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NEWS

## Hockey team moves to nationals

Weekend wins spark ACHA playoff run, games will be broadcast live on the team's Web site

BY TOM LINHANE  
staff writer

The EWU Eagles earned a spot in the American College Hockey Association (ACHA) Division 2 National Tournament after beating Texas A&M, 4-1, Friday and thrashing San Diego University, 10-5, Saturday at the West Regional Tournament.

The regional tournament took place in Greeley, Colo., at the Greedy Ice Haus. Other Division 2 teams present were University of Northern Colorado, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Utah State University and Denver University.

EWU and San Jose State will join fellow Division 2 West top-seeded teams

University of Colorado at Boulder and Colorado State in the national tournament. The first games for nationals take place against Simon Fraser College March 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the university rec center.

Officials will also broadcast the game live on the Internet; fans can access the Web site through a link on [www.ewuhockey.com](http://www.ewuhockey.com).

"Last year, we came to regionals ex-

**"They had their struggles a bit earlier in the season, but it's great to see them come back and start putting the puck into the net."**

-Head Coach Gary Braun

pecting to [be] handed a national bid and ended up losing," said right wing Thomas Fleane. "This year, we knew nothing would be handed to us, and we would have to work every step of the way to get back to the national tournament."

The Eagles kicked off the tournament with a convincing win against Texas A&M, outscoring the Aggies 4-1. Ryan Pajimola netted two goals while

Steven Phillips and Kris Boyce each got their name in the goal column. Goalender Brent Seidel had an impressive save percentage for the game, blocking all but one of A&M's shots.

"I thought we played really well in the first game. We fell back on our heels a little bit in the third period but kept on and got a win," Head Coach Gary Braun said.

Regionals action continued the next day when EWU faced San Diego University. Phillips scored four goals, and Captain Mike Truett achieved a hat-trick.

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## Year-long hiring freeze imposed by governor

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

Universities throughout Washington state have grown concerned with a state-imposed hiring freeze.

Effective March 17, EWU and other state-funded institutions will be unable to hire anyone into open positions.

"That means if someone leaves a position, they probably wouldn't be able to fill it," said Dave Meany, media and campaign communications specialist. "There are a few exceptions, however."

Positions exempt from the hiring freeze are those receiving federal funding and those that are necessary to increase state revenue as well as positions for public safety officials.

The freeze will last until June 2011 and has been implemented to combat the current budget struggles.

"There have been freezes like this in the past," said Meany. "But this one seems to be the most stringent because not only does it implement the hiring freeze, but it looks like if someone leaves, we can't even replace them."

With prior hiring holds, EWU received funding in order to hire for positions that were left unoccupied. The goal of this freeze is to minimize layoffs going into the next school year.

"If the budget continues to be an issue, we are going to have larger class sizes. We already have fewer faculty, so that could be increased with more budget cuts," Meany said.

The biggest potential downfall of this hold is the possibility of losing staff and being unable to find someone new to fill the position. If three people from one office left, the university would be unable to hire for those positions, Meany said.

"One exemption though is positions related to academic programs," said Meany. "So if we lose a good faculty member, I suppose we could replace them."

The budgetary issues facing EWU over the next year rely heavily on the decisions unfolding in the State Legislature during the next couple of weeks.

"We shouldn't have to cut financial aid, but nothing is set in stone yet," Meany said.

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## COOLING OFF THE COURT

Last summer's ice rink was turned into a large basketball court but didn't live up to revenue expectations, prompting a change

BY DUSTIN TOWS  
senior reporter

Those long, grueling, hot summers that Eastern Washington has will be getting a lot cooler.

Jamie Gwinn, rec center manager, proposed last November to keep the ice rink for the summer instead of installing the basketball courts. Her proposal was approved Monday. Gwinn believes having a nice, cool atmosphere as an option for recreation will be huge for the rec center.

"It can get pretty hot here during the summers, getting to 100 plus without blinking an eye," he said. "Having [the ice] for the people that want to get out of the heat will be a great opportunity."

The ice will replace the basketball courts that were installed last summer but didn't generate much revenue. Keeping the ice for the summer will give EWU a chance to compare the financial benefits of both options, ultimately deciding which is better for revenue during summer months.

"After spring term is over, the number of students on campus [decreases]," said David Early, director of recreation facilities. "The ice sheet has more attraction to the community. It's a nice, cold place to go on a hot day. It's something different to do."

Two councils, the URC Advisory Committee and the URC Governance Board, made the final decision to put the ice in the week after graduation. Gwinn is happy with the result, but is a little disappointed with the timing.

**"The ice sheet has more attraction to the community. It's a nice, cold place to go on a hot day. It's something different to do."**

- David Early  
director of Recreation Facilities

"In a perfect world, [the ice] would be a neat aspect to have during commencement," said Gwinn. "Thousands of people come onto campus only once, just for commencement."

From a revenue standpoint, the potential to bolster income is high. The rink staying open all summer provides an opportunity for EWU to host hockey camps for young players as well as let figure skaters purchase practice time.

EWU will be one of two ice rinks open during summer months in the surrounding area. The Riverfront Park ice rink closes along with one of the two other rinks in Spokane. There is no rink in Coeur d'Alene or Post Falls, Idaho.

"During the summer time, we have a lot of tours and Eagle previews. The ice rink is just a fascinating amenity. It's not very common around this

area, so it's nice for people just to come check it out and see what is all about," Gwinn said.

Another possible source of revenue and attention might come from the Spokane Chiefs hockey team. This past year, they came out to EWU's ice rink to practice a few times, and it's not all they want to do.

"They're entertaining the notion of holding their exhibition game out here," Gwinn said.

Gwinn has talked to students, faculty and outside users not affiliated with EWU, and everyone he has spoken with has a positive stance regarding the idea. Without their approval, Gwinn would have likely stopped pushing the proposal, he said.

"The students are who I serve first. I want to give them what they want," said Gwinn. "If the students didn't want the ice, I wouldn't have pushed it."

EWU students who will not be enrolled in summer courses will still be able to use all the rec center's facilities if they pay the one-time fee of \$45, which will last the entire summer; it is regularly \$60 a quarter.

The ice should give students, faculty and the community a perfect way to cool down this summer.

"If nothing else, I think [the ice] will give us a different perspective. Ice and basketball courts are two very different cultures," Gwinn said.

"I think [the summer rink] is a good thing to do. It's good for the community," Early said.

## Donor helps fund college scholarships, fellowships

Anonymous alum's  
financial support helps  
out 11 departmentsBY ALUE FRIESE  
staff writer

EWU's College of Science, Health and Engineering received a generous donation of more than \$300,000 from an alum who wishes to remain anonymous.

Donations will be used to raise the endowment level of five scholarship and fellowships up to \$100,000 each. The awards are in the areas of biotechnology, nursing, medical technology and chemistry.

The difference between a fellowship and a scholarship is that a fellowship is for graduate students, while a scholarship is given to undergraduates.

"The gift will go on in perpetuity," said Michael Westfall, vice president for advancement at EWU. He said that with the endowments raised so high, the university will be able to "spend the earnings forever."

Westfall explained how endowments work: If a particular endowment is raised to \$100,000, and the university gains 5 percent of that each year, \$5,000 of gain per year. This revenue then ensures that annual scholarships are available for students. That is particularly significant in present economic trouble.

The College of Science, Health and Engineering is made up of 11 departments and is home to one third of EWU's student body. According to Eastern's Web site, the enrollment continues to rise. "We do not see that decreasing any time soon," according to Dr. Judd A. Case, dean of the College of Science, Health and Engineering.

"The academic programs in our college are in very high demand, especially the health sciences and their supporting programs, which is an exciting challenge that we approach very seriously," wrote Dr.

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## Blackboard sees frequent problems

BY DUSTIN TOWS  
senior reporter

Students and faculty across campus have banded together to despise a common enemy: Blackboard.

Blackboard has become more of a nuisance to students rather than the helpful tool it is meant to be. For Eastern student Amy Meyer, it is frustrating when she can't post on the discussion boards. Many students have had problems with logging into the system as well as loading each page.

"I've seen issues with regard to being able to consistently access the site and have received comments from students being consistently kicked off of it," said professor Ryan Sain. "[Blackboard] is generally positive with the fact that things are available for the student, but the negatives are on the system itself, if it is even working properly."

With the site's slow load times and problematic functionality, students and faculty members can't benefit from the access to the tools Blackboard offers. Some of those tools include course syllabuses, grades and announcements from professors.

Information Technology Systems Specialists Dave Dean and Grant Ramsay believe a simple solution to the problem is to change the browser being used. Firefox and Internet Explorer will work with Blackboard.

"If browser A doesn't work but browser B works just fine, then switch to browser B," Dean said.

"Ninety-nine percent of Blackboard

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James Eik

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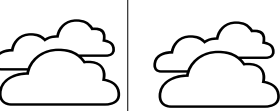
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your weekly guide to ending  
power-based personal violence

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

Whenever you notice a "red dot" situation, and decide to help the potential victim (i.e. "do a green dot"), there are three options available. Dr Edwards calls them the 3 D's: direct, distract, or delegate. You can direct, distract or delegate with either the potential victim or the person doing the red dot. Here is how the 3 D's could look in a hypothetical example of acquaintance rape.

Imagine you are at the Basement, and you notice a young woman who is very drunk, hardly able to walk, and a man she barely knows offers to take her home. You identify that this is a potential red dot situation. Here how

the 3 D's could be worked with the man, by you saying:

"Let her friends to give her a ride; it's going to look bad if you take her home." (Direct)

"Hey, I was hoping I could find you, it's time to go to Zips." (Distract)

To his friends: "Your friend is about to take someone home who is too drunk. You should do something." (Delegate)

Here's how you could apply the 3 D's with the woman, by saying:

"You're very drunk; where are the friends you came with? Come with me, while I find them so they can get you home safely." (Direct)

"Your friends have been looking for you. Let's go find them." (Distract)

To your friends: "See that girl? She doesn't know that guy. Stay with her while I find her friends and get them to take her home, before something bad happens." (Delegate)

In each of these examples, the observer, you, did a green dot by figuring out a way to interrupt the sequence that is necessary for acquaintance rape to happen. So when you are in a similar situation, just remember the three D's: direct, distract, and delegate. You may just prevent a red dot from happening. For more ideas, please contact the advocate at 359.6429.

POLICE  
BEAT

Feb. 22 - Feb. 26

BY JAMES EIK  
editor-in-chief

**2/22 9:14 a.m.** - A student left a backpack unsecured in one of the rec center lockers. Upon return, the student discovered that the backpack was missing.

**2/22 3:24 p.m.** - EWU Police responded to a report of graffiti outside Senior Hall. The writing was aimed at the U.S. Army and coincided with an Army demonstration day on campus.

**2/22 4:37 p.m.** - The report of a vehicle in the parking lot next to Morrison and Streeter halls was called in to EWU Police. The actual report came in since Feb. 22, but the car had been parked since Feb. 18. A blue Hyundai had received a large dent to its rear bumper and a broken taillight. The collision left white paint on the Hyundai. There is no information about the suspects available at this time.

**2/23 12:36 p.m.** - In the rec center, a custodian reported the theft of 24 rolls of toilet paper from the first floor of the building. The theft took place in the men and women's staff locker rooms,

according to police reports.

**2/23 6:50 p.m.** - A textbook was stolen from a Pearce Hall room. Three males were arrested in relation to the crime. According to police reports, the males were apprehended trying to sell it to the bookstore. The victim of the crime was able to identify the suspects, and police made the arrests. The suspects are being held in the Spokane County Jail.

**2/24 2:53 p.m.** - An eviction notice was served to a tenant in the Townhouses.

**2/25 5:16 p.m.** - An EWU police officer performed a traffic stop on Washington Street. The driver, a student who wasn't wearing her seat belt, was driving with a suspended license. She was arrested, cited and then released.

**2/26 1:57 p.m.** - A commercial delivery truck collided with a fire hydrant in the Washington State Crime Lab's parking lot. There were no injuries, according to police reports.

BLACKBOARD

from front page

problems with faculty is browser compatibility," Ramsay added.

Other problems could be the Internet provider. Providers Century Tel, Comcast, Qwest and the campus's network all work well with the system.

Dean, Ramsay and eLearning Systems Administrator Jeff Healy highly encourage students to report any problems they experience when using Blackboard. Without knowing what the problems are, they cannot be fixed. Contacting TechEZE, which is located on the bottom floor of the JFK Library, is one way to go about solving Blackboard problems.

"Calls come in about various things, but it generally does boil down to a browser or Java thing," Healy said.

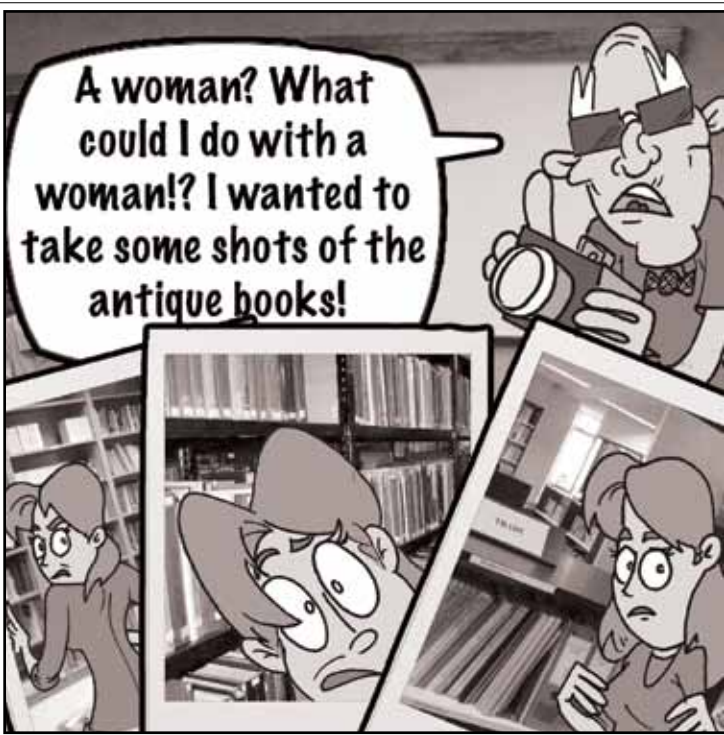
The system currently in place is Blackboard 8, but the newest available is Blackboard 9. The next generation of Blackboard has more options available to users and is a Web 2.0 based software.

"[Blackboard 8] is just out-of-date technology. We need an upgrade," Sain said.

The current plan is to upgrade from version eight to nine for the 2010-11 school year. Dean believes it would be too much of a hassle to implement Blackboard 9 in the middle of the year. Although it was released for use this year, EWU is waiting to make the transition until all of the bugs from the release have been resolved to allow for a less stressful environment.

For students with smart phones, such as iPhones and Blackberries, there is a new Blackboard application. It has a simple layout with quick and easy buttons to check grades and any important information missed in class.

Blackboard may have its problems and slow loading time, but the resources are available to fix these problems. If students need help with Blackboard, contact TechEZE at (509) 359-6411.



Comic by Clancy Bundy

**2/23 12:17 p.m.** - A JFK Library student employee called in a report about a suspicious individual in the building. The student reported that an older man was taking photos of her and that he fled when she noticed him. It was later revealed that the man was taking photos of other things in the library, not the student.

Accuracy check

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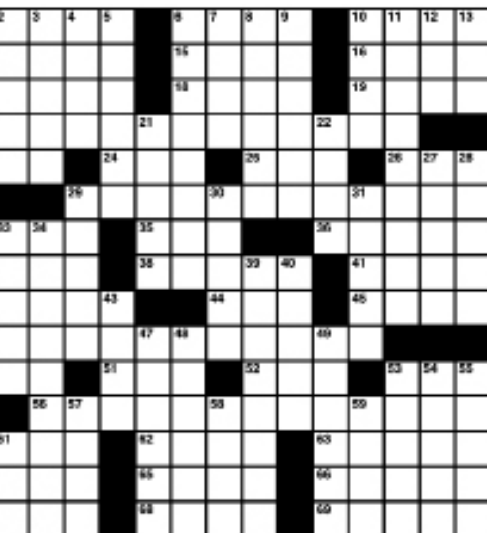
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news

# Students search for a career path at fair

Local universities partner with companies to provide an opportunity to meet potential employers at the Spokane Convention Center

BY TOM LINNANE  
staff writer

As the recent college graduates face a stale job market with scarce opportunities, Inland Northwest colleges are coming together with employers for a career fair at the Spokane Convention Center.

Colleges such as EWU, Gonzaga, WSU and Whitworth partnered with various companies for the 16th annual Partnership in Employment Career Fair Feb. 24, providing students with the chance to meet employers and seek postgraduation opportunities.

Companies like Abercrombie & Fitch, Farmers Insurance, Lockheed Martin, Pepsi and Spokane Teachers Credit Union were present and ready to assist students with all employment questions and concerns. Around 73 companies, including the aforementioned businesses, were in attendance.

"I think this offers students the opportunity to look at different companies and corporations to figure out what they want to do with their career path," said Dr. Alfred Thompson. "To have this many companies in one location looking for employees is important, especially in this economy."

According to the career fair Web site, employers will have the "opportunity to meet with students and alumni from a broad spectrum of disciplines."

Companies at the fair are looking for interns and full-time, co-op and part-time employees to hire for the summer 2010, giving students an opportunity to make an early impression. The career fair Web site also gave tips for meeting employers, including "preparing good questions" and dressing in "business attire."

"It's amazing how some people present themselves," said Jeremy Colt of Fast Enterprises. "Whether you're here looking for a job or not, it should be treated like an interview. You should dress the part, act the part and come prepared."

Most students attending the career fair were college seniors and graduates from all colleges around the area. Dylan Pouliot, a Broadcasting major and senior from Gonzaga University, was there to gain a better perspective of the job market he'll enter soon.

"I'm trying to get started a little bit on the job search, and I figured a career fair being put on by the local schools and different companies that are around here would be a good place to start," Pouliot said.

Students and potential employees entering the career fair were met by EWU Career Services for check-in. After being given a name tag and a packet of information, students were free to roam Ballroom A of the Spokane Convention Center and look for the career path that seemed right for them.

Olga Sigitova is a program aide for the Career Services office at EWU and has been working there for about year. Sigitova describes the event as a great opportunity for students to meet employers and get their names out there.

"It's been going pretty well. We've got a lot of students but also a lot of community members not from any schools coming out to this event," said Sigitova. "Even if they aren't looking for a job, it's a great opportunity to talk to employers and practice talking to employers."

More information can be found online at [www.partnershipfair.com](http://www.partnershipfair.com)



Students talk to potential employers at annual career fair at the Spokane Community Center.

Tom Linnane/Easterner




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## Walk-a-thon will help those devastated by Haitian earthquake

Student group fundraises on campus to collect proceeds that will help alleviate the earthquake's destruction

BY MELISSA CARROLL  
staff writer

Eastern students will participate in a campus-wide walk-a-thon benefiting the devastated people of Haiti on Saturday, March 6.

The walk-a-thon will start in the Campus Mall at 3 p.m., and continue until 6 p.m. Following the walk, a benefit concert will feature KDUB, Jonah Shallies, a Gonzaga student, and a swing band, among others. The concert will be held in the PUB MP at 6:30 p.m.

Nichole Smith, an EWU social work major, proposed the idea of a walk-a-thon. Smith was inspired to help those in need after reading an article about a 7-year-old boy in England who raised \$200,000 for Haiti by riding his bike.

After having a discussion with her social work organization president about how to achieve a similar goal, Smith decided that a walk-a-thon was best suited for Eastern's

**"I really believe that if just a few people are passionate about what you as an individual can do, then that's all that matters."**

-Nichole Smith,  
EWU student  
speaker

campus.

"I really believed that even though these were big ideas, they were possible," Smith said.

Smith has received a lot of support from EWU and the surrounding community. The undergraduate bachelor program of social work organization and the social work program of EWU are both sponsoring the event.

Smith received a \$100 credit from Copy Junction to make posters and fliers to advertise the walk-a-thon, and graphic design majors will be designing the posters, flyers and T-shirts.

Other EWU students from the social work program, and Whitworth students who will be attending the event are also helping Smith accomplish her goal. She is also receiving support from local church ministries such as Tuesday Night Revive.

"We came together as an organization and joined with others who were passionate about this, and we are so excited to see what happens," Smith said.

To support this cause, students will need to collect donations to attend the walk, or they can purchase a T-shirt for \$20. Donations during the event are also welcome. For further information about the walk-a-thon, contact Smith at [nichole.smith@eagles.ewu.edu](mailto:nichole.smith@eagles.ewu.edu).

"I knew in my spirit that this was possible. I just had to believe it," said Smith. "I really believe that if just a few people are passionate about what you as an individual can do, then that's all that matters."

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## New OSL position creates leadership

Proposed initiative will help students build skills for jobs on and off campus

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY  
staff writer

The Office of Student Life is planning to develop a new leadership coordinator position to head an initiative designed to expand training offered at EWU.

"We see a need to add a leadership component for a number of students around the campus to allow students to build their skills in these areas so that they can use them for actual work here as student leaders as well as beyond the campus," Dean of Students Al Thompson said.

The search for a new leadership coordinator to be filled by fall 2010 begins when funding for the position is secured.

Thompson and other members of the Office of Student Life have proposed funding for the leadership coordinator position with the ASEWU council.

The leadership coordinator is responsible for developing a new leadership institute under the Office of Student Life, which is in charge of broadening the scope of leadership programs and activities at the university.

"The coordinator will really try to bring everything that is happening on campus, all the fragments, and bring them into one place where students can go to gather all of what they need to know about leadership," interim director for the Office of Student Activities Josh Ashcroft said.

Advancement of a leadership institute at Eastern would give name recognition to the university and the region, and link campus leaders to government and community leaders, as well as civic and social organizations, Thompson said.

Other universities in the state already have leadership centers similar to the institute proposed at Eastern.

ASEWU requested funding to create the leadership coordinator position as part of a program budget from the Student Service and Activity Fee.

If the ASEWU funding is denied, the Office of Student Life will continue to request funding from private or foundation re-

**"The kind of leadership skills and communication skills that you have will separate you from others when you go to the job market."**

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sources. Leadership skills training is important at the university because many corporations and companies make hiring decisions based on applicants' leadership training and experience, Thompson said.

"The kind of leadership skills and communication skills that you have will separate you from others when you go to the job market," Ashcroft said.

The university's leadership initiative proposal will expand leadership workshops, seminars, events and other programs offered by the Office of Student Life.

The leadership initiative at the university will also help enhance the leadership certificate by adding academic and experiential learning opportunities for students.

More internships will also be available under the plans to broaden leadership training at Eastern.

"We could really provide some opportunities outside of the class to complement what students are learning," Ashcroft said.

The Office of Student Life is currently holding monthly seminars. A seminar addressing leadership skills related to parenting and families is planned for April.

In May, a seminar will cover leadership strategies for supervising and coaching other workers.

"A key component that I would like to see covered is education around social justice issues to help students understand what it means to live in a global world because they are going to be working in a global world," Ashcroft said.

## 'We Need You' campaign funds scholarships

University Advancement seeks donations from alumni to combat budget crisis

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

With students battling increased tuition, the EWU "We Need You" campaign was started to raise money for scholarships and make them more widely available to students.

"With the proposed and potential budget cuts at the state level, we realize our students are especially vulnerable," Michael Westfall, EWU foundation executive director and vice president for university advancement, said.

More than half of Eastern students are first-generation students whose greatest barriers are the cost of college and the lack of available financial aid.

"We want to do everything we can to ring the bell and get alumni and friends of the university to step up and help our students," West-

fall said.

Last year, a campaign similar to this one generated more than \$100,000 in scholarship money for EWU students.

"We ended up getting my staff together and having a brainstorming session to talk about what we could do, how could we get the word out, and what resources did we have available to us that could spread the message and seek the support," Westfall said.

Eric Galey, multimedia specialist, worked with Westfall to create a video encouraging people to make a gift to Eastern students. The video can be found at [www.ewu.edu/weneedyou](http://www.ewu.edu/weneedyou).

In addition to the video, a mass mailing list has been made, as well as an informative Web site.

Students can apply for awards given by the campaign through the financial aid and scholarship office.

"Last week, we sent out the appeal to about 25,000 alumni that we have e-mail addresses for," said Westfall. "The direct mail piece will be going out next week."

Gifts typically range from \$50 to \$200 and have been coming in since "We Need You" began. The campaign is also using social networks to spread the word.

Students will receive their awards for the 2010-11 school year sometime after spring quarter when the application process begins.

"We really view our biggest challenge to be increasing awareness of the financial plight of our students," said Westfall. "Our hope is that, in doing so, people will step up and give to the best of their ability."

The donations from people close to Eastern were described by Westfall as gratifying: "One of the main reasons I love my job."

## Computer science department celebrates ongoing anniversary

After 25 years of service to Eastern students, the department hosts a series of events

BY ALLIE FRIESE  
staff writer

This year marks EWU's computer science department's 25th anniversary, an event being celebrated throughout the school year.

The computer science department was at the forefront of the computer revolution, and they continue to grow with it. The department was unofficially formed in 1969, but it wasn't formally recognized until 1984, the year of the Apple Macintosh's introduction. From then on, the department was authorized to award both Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in computer science.

"In our history, there have been times where Eastern computer science students and faculty have outraced, by several steps, the blistering pace of rapid progress in the field," Silver Anniversary Coordinator Steve Simmons said.

On Feb. 18, a reception was held in the Computer Science Building for the Professional Advisory Board. The 17-member board helps plan for the future of Eastern's computer science department, one that will undoubtedly continue to grow at a rapid pace.

According to Simmons, the group includes members from large companies like Itron, medium-sized companies like NextIT, and smaller companies like Maplewood Software.

The board gives advice on planning computer science courses and programs, performing research and projects in the department, providing jobs and internships for students, planning field trips and performing tours, and coordinating visiting speakers, along with preparing many other projects concerning the department.

The reception included a new exhibit in the lobby of the Computer Science Building, which presented the current stage of computer science. The Chair of the department, Dr. Paul Schimpf, discussed enrollment trends and a new initiative to permit each major in computer science areas to complete a full year of project studies in software and systems.

The initiative will be an introductory, one-quarter, basic course. After completion of the first quarter, students will complete a two-quarter sequence in which teams will complete a serious project for a real world client.

This new sequence will prepare computer science students for professional work in the industry, Simmons said.

This spring, a series of eight speakers will be lecturing on the impact of this field of study. The speakers will include several EWU alumni who have started both small and large companies, as well as an internationally known expert on computer data visualization and research in computer science.

Further details will be available during the last week of the quarter, as speakers have not yet been matched with suitable dates.

Living in the digital age leaves a lot of students in the dark about the history of computers and how rapidly the industry has grown.

Before 1920, the word "computer" referred to human clerks who performed computations. From there, the word meant any machine that performed the work of a human "computer." It wasn't until 1941 that the first general-purpose digital computer was invented.

Some of the inventions that many take advantage of today were introduced only in the last 40 years. E-mail was introduced in 1971, and the personal computer appeared in the late 1970s.

The Eastern computer science department now has a Facebook page to which, Simmons added, they will "add a lot more content ... in the future."



## Documentary gives voice to undocumented students

M.E.Ch.A Club promotes DREAM Act at EWU

BY MELISSA CARROLL  
staff writer

The dreams of undocumented students in the U.S., were heard on Wednesday, Feb. 24, as the Chicano Education program and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) Club premiered "Papers: Stories of Undocumented Youth."

The documentary tells the story of how approximately 60,000 undocumented students graduate from high school each year in the U.S. Under current laws, these students have no path to citizenship and are unable to obtain a higher education.

"This movie is to show the struggles [undocumented students] are forced to endure for not having such documentation," said Maria Morales, M.E.Ch.A. political co-chair.

The showing of "Papers" is a part of state and national efforts to raise awareness of undocumented students in support of passing the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

The DREAM Act was introduced by Sen., Richard Durbin of Illinois and Rep., Howard Berman of California to solve the problem of undocumented students.

Under the act, undocumented youth could be eligible for citizenship in exchange for completion of a college degree or two years of military service. They must also demonstrate good moral character and stay in conditional residency to eventually become a recognized

American citizen.

A question and answer session followed the documentary to present an opportunity for students to gain more information about the DREAM Act. Dr. Martin Meraz García, assistant professor in the Chicano education program; Dr. Jerry García, director of Chicano education; Dr. Pui-Yan Lam, chair of the sociology department; and Dr. Christina Torres García, Chicano education visiting professor and McNair Scholar Program academic counselor, discussed the importance of the DREAM Act, explaining how immigrants make a lot of contributions to our country aside from labor.

Enacting the DREAM Act allows children of immigrants to receive a higher education, which in turn benefits our economy by breaking the poverty cycle. M.E.Ch.A. also provides a chance for students who attend the screening to sign a petition in favor of the DREAM Act.

One of the main struggles that the students in the movie face is being accepted into a university. Most universities in the U.S. will not admit undocumented high school students even if they're 4.0 honor students, as was the case with many in the documentary.

EWU, however, admits undocumented students. The undocumented students of Eastern will be holding a workshop Thursday, Feb. 4, in the JFK Library auditorium to tell of their struggles in order to raise further awareness of this problem and to gain support for the DREAM Act.

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In the past five years, the college has improved by leaps and bounds, which may account for the growing interest in the field. In 2005, the new Computing and Engineering Building opened, and in the same year, the first doctoral physical therapy class graduated.

A new Bachelor of Fine Arts in visual communication design is now available, as well as a Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering.

Another donation was recently given by alumnus Michael Roos, which was previously reported in *The Easterner*. His \$500,000 gift will be used to replace the Eagles' football field with red turf. The combination of these two donations totals almost \$1 million received by EWU in the past month.

"It's a great thing, particularly given the economy, how our alumni continue to step up," Westfall said.

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# Standpoint with Geshe Thupten Pelgye

Dalai Lama’s Tibetan Parliament member and founder of the Universal Compassion Movement discusses peace as well as the significance of occupied Tibet with EWU

BY JASON KEEDY  
staff writer

The *Easterner* talks to Geshe Pelgye about his views on peace and how his experiences have shaped his beliefs. Pelgye will be participating in the China-Tibet Teach-In, which will be held Tuesday, March 9, in Showalter 109, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Could you tell us a little bit about the reasons for making the trip and what you hope to do while over here?

I have been making these trips every year. In an interview with His Holiness, he asked me to go to America and teach. These are the words he gave to me, so this why I travel around the country.

I have made a trip each year since 2004 to visit my students and to go to places where I can teach Dhamma (Dharma) and provide information.

One of the subjects that you will be discussing is the Middle East. Could you tell us a little more about this and your experience in that region?

The topic was assigned to me because I am involved with an organization called the Sulha Peace Project that we have in Israel. Basically, it is a group of people who try to work with other grassroots movements to bring understanding, peace and forgiveness between the Christians, Jewish people and Muslims throughout the community there.

In your extensive travels to the various schools throughout this country, how would you describe the attitudes of the children, college students and teachers that you meet?

This is very interesting to me. Generally speaking, I am always interested in meeting with the college students because they are the future – the world is theirs. Wherever I go, I also try to meet with the children and try to teach them something good. While I’m here in the West, I always have positive experiences with the children, college students and teachers. It’s very encouraging that they take such a great interest in the talks.

When you give your talks and discuss the subject of peace, what are some of the basic concepts that you try to provide in the achievement of peace? How do we achieve peace? (laughter).

Sorry, it’s a big question I know ... We’ll take baby steps ... I always say, and I believe that



Geshe Thupten Pelgye from Tibet visits EWU. Photo courtesy of Skyler Oberst

every human being loves peace, and they want to be nice. But the question is how to engage and how to bring peace about. Before bringing peace to others, how to bring peace to themselves?

You really need to know what peace is and how peace comes. So, these things I try to share from my perspective, and I think that it helps people.

Another topic you will discuss is interfaith dialogue. With the roots of Western faith and thought being deeply influenced by Christianity, how do you feel that Buddhism meshes with the American consciousness?

All the world’s religions, all the different faiths, have many things in common – things like peace and love, which are very basic needs for sentient beings. And not just human beings, but basic needs, basic desires of all sentient beings. Obviously, from my understanding, Buddhism has a deep understanding that ranges across spirituality and philosophy. It focuses on compassion and developing a deeper understanding.

In terms of the Tibetan situation, wherein you have the rightful Tibetan government in exile, what do you say to Americans who may want to help, yet feel that the problem is too big?

For those interested in social

justice and human rights, I would say that it’s not just a question of the Tibetan situation. Tibet is just a part of the many suffering beings in this world. There is much suffering throughout the world.

We encourage people to raise their voice to their representatives in government in order to support us. We honestly believe that the cause of Tibet is not just a foreign one, meaning it has wider consequences for everyone – that it is directly related to world peace. As China is emerging as a superpower, we see them moving their military and nuclear bases into Tibet. This is directly related to world peace at large. World leaders and all people can raise their voices and pressure China to come into a better understanding and to have a peaceful negotiation with His Holiness.

Tibet is on the roof of the world and a peaceful Tibet could be better for the rest of the world, both environmentally and for many other important reasons.

How do you and other Tibetans see President Obama and his policies related to these matters? How does this new administration compare with past administrations?

George Bush had a representation of being a war president and people hoped that Obama would be a peaceful, sort of a revolutionary president. Right now, how-

ever, we don’t know. Obama won the Noble Peace Prize, but I don’t know how relevant that was ... it’s hard to say.

Regarding their stance to us, in terms of what we’ve witnessed, both George W. Bush and Bush Senior both have been so kind to Tibetans. Bush Senior met with His Holiness and came to support Tibet. From that perspective, we really appreciate the two Bush presidents more than anyone else.

When Obama went to China, he made the statement that he considered Tibet to be a part of China. To me, that was an unnecessary statement he made before China. He did talk about the Tibetan situation, which was good. Then in his meeting with His Holiness, he mainly talked about his state’s issues and commitments but not about world peace and harmony between religions.

So, right now, we really don’t know. We’ll see how it works.

We’ve talked a lot about peace between nations and religions, but what about peace on a smaller scale first? If we can’t cooperate with our neighbors, how can our countries hope to get along?

Absolutely. To bring peace in the world, one has to bring peace within first, then within the family, then with the neighbors and onward to the community. This is how it has to be applied in order for peace to grow. These are the key things. I enjoy interactions. And while I’m on my travels, people raise questions, which makes the message go through.

I think in today’s culture, people talk so much about freedom [that] sometimes the idea goes to the extreme. They lose their inner values. This is why people are not able to achieve peace with their families, their partners. In this generation, I see lots of people just living single because they cannot stand someone else (laughter).

Exactly! Humans are caught in this conflict because we are social creatures, yet we have all of these ambitions for ourselves.

Yes, this is one thing, but there’s a little too much self-consciousness. You hear this “Me and mine,” “I want this,” and “I don’t want that.” Only “I want, I want!” When you bring that kind of attitude, it makes life very difficult. We need to understand the desires of other people, such as in the community, the neighborhood, the family, with our partners. There are people in the West who have been married for 30, 40, 50 years, lifelong. That’s how it should be.

## Quick Facts about Geshe Thupten Phelgye:

-Born in Kham, Tibet in 1956.

-Became a monk at age 17 and the partook in an 18-year process of studies to become a Geshe.

-A Geshe is a Tibetan Buddhist academic degree for monks.

-Dharma is an Indian spiritual and religious term that means one’s righteous duty or any virtuous path.

## Hosoki presents the importance of English language learning

Speaker highlights various learning trends in international speaker series

BY JASON KEEDY  
staff writer

As part of the International Speaker Series, Yukiko Hosoki presented results last Thursday from her recent research on English education in Japan.

Sifting through Japan’s recent history, Hosoki outlined the expanding course of influence in which the teaching of English has risen in importance. Along with its prominence, there has also been an ever-growing controversy as to its status among other scholastic subjects that are taught in Japan’s educational system.

Hosoki explained that as English education becomes more prized, there will be the accompanying critiques of the movement’s goals and styles.

“It is still controversial even around educators and English teachers,” she said.

The role of English instruction has taken various turns throughout the past 150 years. It was during the Tokyo Olympic era that foreign travel increased, ushering in what was seen as the third English boom, she said. With the recent encouragement by the Japanese Ministry of Education, and the decision to begin teaching English as early as fifth and sixth grade, she said, “English language education in Japan has launched into a new era to cope with the global age,” she said.

In sharing her results of the comparative study in which she performed research at EWU, Hosoki discussed the differences in learning environments between the U.S. and Japan. While the classes in the Asia University America Program (AUAP) at EWU feature smaller classes, which equals more individual attention, English classrooms in Japan are typically much larger.

Hosoki explained that another key difference is the role the instructors play. As opposed to the facilitator role seen in the AUAP classes, Japanese classroom relationships feature a marked “deference to the authority of the teacher,” she said.

The inception of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) in 1987, along with the rising prominence of the Internet, brought along the fourth English boom, Hosoki said. This period was marked by globalization and cultural diversity trends. With English being the only foreign language taught in public schools, Hosoki discussed the primacy for students to develop knowledge of

“They listen to the students carefully and — this is very important to Japanese students — encourage them to speak up and then praise their efforts.”

-Yukiko Hosoki,  
international  
speaker

practical English.

She said that with the major motivation being on practical usage rather than conversational, students are not motivated to learn. Another variant that has contributed to the rise of controversy is the teaching styles, which have not changed with the contemporary trends. Hosoki explained that while the AUAP classrooms at Eastern focus more on task-based instruction, the Japanese class primarily uses a lecture style.

In terms of improving the current situation in Japanese classrooms, Hosoki said that a move to smaller classes, along with the use of JET-inspired assistant language teachers, could help in the search to develop the ideal format for education in Japan.

Regarding how the Japanese educational style could adapt to the changing times, she looked to the instructor-as-facilitator role AUAP teachers play.

“They listen to the students carefully and — this is very important to Japanese students — encourage them to speak up and then praise their efforts,” she said. Through this method, instead of English being taught to simply pass exams, the students learn to approach and use it as a communicative medium.

Traditionally, Japanese students are hesitant to come forward with an answer unless they’re absolutely right. An open, more encouraging system might help to dispel the notion that there is one correct answer. Although Western methods, like a teacher acting as a facilitator, might not work in other cultures, Hosoki said, “for Japanese students, it is very effective.”

# Unanimous decision passes final budget reading

After much debate, the budget proposal will be passed to President Arévalo for final approval

BY TOM LINNANE  
staff writer

Despite intense discussions at the first two readings, the ASEWU council passed the 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget with a unanimous verdict after its final reading.

Fifty-two EWU clubs and organizations had asked for a combined \$2.28 million in their original budget submissions. The ASEWU finalized budget allocates just over \$1.92 million.

Few changes had been made between the first two budget discussions and the final decision, with EPIC Adventures receiving an extra \$300 and the ASEWU Legislative Affairs tacking on an extra \$450.

Even with the additional funding, EPIC still received less than half of what they originally requested. The club asked for \$204,000 but was given \$101,000.

Despite receiving multiple last-minute requests for funds, the ASEWU finalized the

budget for submission, which had to be in by 5 p.m., on Friday Feb. 26.

The 2011-12 budget was a collective effort of the Finance Committee headed by ASEWU Executive Vice President of Finance Patrick Spanner.

Clubs and student organizations submitted their budget requests last November to be considered for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Requests are calculated by adding refundable and non-refundable expenses together and then subtracting that number from the club’s revenue.

The ASEWU allocated the largest share of the budget, \$427,372, to campus recreation. Office of student life received the next highest amount, \$396,693, and the ASEWU was given \$331,630.

EWU Programs in general were given the most money, receiving 96 percent or \$1.84 million of the budget. Clubs made up the remaining 4 percent or \$84,061, affecting clubs like Ice

Hockey and Rugby.

Some clubs and organizations received nothing, like the Campus Readership Program, which requested \$30,356. The newspaper distribution program is now seeking funding through the Service and Activity fee.

The Office of Student Activities was awarded \$279,106. Eagle Entertainment was allocated \$140,372 of the initial \$195,789 requested. Eagle Outfitters was given \$96,036, and Fine Arts received \$67,239.

The final reading took place during the ASEWU council meeting on Friday Feb. 26 and passed despite the absence of Vice President of Graduate Affairs Charles Zeller Jr. Newly appointed council members Makai Borden and Collin Schuler were present but did not yet have the right to vote on the matter.

The budget will now be given to the Board of Trustees as well as President Rodolfo Arévalo for final approval.

# Circle K Club and United Nations present the documentary “When The Night Comes” to raise awareness and money to end malaria in Uganda and other African countries

BY ALINA SHANIN  
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Since the eradication of malaria in the ‘40s in the U.S., the “deadliest plague that humanity has ever known” has been forgotten. The disease, however, still claims millions of lives around the globe every year, according to the United Nations and When the Night Comes Web sites.

EWU’s Circle K Club is working with the U.N., and its sister organizations to raise awareness and collect donations by presenting the documentary “When the Night Comes” in the PUB MPR Wednesday, March 10, at 7 p.m.

“We know nothing of the outside world,” EWU sophomore and Circle K Club member Ashley Podplesky said. She urges students to come and learn of the dangers forgotten by recent generations.

“Every 30 seconds, a child in Africa dies from malaria; Each year, malaria infects 300-500 million people, killing between 1 - 3 million; Malaria costs the African continent \$12 billion a year in economic loss,”

according to the United Nations Foundation Web site. While Circle K mostly concentrates on issues in nearby communities, from time to time, they deal with international matters. The project was publicized by the U.N., via an e-mail sent to community service groups across the country.

Musician Rob Blackledge will start out the night by playing a couple of his songs written for the film. The 55-minute documentary will follow, after which a question and answer session will be held.

The film was created by Bobby Bailey, co-founder of Invisible Children Inc., and his friends Jodie Smith and Mike Hobert. It concentrates on the impacts of malaria in Ugandan and other African communities and also reveals facts about the disease. This documentary is just one step taken by the organizations involved to end malaria by 2015, according to The Brave Team, who is also contacting campuses across the nation asking them to show the film free of charge.

“When the Night Comes” is being broadcast throughout the country in hopes of raising awareness and curing apathy, according to Podplesky.

While admission is free, a \$5 donation is suggested. Various merchandise will be available for purchase with profits going directly to help end

malaria. According to Podplesky, a \$10 net is all it would take to save a life.

The Web site now has a team set up by Podplesky called Eastern Eagles where students and groups can donate. To do so, go to *nothingbutnets.org*, click on Join/Create a Team, search for Eastern Eagles, and then click on Join Team.

“I hope [people] just find it in their hearts that they can give \$10 to save one person’s life or to save a family’s life,” Podplesky said.

Her goal is to raise about \$3,000, predicting that 300 students will come out. This event is just the beginning, according to Podplesky. “It’s not a one-year thing,” she said.

A trailer of the documentary is available for viewing at *whenthe-night-comes.com*.

To learn more about malaria and how to donate, visit *unfoundation.org*, *whenthe-night-comes.com* and *nothingbutnets.org*.

Circle K Club can be contacted at *ewucirclek@hotmail.com* with questions and suggestions.





## Sexual assault: a danger on US college campuses

BY GAVIN LEE  
contributing writer

Who else got steamed about the front page of last week's newspaper? The article was informative, but the part that made me cry was the fact that sexual assault is an all too common theme on college campuses. I want to share some relevant and prevalent statistics; however, these truths are not used to make men the enemy.

Sixty percent of male college students admitted some coercion and using force to get sex. A woman is raped on a college campus every 21 hours. Eighty to 90 percent of all campus rapes occur while under the influence of alcohol. The use of alcohol by a woman was found to be the strongest predictor of college rape.

College rape survivors are physically injured in 47 percent of all rapes. Of the college women who are raped, only 25 percent identify it as such. Another sad fact is that only 10 percent report the crime.

Imagine how many special young women are holding these painful wounds inside their precious souls.

Women are most vulnerable to be sexually assaulted in the first month of both their freshmen and sophomore years of college. To the men out there, what is up with these facts? One in 12 college-aged men admit to committing what is the prevailing definition of rape or attempted rape, yet only a sparse few will identify themselves as a rapist.

The majority of rapes, 80 percent, were committed by acquaintances; friends and boyfriend fall under this umbrella. As men, we can freely move about this world in a way that women simply can't. How often do men worry about walking across the campus at night? Do we, as men, ever take the time to truly contemplate what women have to go through mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually each and every day?

The overwhelming majority of men don't care about the women on campus. Why? Because nothing has changed. Ever wonder how a woman feels after such an ordeal or what she so often suffers silently and alone within the depths of her sacred person?

Let's start with the psychological effects. Initially, shock and disbelief are present. A woman feels disconnected from herself and others. Nightmares, heightened anxiety and flash backs are continuing problems. A woman's attempt to re-establish herself in a relationship may also be hindered by lack of trust.

Physical Effects - The ACEP calls sexual assault "a medical emergency." A woman who reports the crime early can preserve valuable evidence. STD's are common, so dealing with the physical aspect early can save a woman's life. Some somatic symptoms include chronic pelvic pain, migraines, back pain and gastrointestinal disorders.

Rape can tarnish trust in all areas of a woman's relationships. Rape trauma syndrome is real; look it up. It can be equated with PTSD. Unfortunately, most rapists are never convicted in an earthly court of law. Finally, women can be stigmatized and treated harshly by the people who are supposed to support and help them.

So what are we going to do about this? In April, there will be a "Take Back The Night" on college campuses across our country. We know that many women will be actively involved, but how about the men? Karen Wanjico does a great job as a victim advocate at EWU. I have spoken with her several times and she repeatedly stressed the importance of men helping support change.

How do we as men view women? Is it through the lens of lust, degradation, dominance and abuse? Are we going to be carbon copies of every generation that has come before us? We are certainly on the road to perdition if we fail to see the dignity of every woman.

Women have been given the opportunity to carry and deliver human life. This is how valuable and special their sexuality is. As men, we must chastise ourselves to understand these things: A woman's body is holy, her dignity is sacred, her beauty is eternal, and her soul is extremely blessed.

Maybe that sounds too religious. Well, tough cookies. It is the truth. Ask any woman. They know it is. Men, we have to control ourselves and fight alongside women. If we fail to do this, what is going to happen to our daughters when they turn 18 and leave home for college?



## Media corruption not news

BY SCOTT DAVIS  
contributing writer

"In the era of globalization and increasing corporate control of the channels of international communication, the media may become the mouthpiece of global corporations and their supporters in governments," Daya Kishan Thussu, author of *International Communication*, said.

This danger is clear and present. News reports have largely become a conduit for influencing public ideology, wherein pre-sorted opinions and biases are presented as "fair and balanced."

Sounds harsh? Perhaps some historical context is needed.

In the post-Cold War world, we have witnessed privatization and deregulation of former state-run media networks internationally.

The global market-driven system that emerged has supported the convergence of media and entertainment conglomerates, like the AOL and Time Warner merger, resulting in conflicts of interest undermining news quality. Time Warner owned CNN news.

In May 1999, NBC, which boasts having a worldwide audience, decided at the last minute

to delete all references to nuclear waste in its two-part series "The Atomic Train." This self-censorship stemmed from a conflict of interest with its parent company, General Electric, which invested heavily in the nuclear industry.

You see, an informed public is secondary to corporate interests.

More recently, accusations that the Swine Flu pandemic is a hoax perpetrated by pharmaceutical special interest groups and the World Health Organization (WHO) to profit from vaccine sales have been reported by various niche outlets: see *examines.com*, Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg's YouTube videos and *telegraph.co.uk*.

Contradicting mainstream media's extensive coverage of H1N1 as a pandemic to be feared, outgoing Chair of the Council of Europe's Sub-committee on Health Wolfgang Wodarg said, "The WHO, in cooperation with some big pharmaceutical companies and their scientists, redefined pandemics and lowered the alarm threshold."

"Those new standards forced politicians in most states to react immediately and sign marketing commitments for additional and new vaccines against the 'swine flu' and spend billions of dollars to

catch up." Again we find corporations, this time aligned with the United Nations' WHO, feasibly misleading people via mainstream news.

According to University of Illinois research professor Robert McChesney, author of *Rich Media, Poor Democracy* (1999), "Consumerism, the market, class inequality and individualism tend to be taken as natural and often benevolent, whereas political activity, civic values, and anti-market activities tend to be marginalized or denounced [by mainstream media]."

There is a definite corporate and governmental bias. In former economic hitman John Perkins' parlance, the U.S., is a "corporateocracy" run by corporations, banks and government.

Mass media remains a powerful social tool for promoting wars, which benefits bankers, governments and various corporations. "You cannot wage a war without rumors, without media, without propaganda."

"Any military planner that plans for a war, if he doesn't put media propaganda on the top of his agenda, he is a bad military [leader]," said Samir Khader, senior producer at Al-Jazeera in the

documentary "Control Room."

While talking heads on television preach democracy and human rights, the U.S., has killed more than one million Iraqis, most of whom were women and children, and has invaded and continues to occupy Afghanistan, waging a secret war in Pakistan, according to The Nation's Jeremy Scahill, and may launch an offensive on Iran.

The Rwandan genocide killed 800,000; to ignore reporting the U.S.-campaigns Iraqi genocide as such is unscrupulous corporate behavior. Persons abreast of the history of the media have noted its capacity for symbiotic relationships with governments.

Investigate for yourself the corporate Western ethnocentric propaganda that is often mainstream media. The world is a semi-free press with corporations at the helm.

In a nation concerned with the superfluous, the U.S. remains cognitively dissonant from reality.

Brian Williams, CNN, Fox News and the rest anesthetize audiences with yellow journalism and inordinate Michael Jackson coverage not by choice. It is corporations that set the global news agenda.



## Sorry for jinxing the US hockey team

BY SAM STOWERS  
contributing writer

It was three minutes into the first overtime period of the U.S. vs. Canada gold medal hockey game when the sweat on my brow began to finally dry. I, like the other 27.6 million people watching (cq), just witnessed one of the greatest last second shots to send a sporting event into sudden-death. I was anticipating what would happen next.

Still, overtime just began, so it would be a while until either team gets close to scoring a goal, right? Then, Sydney Crosby got the puck at center ice. I posed the question as I turned to my friend Kris, "Dude, what if..." - Crosby gets stopped at the boards - "... Crosby won this for Canada? He'd be a god..." - Crosby passes and skates and gets off the wall - "They already want him to be the next Gretz." The puck comes

back to Crosby and he instantly scores. America loses.

The apartment went silent as I hung my head in shame.

"Damn it Sam!" Kris yelled. "You just lost the game for the whole country."

He was right. It was a cardinal rule. During a basketball game, if a sportscaster points out that a player has been perfect from the free-throw line while the player is shooting, then it's guaranteed the shot will be a brick. It's a classic jinx.

Even worse, this wasn't for my favorite team, but my nation. Because of me we lost to (of all the countries) our always-neutral, half-French, universal health-care loving, no crime-having, strangely coming-out-with-all-my-favorite-comedians-even-though-I'm-yet-to-meet-a-funny-one neighbors to the north. I am a traitor.

But seriously, posing a "what if" right before it happens - what

are the odds?

According to statistician and EWU department chair of mathematics Dr. Barbara Alvin, the odds are pretty good. "Just think how many people are out there that could be saying it," said Alvin. "The chance of saying something isn't going to happen when it does ... there are millions of things you could say that about and some of them are going to happen."

Alvin added, "It's not that it's all that unlikely that it would happen when you said that because you would say that whenever the situation arises. You're just remembering the time that the situation arose ... and it turned out that the unlikely thing happened."

I admit it's a comforting thought, but is there any precedence for this feeling of responsibility and inevitability over an outcome after it happened? Apparently, yes.

Alvin performs an experiment

each quarter that demonstrates this anomaly with her class. She has each student flip a coin four times. Someone usually comes up with a result of all heads or tails and, because of the one in 16 chance of that occurring, people question the validity of the occurrence.

They fail to recognize the 30 other students who didn't get such an odd result. Simply put, in life, it is likely that something with unlikely odds will eventually happen. In my case, it was likely that someone in America called Crosby's goal, it just sucks that it happened to me.

Still, I accept my share of guilt. As every sports fan knows, I carelessly toyed with the dark arts of home team juju and paid the price. All I can do now is watch the hate mail pile up while I wait for the NHL to resume play and the U.S., citizenry to, once again, forget hockey even exists.

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## A modern Republican Civil War

BY COLLIN SCHULER  
contributing writer

Weeks ago, Republicans finally experienced a surge of hope after Scott Brown's victory in Massachusetts. He drew in Republican, conservative, and independent support from across the nation as he, along with outraged voters, intended to halt Obama and the Congressional Democratic agenda. He succeeded, winning in a state that Democrats have controlled for decades where Repub-

lican voters were outnumbered 3 to 1.

Unfortunately, the Republicans once again bitterly find themselves in a civil war, as the battle for their ideology continues to damage their name. This event was triggered by four Republican Sens., including Scott Brown, who voted in favor of a \$15 billion jobs bill that was passed by both the House and the Senate last week. Already, moderate voting within the GOP leaves a bad taste for conservatives.

The 2010 midterm elections are less than eight months away, and despite big gains in New Jersey, Virginia and Massachusetts, Republicans are still struggling to gain control of their party image, tactics and direction. Moderates, such as Sens. Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and John McCain (R-AZ), continue to mow the Republican reputation down as their voting history has little to reflect the Republican name.

Republicans were once the party who stood for three G's:

gold, God and guns. Unfortunately, some moderates have now thrown in gay rights, global warming and government. These additional principles disturb the conservative voters. The foundational base that once stood so strongly has deteriorated over time, and as Republicans continue to reach across the aisle in hopes of bipartisanship, their party image dwindles.

It's no wonder McCain lost the 2008 presidential race, and it's no surprise that the GOP took massive losses in the 2006 and 2008 Congressional elections.

The argument is not to discourage bipartisanship, but there is a solid difference between finding common ground and completely forsaking party ideology. Then again, congressman Brown intended to be an "independent thinker." Kudos for demonstrating that last week. But when this Senator believes that government spending is already out of control and then votes in favor of another outrageous spending bill, a.k.a. taxes, one has to wonder: What makes a liberal Republican different from a Democrat?

The Republican Party needs to seriously reconsider their strategy. Back in January, Republican leaders proposed a litmus test for potential candidates. To qualify, the candidate would have to pass 8 of the 10 requirements on the checklist, including several key conservative beliefs. Instead of exclamations and praises, these Republican leaders were crucified even by Michael Steele of the RNC. Steele blasted the litmus test, claiming the Republican Party was about "addition and multiplication, not subtraction and division."

As kindly as I can put it, this is where you're wrong, Mr. Steele. The more you multiply and the more you add, the more compromises you have to make. The more compromises you make, the more voters you scare away. The truth is, a constant base demonstrates consistency, and with Steele's thinking, the Republicans will not demonstrate enough of that consistency.

Is it really that bad of an idea for moderate candidates to be weeded out through the proposed litmus test? Every election, a candidate will run primarily on a party name and not on a party belief. We saw that when Arlen Specter (D-PA) and Parker Griffith (R-AL) swapped parties within the last year. Could Brown possibly have been another one of those candidates?

As emphasized before, Republicans are in need of a dramatic makeover. While American voters, particularly independents, have leaned away from the Democratic party, some of them are still hesitant to vote Republican as well.

Voters want a conservative candidate, and that's probably why Senator McCain could face a tough fight against Republican J.D. Hayworth for the Arizona Senate seat. If the GOP does not start embracing true conservative issues, then they could end up as the party swallowed by their own enemy.



## Accessibility priorities are all mixed up

BY WOO KIM  
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Being a person with "special needs," I've often been told that there needs to be wheelchair accessible doors in public places. While I was entering the Spokane Teachers Credit Union, a gentleman told me, "I'm surprised that there isn't a button for this door." I replied by simply saying, "I'd be more surprised if there was a wheelchair accessible door button on this door."

It used to anger me: the lack of accessibility for wheelchair users on Eastern's campus, in Cheney and all over Washington state. I'm sad to say that I'm used to it.

I'm used to not being able to get into places that I want to go to. Recently, I went out with a friend to the bars in Cheney for a birthday party and noticed something ironic. All the bars in Cheney are wheelchair accessible. All of them have flat floors, so there is little difficulty for anybody getting into the building. As far as moving around inside the bars, there is little difficulty for me.

This is a unique situation. On the one hand, it makes me laugh because I've heard the old saying that when the apocalypse occurs, banks, credit unions and hospitals will all be overrun or closed, but the liquor stores and bars will all be open.

This revelation makes me laugh because I'm hindered at my place of education, but I have no problem getting into the one

place where certain people say I shouldn't visit.

This parallels something that very few people know of. If one were to go to Wild Waves Theme Park in Federal Way, Wash., ride attendants cannot physically assist people in wheelchairs into rides, such as roller coasters. Their company has apparently forbidden them to. However, I went to Disneyland when I was a little boy, and I was retold some information by my father that Disneyland was the easiest place for me to get around in my wheelchair.

There was no place that I could not go. If I had the need or the desire to get on a ride, the attendants

would physically take me out of my chair and help me in. I learned this when I was 13. Now I'm 24 years old, and this information still baffles me. I find it interesting that I've been to Wild Waves more times in my life than Disneyland, and I remember Wild Waves more vividly. However, I had a greater time at Disneyland because I was unhindered; I could do more things.

It's funny how big corporations like Disney are vilified by the media and tourists that frequent the theme parks. On the flip side, local places like Wild Waves are inaccessible to people with special needs, but no one hears about that.

The accessibility of some places over others is even funnier to me. It's sad when places like bars are more accessible than my own university.

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“The Edge of Darkness”

- Director: Martin Campbell
- Starring: Mel Gibson
- Running time: 1 hour 55 minutes
- Theaters: AMC and Village Center Cinemas

Top photo: Gibson plays Thomas Craven, a homicide detective who fights to uncover the killer of his daughter in “The Edge of Darkness.”

Bottom photo: Gibson approaches his daughter’s boyfriend, David Burnham (Shawn Robert) after her unexpected death.



Photos courtesy of Macall Polay/Warner Brothers

Revenge leads Gibson to the ‘The Edge of Darkness’

After witnessing the murder of his daughter, detective Thomas Craven has nothing to lose and everything to fight for

BY TOM LINNAME  
staff writer

Mel Gibson is no stranger to revenge films, and his new movie, “The Edge of Darkness,” relentlessly follows that trend. This doesn’t necessarily mean he isn’t getting really good at it.

With experience in films like “Payback,” “Lethal Weapon” and “Braveheart,” Gibson has discovered his true element in revenge themes.

I will admit the Aussie tough-guy delivered a performance that was more subtle than expected. Rather than just being the

guy with nothing to lose, Gibson takes on the role of a father who lost a daughter and embodies the misery exquisitely.

Based on the popular 1985 BBC miniseries, “The Edge of Darkness” highlights homicide detective Thomas Craven’s (Gibson) search for the murderer of his daughter, Emma Craven (Bojana Novakovic). Craven’s investigation leads him to the highest echelons of government and the evil corporate world as he races to uncover the truth behind his daughter’s killing.

Craven encounters a myriad of shady characters throughout the movie, none of whom seem trustworthy.

Ray Winstone does a fantastic job as the mysterious Jedburgh, a government agent whose moral compass doesn’t seem to point in any particular direction.

Gibson himself hasn’t taken a lead role in a movie since 2002, but he has been busy directing and producing films like “Apocalypto” and “The Passion of the Christ.” Despite his hiatus from acting, Gibson seemed to learn a lot from directing.

My every fiber of critical pessimism wants to find something wrong with Gibson’s portrayal of Tom Craven. Gibson has acted the revenge tales from every possible

angle. Just when I thought he couldn’t be original, I was pleasantly proven wrong.

Craven is a deep character, something I wasn’t sure Gibson was capable of emulating. However, I felt captured in the grasp of his thousand-yard stare after seeing his daughter brutally murdered in front of him. I was also terrified by the crazed look in his eyes while he filled the bad guys with lead.

Director Martin Campbell is no slouch either. With films like “Casino Royale” and “GoldenEye” on his resumé, Campbell was the perfect fit for this fast-paced detective film. Painting a wonderful noir-ish picture

of Boston not seen since “The Departed,” Campbell and writers William Monahan and Andrew Bovell accompanied a splendid tale of revenge and mystery.

Although it was good, this film was by no means a classic. Despite great acting combined with action packed scenes of suspense, it was sometimes hard to tell what was going on. The film was almost too short for its own good and didn’t delve deep enough into the world of corporate greed and government corruption. This film is not quite worth \$8 and may be best left for home viewing.

Eastern’s ‘Romeo and Juliet’ presents a provocative and gothic-emo edge

Theatre department presents students with a chance to see ‘Romeo and Juliet’ in a different light than what the traditional Shakespearean style dictates

BY ELISE AXEL  
managing editor

The timeless classic “Romeo and Juliet” will once again make its way to stage this Friday, only this time it will provide a new edge.

“This is not Shakespeare in rights,” said director Jeff Sanders. “This is gonna be a very raw, dark, provocative, sexy version of ‘Romeo and Juliet.’”

Sanders aims to gear this performance toward Eastern students in hopes they will find it more accessible. The play is not set in the Italian Renaissance or even in the present times. It is in a created world that takes some of the fashion from the Italian Renaissance and blends it with a contemporary, goth-emo fashion.

“What we have is this kind of hybrid ‘Romeo and Juliet’ that we can recognize ourselves in,” said Sanders. “But it’s also a little off and a little different ... I think that, that will be interesting and provocative for the students coming in.”

Sanders decided to do things a little differently in this play because of his experiences as an actor in three other productions of “Romeo and Juliet.” This time, he couldn’t wait to get his hands on the play as a director because he could go several different ways with it.

Sanders wants to avoid being “overly billboardy” about the grudge between the two families. He doesn’t want to focus on one nationality or ethnicity versus another, either.

“I wanted to create a world that was unique but that was especially a dark world so that in the midst of a world that is corrupt and dark and filled with hate and violence, something



Director Jeff Sanders walks through a fight scene with Tybalt (Chris Rounsville).

incorruptible is born, and that is Romeo and Juliet,” said Sanders. “I want you to imagine that Romeo and Juliet are the two torches in this very dark world.”

The tragedy of this story, as Sanders sees it, is something as perfect as the first moments of love being taken away. Sanders said that seeing this love get snuffed out before it has a chance to bloom is what makes it the saddest story ever told.

This is not to say that the play is only a tragedy. Sanders said that the first half of the play is the dirtiest ever written with 101 penis jokes. The play works on polar opposites with themes like comedy and tragedy, hate and love.

One of the things that he tried to do with his direction is have high energy scenes that propel into the next. Sanders likes physical comedy and encourages his actors to put their whole body into their acting.

while other actors have been the master carpenter, among other things.

“People say there is no one more important than performers or technicians; it’s really true in this situation because the technicians are the performers, and the performers are the technicians,” Sanders said.

Sanders is very pleased with the way the play is turning out. He believes that it is a hard play, but his cast is pulling it off. “Sometimes I’m shocked. I’m sitting there, and I’m like, ‘Wow, this is good Shakespeare,’” he said.

The show opens this Friday and will run for two weekends: March 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., March 7 at 2 p.m., and March 11 at 5 p.m.

“I’m just thrilled to see this thing open to an audience because I think they are going to love it,” Sanders said.

Ask a personal trainer  
URC answers fitness-related questions

BY MELISSA CARROLL  
staff writer

Personal Trainer Dan Stephenson advises students about how to stay healthy through nutrition.

Q: What is the best thing to eat before and after a workout?

A: You should eat two hours before a workout to give your body enough time to digest the food and turn it into energy. The meal should consist mainly of complex carbs. Complex carbs are 100 percent whole wheat bread, oatmeal or whole wheat pasta. Avoid white breads. The carbs will be your fuel for your workout.

During a workout, your body still needs that intake of carbs. Sports drinks are a great way to keep that intake of carbs coming because liquid carbs get into your system faster than foods. Keeping an intake of carbs will give your body something to burn off during the workout so your body isn’t burning muscle protein.

Afterwards you should eat within 30 minutes of finishing

your workout. After a workout, you need quick sugars and proteins with less carbs. Gatorade, protein mix or chocolate milk is a good way to replenish your body with vitamins and minerals. Meals should consist of very little carbs and more proteins. About 50-60 grams of carbs is sufficient after working out with less carbs as it gets later in the day.

Q: How long should workouts last?

A: For a workout consisting of strength training, it should last no longer than an hour. A consistent workout lasting longer than an hour will build up the stress hormone, cortisol, which is a catabolic hormone that breaks down muscle tissue. The buildup of cortisol will not help in the buildup of muscle strength or size.

The length of a cardio workout mainly depends on an individual’s goal. Time is not necessarily an issue when it comes to cardio workouts because it is not as high a stressor on your body or as intense as strength training.

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# Earlywine receives contract extension

EWU men's basketball head coach will return for a fourth season to continue coaching a promising young team of freshmen



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Eastern Washington University head men's basketball coach Kirk Earlywine has received a contract extension and will return for his fourth season at the helm of the Eagles, EWU athletic director Bill Chaves has announced.

Earlywine, 45, is 32-58 in his first three seasons, including a 17-31 record in the Big Sky Conference. With three freshmen in its starting lineup this past season, Eastern was 9-21 overall and 5-11 in the league, but placed seventh and missed the six-team league tournament for the fourth-straight season. The Eagles lost 10 games by

six points or less.

"We look forward to our men's basketball program turning the corner next year and again being a part of the Big Sky Tournament," said Chaves.

A former assistant coach at Weber State, Earlywine concluded his 10th season of experience in the Big Sky Conference in 2009-10. A total of 16 of 30 Eastern games were decided by six points or less, and EWU was 6-10 in those 16 nail-biters.

"I am very happy that (EWU President) Dr. (Rodolfo) Arévalo and Bill Chaves have chosen to allow me to continue the rebuilding process of the men's basketball program here at Eastern," said Ear-

lywine. "From day one, I knew that this would be a long and difficult process. However, with the young players who stepped forward this year, along with our redshirts and our incoming recruiting class, I feel that we are very close to turning the corner."

"We have worked very hard to establish a foundation with young men who are committed to their academic endeavors in addition to being good basketball players and first-class representatives of Eastern Washington University," he continued. "I firmly believe that this foundation will carry us to a place that will make the community, our fans, and the University proud, and I am excited to continue the work that

will allow us to reach that goal."

Originally hired on the late date of June 14, 2007, Earlywine's first team had six players who had never played in a NCAA Division I game. In his debut year, he led the Eagles to a respectable 11-19 finish that included a 6-10 league mark. Among the team's triumphs in his first season was a victory over Portland State, which would go on to win the league's regular season and tournament titles and represent the Big Sky in the NCAA Tournament.

In his second season, EWU had a 12-18 record overall and was 6-10 in the Big Sky. The Eagles started the season 6-2, and then lost a tie-breaker with Montana for the sixth and final Big Sky tourney berth.

## Lady Eags need one win to be crowned

Eags can clinch No. 1 seed and home-court advantage with win over Portland State

BY CHRIS NEWBERRY  
contributing writer

The chance to clinch the BSC regular season title is on hold for EWU women's basketball.

The Eagles split last weekend's road trip against Weber State and Idaho State, leaving the chance to win the regular season conference title to this Saturday's game against Portland State in the season finale.

EWU took on WSU Friday in Ogden, Utah, where the Eagles took care of the Wildcats, winning 70-56.

WSU opened the game with a 7-0 run. But EWU captured the lead at 16-15 with eight minutes left in the first half and never looked back.

EWU led by as many as 17 points in the second half before running away with the game.

Chene Cooper was a huge factor of the night, tallying 23 points, three assists and four steals. Julie Piper dominated with 15 points and eight rebounds, and Kyla Evans added 10 points for the Eagles.

Against ISU, the Eagles lacked fire power, shooting only 40 percent in the first half. They fell to the Bengals, 71-63, and lost a chance to be the outright BSC champions.

EWU was in a hole early when the Bengals took a 14-3 lead before the Eagles turned it on. A 3-pointer by Tarjana Sparavalo tied the game at 19-19 before the Eagles took a four-point lead into halftime.

The Eagles lost their edge in the second half as their lead dipped away, and ISU took over the game. ISU shot 67 percent in the second half, helping the Bengals seal the win against the Eagles.

Cooper scored 19 points, shooting 8-of-12 from the field. Sparavalo added nine points for the Eagles. Brianne Ryan, Piper and Evans each scored eight points in the loss.

Sacramento State advanced to second place behind the Eagles after defeating both Northern Arizona University and the University of Northern Colorado. They now own a 9-5 record with two games remaining.

EWU holds its fate in their own hands as it comes down to Saturday's game at Reese Court. If Sacramento State wins both of their games and the Eagles lose theirs, then the two teams will be tied for first and crowned co-champions. If this happens, then the host for the conference tournament will be up in the air.

The Eagles (18-10, 11-4) take on PSU at Reese Court for senior day. Game time is to start early at 2:05 p.m. PSU beat EWU 67-60 the last time the teams met in Portland, ending Eastern's seven-game winning streak Jan. 30.



Senior Matt Brunell enjoys his last game in an EWU jersey.

Dustin Toms/Eastermer



"We were trying to reward [the seniors] for what they have done for EWU, and we wanted to make sure we won the game. The seniors did the job, and I'm glad that they did."

-Head Coach Kirk Earlywine



Clockwise from the top left, seniors Brandon Moore, Benny Valentine, Mark Dunn and Gary Gibson.

## Eagles grab big win for the seniors

EWU fails to make BSC Tournament with loss, seniors go out with win for the final game of the season

BY DUSTIN TOMS  
senior reporter

EWU men's basketball had to win both games during the weekend to have a shot at qualifying for the BSC Tournament, but they lost Friday to the league leading Weber State Wildcats. They defeated the Idaho State Bengals on Saturday for a final farewell to five seniors.

WSU jumped on the Eagles in the first half with a 20-5 run. Damian Lillard, who is considered the only candidate for BSC Player of the Year, led four Wildcats in double figures with 18 points. The loss eliminated the Eagles from the BSC Tournament; they have not made it to the tournament the past three seasons.

"I thought we would be ready to battle them tonight, but we weren't," said EWU Head Coach Kirk Earlywine.

WSU clinched the No. 1 seed in the BSC Tournament as well as home games in the latter rounds. WSU has won the BSC regular season title two years running.

"Without any question, they have talented basketball players at every position," said Earlywine. "They play very

hard and are well coached. There is a reason they are back-to-back [regular season] champions in our league."

Glen Dean gave the Eagles a great performance with 17 points, five rebounds and three assists. Jeffrey Forbes added 10 points while the rest of the team didn't surpass five.

The Eagles committed 14 turnovers in the first half of the game and trailed 24-51. In the second half, they only gave the ball up four times. WSU out-rebounded EWU 45-31 in the contest.

"We're not at the point where we can overcome [14 first half turnovers]," Earlywine said.

WSU's Kyle Bullinger and Nick Hansen had 13 and nine points respectively. They both had three 3-pointers on the night.

Saturday night was senior night as Brandon Moore, Mark Dunn, Benny Valentine, Gary Gibson and Matt Brunell took the court for the last time as Eagles. With a lineup of all five seniors for the majority of the second half, EWU held off ISU to win 79-71.

"We've had a number of occasions where we've had leads in the second half that we let get away," said Earlywine. "The seniors did a good job [holding onto] that lead."

Gibson and Dunn led EWU with 14 points apiece. Gibson shot 6-of-9 from the field and dished out five assists. Moore led EWU in rebounds, pulling down 12. He also scored eight points. Brunell and Valentine finished with nine and eight points respectively.

The game was tied late in the first half before EWU went on an 18-7 run, closing out the half with a 42-32 lead. The Bengals brought the lead down to five in the second half, but the seniors held them in check.

"We let them cut into the lead, but we regained our poise," said Earlywine. "A month or two ago we might have let that slip away, but we rebounded tonight and got [the lead] back up to double digits."

ISU's Demetrius Monroe led all scorers with 20 points, shooting 10-of-13 from the field. He also pulled down five rebounds.

With the win and loss, EWU finished the season with an overall 9-21 record and a 5-11 record in the BSC. Their record was good enough for a seventh-place finish, one place beyond postseason contention.

## EWU men and women's track finish fifth and sixth, respectively

BSC Indoor Track Championships mark the end of the season for athletes, look forward to outdoor season

BY ALLIE FRIESE  
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The Eagles wrapped up the indoor track season last weekend in Bozeman, Mont., with a fifth-place spot for the men and sixth for the women.

"It went pretty good," said women's Head Coach Marcia Mecklenberg. "I would've preferred that we placed in top five, we always want to place in the top half of the conference."

Nicole Luckenbach, a thrower who has been excelling all year, didn't disappoint. She shattered her personal record, which was the EWU school record, and beat the indoor conference meet record in the weight throw 65-9. The previous conference record was set in 1996 by Northern Arizona's Anna Soderburg at 62-6.

Senior Sarah Frey placed third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 56.48 seconds. The time ranks third in school history. The first-place time of 55.9 was set by Lisa Sorrell in 1979.

"[Frey] had two great races [in] both the prelims and the finals," Mecklenberg said.

Mecklenberg also cited Shene Davis, who set a new personal record and took second place in the long jump.

Erica Chaney, who is fourth in EWU school history, took second place in the shot put. "Her confidence continues to grow, which is great to see, so I think she'll do great in the outdoor season," Mecklenberg said.

The Eagle women were not without heartache when a promising athlete, Krystal Deyo, received a hamstring injury during the 55-meter dash. She managed to finish the race, however, taking seventh place.

"She had an awesome prelim race, and she was ready to go big," Mecklenberg said.

The women who scored in the meet also include Whitney Leavitt and Sarah Frey in the 55-meter dash, Chelsi Friese and Mackenzie Hall in the pole vault, Davis and Tammusa Miller in the triple jump, and Emily Jacobson in the weight throw.

"For the guys overall, we had a very successful meet," men's Head Coach Stan Kerr said. "A number of individuals had a number of promising performances, especially from our freshmen class."

There were a few things, however, that Kerr noted as a downfall.

"I think we could have got fourth. Just like in any sport, there were a couple of calls that didn't go our way that could have been pivotal, but we're not going to hammer away at that. We'll go with their decisions and keep our character intact."

Kerr noted Zach Robinson, who placed fourth overall in the 55-meter dash, as well as fellow freshman Stephen Warner who took fifth in the 55-meter hurdles.

"These guys have nothing but bright futures ahead of them in this conference," he said.

There were two placers in the 400-meter dash: Brad Wall, who took fourth, and Chad Butorac in seventh.

"[Wall] is one of those foundation pieces for the future in our sprint and hurdle group," Kerr noted.

Butorac and Wall were both on the 4-by-4 relay team with Simon Sorenson and heptathlete Kersee Lind. They took sixth.

Lind took fifth overall in the heptathlon with a total of 4,974 points.

In the distance realm, Kyle King and Alex Smyth took fourth in the 3,000-meters and the mile, respectively. Also placing in the 3,000 was Bowe Ebding and Cody Barton.

Cody Fishel and Adam Steward finished second in the men's high jump both with jumps of 6-7, earning them All-BSC honors. Stephen Praast also placed in the high jump with a jump of 6-5, and he placed in the triple jump along with Armand Hopkins and Kurt Williams.

For the throwers, David Howard and Marlyn Anderson both earned points for the Eagles in the shot put, but the spotlight was on Brody Faire who finished third with a throw of 54-1 1/4.

"Brody really shined in the shot put on Saturday afternoon," Kerr said.

For the outdoor season, Kerr is aiming a bit higher.

"We're shooting for top three. We have a couple guys like Aaron Mettler for example, who is a two time conference champ in Javelin. I think we'll have a recipe for a top-three finish."





Krystal Deyo

# Former student achieves dream with ESPN

Colin Cowherd attended Eastern from 1982-86 and is now host of his own ESPN radio show and co-host of SportsNation after working around the sports world for 15 years

BY DUSTIN TOMS  
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EWU is only a pit stop for ESPN.

But that stop is how Colin Cowherd put the pieces in place. Cowherd, a former EWU student, hosts "The Herd" on ESPN Radio Monday through Friday.

Cowherd has always had a passion for broadcasting. He knew exactly what his goals were by the time he was 9 years old. He grew up in the small town of Grayland, Wash., before going to college.

He attended EWU from 1982 to 1986. He didn't graduate though; he left school with only 12 credits needed to finish because he was offered a job to be the play-by-play voice for the Pacific Coast League's Las Vegas Stars.

"A professor told me I was good enough to get a job, and [I] was offered one that December," said Cowherd. "I always knew I wanted to be in broadcasting, so I left before I got my degree."

During his time at EWU, Cowherd was a contributing writer for *The Easterner*. He was also a freelancer for Las Vegas newspapers, as well as a play-by-play commentator for EWU athletic events.

Cowherd majored in radio-TV and also took classes in psychology. He originally enrolled at EWU because of its broadcasting program, which has since been

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-ESPN's  
Colin Cowherd

cut, and because the university is far away from his home.

Getting to ESPN took Cowherd nearly 15 years of local sports coverage across Oregon, Nevada and Florida, but it was all worth it six years ago. ESPN called Cowherd and asked him to interview for a morning radio show to replace the Tony Kornheiser Show. Now, he is on the air weekdays from 7 to 11 a.m., hosting "The Herd." To him, the show is like "intellectual yoga."

"The Herd" has a different sound and vibe, and we hope fans enjoy it," said Cowherd. "My goal has always been to produce the best show possible, and ESPN's commitment and resources make this a perfect fit."

Sports Illustrated named Cowherd Radio Personality of the Year in 2005.

This past year, Cowherd joined forces with Michelle Beadle to host SportsNation on ESPN 2. Today, SportsNation is the fastest

growing TV show ESPN has had in eight years.

"[SportsNation] is great. It's a little different, and it aims for younger people, but I love it," Cowherd said.

Cowherd says that being opinionated and being able to take criticism are necessary to working in any sort of journalism field.

"I always had strong opinions, and I never cared about criticism," said Cowherd. "Look at the people successful in media. We can all handle criticism."

Even though Cowherd has moved past the pit stop of EWU, he still appreciates what the school provided him. He recently donated \$50,000 toward the 2010 Stadium Project.

Cowherd's time at ESPN has allowed him to reach the goals he set during his childhood. Even with his foot planted firmly at ESPN, Cowherd knows better than to not give it your all. He knows to appreciate the opportunities given to him in life and to take full advantage of them.

"I've enjoyed all of it. It offers me a daily challenge. I like to work. I like to do stuff. [ESPN] works toward my passion," said Cowherd. "We work our tails off and take sports seriously, but can laugh at ourselves, too."

Listen to "The Herd" on ESPN Radio KXLY 700 and watch SportsNation on ESPN 2, channel 19.



Colin Cowherd hosting SportsNation on ESPN 2. He also hosts "The Herd."

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"We didn't start this one very well. The second period especially wasn't very good. We took some bad penalties," said Braun. "We came back in the third and, overall, it wasn't really bad. I think we're going to have to certainly play better in the upcoming weeks."

The scoring line of Pajimold, Trux and Aaron Boyce was one of the more productive forward line-

ups of the entire tournament. The three forwards were involved in nine of the 14 points scored during the weekend.

"It's really good to see those guys get those points," Braun said. "They had their struggles a little bit earlier in the season, but it's great to see them come back and start putting the puck into the net."

"While it was great to win both our games this weekend, simply making nationals is not enough for us," said Heaney. "Our goal has always been to win it all."



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