avatar. Through the first part of the film, Sully is in a struggle between the military commander, Col. Miles Quaritch (Stephen Lang), and Dr. Augustine, who both are seeking his cooperation. After being nearly killed, Sul-

ly’s life is saved by a native, Neytiri (Zoe Saldana), who has little trust or liking toward the “Sky People.” Following a sign by the Na’vi God, however, her mother assigns her to teach him the ways of her people. This is the portion of the film

In all, “Avatar” is well worth the extra price to see. Although the plot may seem somewhat recycled and basic, the mythology of the world is enough to keep anyone interested.

## Music provides a busy and exciting life for one professor

Ploeger uses her musical knowledge to travel with SACC

BY TIA WEYRAUCH  
contributing writer

Balance—this single word refers to opposition of equal forces to harmony to synergy and more. In the case of Kristina Ploeger of the EWU music department, it refers to a balance of music education both inside and outside Eastern.

Inside Eastern, Ploeger holds three jobs she describes as “a classical hat, a jazz hat and an education hat.” As a director of music education, the two jazz choirs and concert choir, Ploeger said her favorite thing about teaching music is “rehearsing because that’s when you actually make something together.”

Outside Eastern, Ploeger has been artistic director of Spokane Area Children’s Chorus (SACC) for the past eight years. Every summer, one choir goes on a trip, and this year they are going to Costa Rica. Last year’s destination was the Coastal Sound International Choral Festival in Vancouver. For their opening concert, SACC sang a song in Czech called “Bartered Bride.”

Ploeger said that the Czech group attending “were so happy, and they kept coming up to our kids, and a lot of them couldn’t speak English, but it was like there was already a connection there be-

cause they felt like our kids tried to be friends with them.”

When it was the Czech group’s turn to sing, they performed “Bartered Bride,” too. Ploeger said they came out to the audience, got the children up and had them sing along.

Concerning upcoming events in the music department, Ploeger said, “Every quarter has the same trajectory with different little side trips.” Each group has at least one event to prepare and perform for.

Planning for the Concert Choir class is difficult since there are different experience levels. “The last thing I want to do on the first day of class is give them a diagnostic test because half of them would run out screaming,” Ploeger said.

Ploeger said that she does her best to try to give them a memorable experience. “They aren’t there because they love spelling chords; they aren’t there because it’s a requirement of their voice lessons.

They’re there because they want to enjoy. They want two hours a week that is different from the rest of their life. So, the hope is that we work really hard and that we make that enjoyable. And at the concert at the end of the quarter, we can perform something we’re proud of.”

Originating in Honolulu,

Ploeger moved to Marysville, Wash., where she attended junior high and high school. After graduation, she attended Edmonds Community College and received her Associate of Arts and Sciences. Later she attended Central Washington University and earned a bachelor’s degree in music education with endorsements in band, orchestra and choir.

Ploeger began teaching after graduation, taking jobs where she could, including one at Everett High School. While at Everett, Eastern’s choirs visited the school bringing with them the opportunity for Ploeger to teach jazz choir at Eastern in exchange for a master’s in choral conducting degree free of charge.

“I was always in music,” Ploeger said, adding that her mom was a music teacher and influenced her decision to choose music over dance. “If I do music, I can do that until I keel over.”

She worked at Eastern intermittently for 11 years, starting with graduate assistantship. For five years following her master’s completion, she was an adjunct, teaching much but being paid little. She returned to Eastern three years ago when her former duties became a full-time tenure track position.



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## Assessing WSU football’s chances at defeating EWU

While the game isn’t until 2012, people are already talking

BY BRANDON HANSEN  
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It was announced Friday, Jan. 8, that Eastern football would face off with Washington State University’s football team in the 2012 season. WSU will host the game that is scheduled for Sept. 8, according to WSU’s Web site.

It’s a sure bet that the Eagles will be on top of their game; however, things could be worse. I’ve come up with a list of underdogs more hopeless than the WSU Cougars.

Poland vs. Getmany; 1939 - The Polish had horses, the Germans had tanks.

A seagull vs. A black hole - The bright side on this is that perhaps the black hole is some sort of portal to

a seagull heaven where it’s just one big park populated with old people handing out bread crumbs.

MySpace vs. Facebook - I think most people know how this turned out.

Jimmy Carter vs. Ronald Reagan - After the Iranian hostage situation, even Jim Mora could have won the next election.

A 40-year-old man vs. Male pattern baldness - Ask Karl Malone. This is a hopeless fight.

VHS vs. DVD - Think of it this way, how many VHS tapes have you bought in the last five years?

Pedophile vs. Chris Hansen - On Dateline, Hansen lays down the law against chi-mos. WSU will be shoved to the ground and handcuffed in the very same way.

Dogs vs. Michael Vick - Oh wait, too soon?





Clancy Bundy



High school students from across Washington sit with anticipation, waiting for a chance to play their instruments. Megan Hopp/Easterner

# CELLObration comes back for its ninth year

This year's event will showcase approximately 60 cellists

BY JARED MUNSON  
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For EWU cellists, this event is for you. The ninth annual CELLObration will be held in the Music Building Jan. 16, at 9:30 a.m., culminating in a concert at 7:30 p.m.

"[CELLObration] is an annual cello festival that we have that celebrates the cello and cello ensemble," said John Marshall, professor of string and techniques. "We've had this since 2002, and this year we'll have around 60 cellos on stage."

Marshall states that this event is open for high school, college and adult amateur or professional cellists who want to perform together

and get to know each other and the cello better.

"It's the one day of the year cellists have to celebrate together. It's for all levels, all ages and is a great place to learn all about the cello," he said.

As the largest cello festival in the Western United States, cellists from Seattle to Montana trek to this festival in honor of the cello. In the past, cellists from Oregon have also worked their way to CELLObration. For the Inland Northwest, EWU's CELLObration is the first of its kind for cellos. And this year, there is a special treat.

Darrett Adkins will be a guest performer this year. Adkins originally grew up in Tacoma and now

teaches at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio and also some at Julliard," said Marshall.

Adkins will perform the first half of the concert, while the 60-odd cellists will perform the second half, Marshall said.

Although initially a success, Marshall wasn't quite sure that CELLObration would ever become as popular as it has.

"We started with 17 cellists altogether, and it has steadily grown every year," he said. "I never dreamed it could become this big."

CELLObration is free to all cellists, and the evening concert is free for all to attend. For more information, please contact Marshall at (509)-359-7078.

# Students come for a day of jazz

Four high school jazz bands visit EWU to pick up new techniques and listen to seasoned performers

BY MELISSA CARROLL  
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The day started bright and early for four high school jazz bands as they came onto the EWU campus for the first ever EWU Jazz Workshop.

The workshop was held Saturday, Jan. 9 and included Newport, Bothell, Mt. Spokane and Hanford high schools.

These high school jazz bands were invited to join EWU for a day of jazz and were chosen from many high schools because of their superior talent and their well-rounded music programs.

"These high schools were invited to provide as many opportunities for the students with the education of music," said Director of Jazz Activities and Trombone Rob Tapper.

After a long day of lessons and critiques from faculty who participated in the day's events, the schools got a chance to sit back and listen to a few performances by EWU students to hear what higher educated musicians sound like.

A trombone quartet featuring Holly Amend, Luke Manasco, Brian Muller and John Weisgerber began the performances with "Marche De Tannhauser," a piece written by Richard Wagner.

"This was a fun event to help

with and a good learning experience for the high school students. It's a fun day to get excited about music and performing for others," Amend said.

After a brief introduction, the quartet silenced the roar of applause filling the recital hall with a synchronized sound from the golden trombones resting on their shoulders. Tapper nodded his head to the beat of the harmony in the room and smiled in approval of a job well done by his music students. The high school students, silent in awe of the talent on stage, applauded feverously as each group of Tapper's students effortlessly played a piece to the intently listening ears in the audience.

"The workshop was a great example to these high school students to give them an idea of what college students sound like. It teaches them what more they can do with music, not just come to band practice and rehearse. It's a chance to express their love for music, music education and performing for people," said Manasco who plays in the trombone quartet.

After a brief rehearsal, each high school was given the chance to perform as their parents watched in the audience. Each band also had the privilege of performing with a guest star from a selection of various EWU faculty members. Both-

ell High School began the performances with "Miss Missouri" and Don Goodwin and Brian McCann as their guest stars.

"Instead of bringing in an outside guest star, we decided on using Eastern faculty. That way it's more of a learning experience for the students," Tapper said.

Mt. Spokane High School with guest star Michael Waldrop and Hanford High School with guest star Andy Plamondon also gave incredible performances as EWU students and faculty sat in awe of the level of ability on stage.

Newport High School finished the high school recitals with EWU saxophone instructor Todd DeGiudice as their guest star. The smooth sound overflowed into the hall and captured the ears of passerbys. It was easy to hear why these high schools were the top jazz bands.

"I thought today's workshop was a really fun experience. It was nice just to learn and be involved in music without the competition," said Ariel Pocock, a piano player from Newport High School who also gave an outstanding performance singing "Rocks in My Bed."

"This was not a competition, which made it more relaxed and gave the workshop a genuine reason for playing and being around good music," Tapper said.

# REID

From front page

"Everything smells like little kid hands," said Teacher's Assistant Sarah Murphy. Her office came with a view of the former school's jungle gym.

The office wing still resembles an elementary school; crude drawings of giraffes and bug-eyed purple cats grace the walls. Signs remind professors about the policy of politeness and the value of washing your hands. Each hall is lined with 3-foot lockers signed by students during the school's last days and thigh-high drinking fountains. "It's surreal. You feel like a giant," Schaffer said.

The professors have actually had more troubles with the adaptation to a business office setting than anything. "The tough part is we're in cubicles ... So while I'm talking to you, there are three people who can hear this conversation," Schaffer said.

The faculty at Reid are "refugees" of the Patterson renovation. Teachers were given notice last winter quarter that they would be moving to either Reid or Hargreaves during the first phase of Patterson's remodel. Since then, crews have been busy preparing Hargreaves basement with offices and conference rooms and bringing the former elementary school, which was shutdown last March for economic reasons, back to life.

Building Maintenance Technician Matt Jones said that the refurbishing of Reid began in August as they

started bringing plumbing, heating and electrical systems back online. In late October, they installed a new heating system and began hauling in cubicle partitions in November.

The upkeep of the school is still a work in progress, as the miniature urinals in one of the boys' bathrooms flooded the halls last week. "Anytime you move 108 people to a new space there are adjustments—little hurdles you have jump one at a time," Jones said. Currently, all bathrooms are closed while the sewer lines are being replaced.

The group in charge of the move included the Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Dr. Lynn Briggs, and an army of administrative assistants.

"A lot of the burden of this move has not fallen on the faculty. It's the administrative assistants," said Public History Program Coordinator (and Reid refugee) Larry Cebula.

The administrative assistants played liaison between work crews and the faculty by tracking the progress of the heating installation, coordinating with custodians, scheduling times for computer technicians to connect Reid to Eastern's server, overseeing movers as they hauled a cavalcade of boxes containing faculty books, papers and lesson plans during the winter break. As of Jan. 8, there was still a 5-foot stack of moving boxes in the school's entry hall labeled "Simson."

Still, some professors do have ideas for how to make "Camp Reid" better. "There is a basketball court down the hallway just piled up full of stuff. If we can be the only department [history] with our own basketball court—which we would gladly share with English because we would whoop them—that'd be a lot of fun. It'd be a nice consolation prize," Cebula said.



URC staff waits to answer questions about fitness to make life a little easier for college students. Lyz Pynsky/Easterner

# Ask a personal trainer

URC gives students a chance to ask fitness-related questions. Want to ask a question?

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Chris Hawley, graduate assistant director for the fitness center, gives tips for starting fresh and getting fit and healthy in the new year.

Q: What's the first thing I can do to start a good workout plan that I can stick to?

A: To start out a new workout plan, you need to make a schedule to hold yourself accountable for working out. This is also a great way to start an adequate fitness routine. Getting into a routine makes it easy to keep to your New Year's resolution.

For a starting point to a new routine, a weekly workout should consist of three days a week of aerobic activity for 30 to 45 minutes. The aerobic activity can be a fast walk or jogging, just to work up a good sweat. Two days of basic strength training should also be incorporated with the aerobic activity, with the major muscle groups as the focus with two to three sets of 10 reps. day.

Q: How should I start dieting to lose weight for my New Year's resolution.

A: Eating right is the other part to living a healthy life in the New Year. Portion control for meals is the main thing for starting a weight loss program.

Colorful meals are also a good way to start a healthy diet. This means lots of colors on your plate with a variety of fruits and vegetables. Protein is important, especially paired with a routine workout program. The leaner the meat, the better. Have fish a couple days a week to attain the essential fatty acids that your body needs.

Water is the main component for a healthy life and for getting fit. Be mindful of water intake with an average amount of eight servings of 12-16 ounces of water per day. Flavored water, such as Propel, is a good substitute for water and adds variety, while still contributing to the average water intake. Drinking tea is another substitute that offers the amount of water per day that a person needs to stay healthy.

The new USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) approved food pyramid can be found at [www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov) with a personal food tracker to help stay on course with a healthy diet.



# Fear Factor promises to be a nasty event

The annual contest arrives once more with new challenges

BY CHATOYA WARREN  
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Students know that Eastern's adapted Fear Factor is as nasty and gut wrenching as the TV show series. Nonetheless, brave students will compete Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., against each other and their fears.

Each person gets a chance to take part in an unpredictable experience that is separated into rounds. As it goes, someone will lose, and then it will go on to the next round leading to a winner.

Signing up for the event is easy, just go into the PUB's Eagle Entertainment office. Actually doing the event is the scary part.

When students were asked if they were going to be

participating in the event, most said that they would try out, while others shook their heads in fear.

This is not the first time Fear Factor has been held at EWU. When asked what the last year's event was like, most students said, "It wasn't scary, it was more like a nasty event ... because you ate things you never thought you'd eat before."

Last year's winners were David McElroy and Suzanna Kang.

Waiting with anticipation on what this year's Fear Factor event will be like, a lot of students are expecting the unexpected.

EWU student Corey Franklin said, "I won't do it, but I went last year. It was nasty."





Krystal Deyo

# Brains and brawn all in one package



Name: Glen Dean  
Position: Guard  
Class: Freshman  
GPA: 3.85  
"He has shown great leadership qualities, for a freshman, along with physical strength and toughness beyond his years."  
-Coach Kirk Earlywine



Name: Julie Piper  
Position: Forward  
Class: Junior  
GPA: 3.66  
"We expect an excellent year out of her. She is going to be an impact player for us."  
-Coach Wendy Schuller

BY DUSTIN TOMS  
senior reporter

What were you thinking when you heard you were scholar athlete of the month?

I was really excited and proud. The past quarter I worked really hard every night when we had mandatory study hall. I tried to stay on top of all my school and get it done, and not just done, finished well.

Is it tough being involved in both school and sports?

You just need to be really good at time management. Once you get that down and know your schedule, things get a little easier. Structure helps a lot, too.

Do you spend more time with school or sports?

Definitely school.  
What classes are you taking?  
African-American studies with Professor Finnie and American history 110.

What is your major? Why?

I haven't decided yet. I'm up in the air with something with business and civil engineering.

How does traveling affect your classes?

Luckily, my academic adviser put me in classes where, if I miss some days, it won't affect my grade too drastically, as long as I stay in touch with the teacher and turn things in early.

What is your typical daily schedule like?

Breakfast, class, lunch, practice, dinner, study hall, more homework, sleep and then all over again.

Left: Dean impresses with his ball-handling skills, driving swiftly to the hoop.

Right: Piper goes up for a shot to score against the competition.

Photos courtesy of goeags.com

How do you deal with the stresses of living life both on and off the court?

Keeping my faith in God. Praying to him that he gives me answers and gives me ways to figure things out. My family, being supportive telling me that I can get things achieved. They help take off a lot of the stress that I get from school and basketball.

What is expected of you on and off the field?

To do well in the classroom and always bring it to the court—just to be the best I can be.

Do you have much time just to have fun and experience the college life?

I balance it out pretty well. If I get some free time, I go to the movies and hang out with some friends. I've got some funny teammates that keep me sane: Laron Griffin, Abebe Demissie, Jeffrey Forbes and Benny Valentine. Those guys keep my social life active.

What were you thinking when you heard you were scholar athlete of the month?

I was really surprised. No one told me. Miles [Kydd], the volleyball coach, told me in passing and I was like, "What?"

Is it tough being involved in both school and sports?

You just have to organize your time well, and a lot of times it is saying no to social things that you and your friends want to do. Maintaining your grades is important, but each year you get better at it, even though each year classes get tougher.

Do you spend more time with school or sports?

Definitely sports. [I'm] not sure if it's the way it should be, but the majority of my time and thoughts are directed toward basketball.

What classes are you taking?

Two special education classes for my minor and then a class called "stress and coping" for my leadership minor, [and] also a physical education class.

What is your major? Why?

Elementary education. I love kids and being a teacher runs in my family. I love it and am really excited to have it as a profession one day.

How does traveling affect your classes?

Usually, we get a letter to give to teachers that says when we're going to be gone. Teachers let us turn work in early and late as long as we are in constant communication with them. We also do a lot of homework on the road. Coaches give us time.

What is your typical daily schedule like?

Wake up and spend time reading, always need coffee, go to class, and if I have time in between, I go shoot around on the court, finish class, go to practice, go to weights, go home, eat, hang out with friends, spend time with my boyfriend and then start over the next day.

How do you deal with the stresses of living life both on and off the court?

My faith is the biggest thing. I know whether I'm successful on the court and off the court is not where my worth is at. I know I'm not always going to be successful in everything I do, so knowing that God loves me no matter what is what keeps me pursuing that success.

What is expected of you on and off the field?

This year, I'm in more of a leadership role being a team captain. Leading by example by working hard and doing things right on and off the court. Keeping grades up, hard work, determination and to get as far as we can in the Big Sky.

Do you have much time just to have fun and experience the college life?

It depends on the part of the year. There are times where we have more free time, and when we have it I love playing the guitar, hanging out with friends, watching movies. I'm really into the outdoors, anything like camping, hiking and hunting with my dad. I love music. It is a huge part of my life. I'm also a leader for Fellowship Christian Athletes on campus.



## Eagles to play Cougars in football

Game in 2012 will be the first varsity meeting between the two schools in more than 100 years



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The Eastern Washington University versus Washington State University football rivalry is separated less by miles than by years.

The Eagles are scheduled to make the short 90-mile trek to Pullman, Wash., on Sept. 8, 2012, to face Washington State University in the first varsity meeting between the two schools in more than 100 years. Eastern lost to the Cougars in 1907 (46-0) and 1908 (73-0), and were 8-10-1 from 1921-46 against WSU's junior varsity or freshman teams.

Washington State is coached by Paul Wulff, who was 53-40 with three NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff berths as Eastern's head coach for eight seasons (2000-2007). He spent a total of 15 seasons at EWU as a coach, and several members of his staff are former Eagle coaches.

"We cannot thank (WSU director of athletics) Jim Sterk, (senior associate director of athletics) John Johnson, coach Wulff and (coordinator of football operations) Shawn Deeds for making this possible," said Eastern athletic director Bill Chaves. "It has been over 100 years since these two schools have played football against each other and I know that our fan base and college community will look forward to this opportunity."

Eastern has never played Washington, but that will change on Sept. 3, 2011, when the Eagles play the Huskies in Seattle. That game was announced on Oct. 6, 2009.

Chaves also said the Eagles are scheduled to play at Idaho -- also located about 90 miles from EWU's

campus -- in Moscow, Idaho, on Sept. 1, 2012.

Eastern's 2010 schedule currently consists of nine games, and EWU has contracts to play at FBS foe Oregon State on Sept. 4 and host NCAA Division II Central Washington on Sept. 11. However, Chaves said there are ongoing conversations about moving the Oregon State game to a future year and replacing it with another FBS opponent. Oregon State has an opportunity to possibly play Texas Christian that same day at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

Chaves said the Central game is slated to be played in Cheney, Wash., at Woodward Field, but with a couple of caveats. First, the NCAA has to approve a change to the starting date for NCAA Division II teams to play. Second, Eastern is considering playing the game at Qwest Field in Seattle, but that is not close to finalization, he said.

Eastern was a member of the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) for most of its history before becoming a member of FCS in 1984. But despite playing 25 games against NCAA Football Bowl Division members since 1983 -- including four against the Pacific 10 Conference -- the Eagles have not played Washington State or Washington during that time span.

The last time Eastern played Idaho was in 2003 when Eastern won 8-5 in the Kibbie Dome. Eastern is 5-15 all-time against its former Big Sky Conference rival, and 2-3 since the Vandals moved to FBS in 1996.



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