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YOUR CAMPUS VOICE NEWS

Digital signs to be installed on campus

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

ASEWU Superior Court Justice Justin Fry has proposed that digital signs be installed throughout Eastern's campus.

The digital signs on Central Washington University's campus first sparked Fry's interest in the idea.

If installed, the TV screens would be controlled from a central place, Fry said, and would distribute information quickly and effectively to Eastern students. "If there is an emergency, the police and fire departments could take control of the system [to alert students]," he said.

Fry had previously proposed the idea, but due to budgetary restraints, the university was unable to follow through.

The initial cost of the system is expensive, Fry said. But after the first purchase and set-up costs, however, every time a new screen is added it would only equal the cost of purchasing a new TV.

Fry has asked the university for a \$200,000 budget for the project. The amount was the highest of all the system costs that he researched and would only be fully spent in the "worst-case scenario," he said.

Although the system won't be in place for at least a year after the proposal is passed, it would give

Raiding medicine cabinets in pursuit of a new type of high has become a common trend among college students. The Easterner now examines ...



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Ignoring doctor's orders and recklessly self-medicating can lead to serious consequences, even death

BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

According to the Office of National Drug Control Policy, nonmedical use of prescription medications is the second most abused drug, falling behind marijuana use. These prescription drugs range from Prozac to Lexapro and are prescribed to combat depression and anxiety.

"There are a lot of students that are on antidepressants or anti-anxiety medications," said Carol Gahl, certified physicians assistant at Rockwood Clinic.

Studies have shown that it is the lack of education and ignorance of prescriptions that increases abuse. According to drugfree-world.org, painkillers, depressants and antidepressants are responsible for more deaths from overdose in the U.S. than cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and amphetamines combined.

"We know that the last couple of years, college students have been misusing prescription drugs," said Michelle Pingree, director of Health, Wellness and Prevention Services.

According to a study published in the

Journal of American College Health, 40 percent of college students snort prescription drugs.

"Young people are more open to experimenting by maybe taking something that is supposed to be an oral pill and crushing it or injecting it," Gahl said.

She further explained that taking the medication in a way other than how it is prescribed alters how it will affect the patient.

"Pills are designed to be broken down through the gastrointestinal tract and absorbed through the gastrointestinal tract. So when you inject something directly into a vein, the response will probably be stronger and shorter lived," Gahl said.

Generally, medications that are to be taken orally are time-released, meaning that they release a small dosage of the medication

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- Carol Gahl
Certified physicians assistant,
Rockwood Clinic

over a 24-hour period. Gahl explained that crushing and snorting or injecting the pill takes away the time-release factor, altering the benefits of the drug.

Another form of abuse is the combination of medications and alcohol. Mixing these drugs, according to a WSU study, is "a double dose of depressant." The combination of alcohol and opiates, or painkillers enhances the sedative effect, which increases the likelihood of overdose.

"Because alcohol metabolizes so quickly, it's going to decrease the effectiveness of [a student's] medications," Gahl said.

Alcohol breaks down faster than the medication, so the receptor sites are going to be affected by the alcohol before the medication, therefore hindering the effect the drug is supposed to have.

In addition to lessening the impact of the drug, combining alcohol and drugs enhances the effect that alcohol has on the brain.

"Alcohol has a depressant affect on a person ... people use alcohol to feel mellow and relaxed," Gahl said. "Because they work on different nerve receptors, the affect of alcohol will be impacted."

Students who abuse these medications may do so inadvertently because they are unaware of the side effects. Some, as Gahl stated, may be intentionally misusing meds in an attempt to "self-medicate."

"There are students, or people, who self-medicate because they are stressed or depressed, and they just really need some relief. But there are also many who just want to experiment and have some fun and don't realize what kind of harm they could be doing to their body," Gahl said.

The combination of alcohol and prescription medication is becoming a more popular occurrence as it is seen by college students as "new and exciting," according to POP Culture, a WSU prevention project. Pingree stressed that this is a nationwide problem. "It isn't just at Eastern," she said.

ASEWU fills two council positions

BY TOM LINNAHE
staff writer

Two vacant positions on the ASEWU Council have now been appointed to Collin Schuler and Makai Borden.

Schuler is now the Technology Advancement representative, and Borden is now the Athletic Affairs and University Advancement representative.

Both candidates were selected from a pool of applicants and brought on by a committee sanctioned by the ASEWU.

Schuler, a 21-year-old accounting major and junior, has always had an interest in technology. For the past year, he has worked for Tech-EZE, fixing problems with Blackboard bugs to lost passwords.

Along with addressing student technology concerns, Schuler has also been actively engaged in campus leadership roles.

"I've had an interest in student government for a while. I served on the Dressler Hall board my first two years here," said Schuler. "This coming year, I'd even like to run for the same position and try to retain it."

Schuler hopes to maximize the ease of use of technology on campus in an effort to better serve students.

"Right now, I'd really like to see maybe some easier tactic use

Beverage contract expiration date nears

Contract establishes provisions for Eagle Shop; Pepsi, Coke, and Dr Pepper and 7UP all have bids

BY JASON KEEBY
staff writer

With its 10-year beverage provider contract due to end in July, Eastern Dining Services is searching for a new sole-source beverage provider.

Working in conjunction with University Advancement and the Athletics Department, a committee has been established to help negotiate the proceedings so that a new contract can hopefully be signed by June.

Dave McKay, director of Dining Services, said that while they are in the early stages of informal meetings, the committee has already put forward their top priority.

"When we go in, we say right up front in the bid that we're trying to get the best

deal for the students and the university," McKay said.

The three phases involved in the bidding he said, are dining purchases for resale, vending machines and athletic marketing.

The ability for the Eagle Shop to carry 20 percent alternate products is a critical aspect, McKay said. "Whether we end up as a Pepsi campus again or a Coke campus, we want to be able to offer those people who are really dedicated to an alternate product [with that choice]," he said.

In light of recent economic woes, talks with the corporations can sometimes be demanding, McKay said. While priorit



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Eastern, currently a Pepsi campus, is reaching the end of its 10-year contract with the company.

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James Eik

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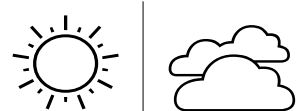
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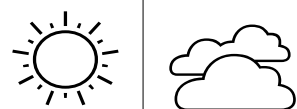
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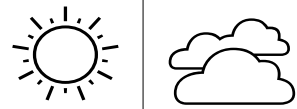
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POLICE BEAT

March 4 - March 7

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

3/4 11:12 a.m. – A student reported that she had been struck by a vehicle on Washington Street, just outside of the PHASE. The student was crossing the street in the crosswalk when a vehicle parked at one of the meters pulled out slowly. The vehicle struck her at a low speed and did not cause any injury.

3/4 6:38 p.m. – EWU Police responded to a triggered door alarm in the Science Building. A worker getting some items from the building said that he had propped the door open because its keypad wasn't working properly.

3/5 3:13 a.m. – EWU Police assisted the Cheney Police Department with a highly intoxicated student passed out on a sidewalk. The student was conscious and alert when police arrived, but couldn't keep his balance. Eventually, the stu-

dent was transported to a hospital in Spokane.

3/6 1:25 a.m. – EWU Police responded to Dressler Hall's sixth floor when reports of a possible liquor violation were called in. One of the room's occupants had left after the police were contacted but eventually returned. The room's owner stated that he hadn't been drinking; however, his friend in the room had been contacted before about underage drinking. The friend wasn't cooperative with police and was referred to OSRR.

3/7 1:14 a.m. – EWU Police contacted residents who initially denied drinking in a room on the fifth floor of Dressler Hall. The students had typical signs of alcohol use: red, watery eyes and slurred speech. One student denied that their speech was slurred. All three refused to take a field sobriety test and were referred to OSRR.



Comic by Clancy Bundy

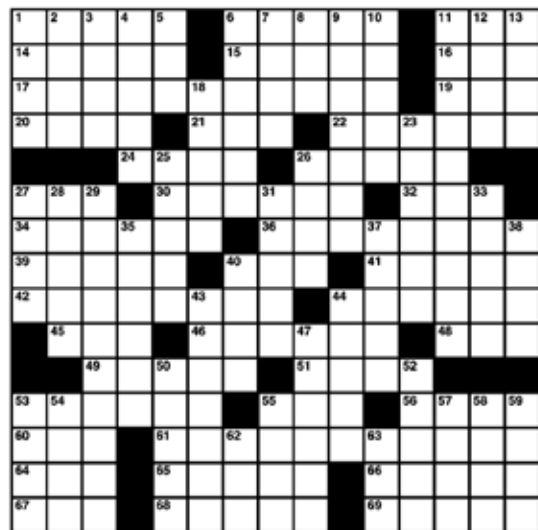
3/4 2:16 a.m. – EWU Police responded to a call of malicious mischief on the fourth floor of Pearce Hall. According to police reports, the interior wall of the entire floor was wrapped in cellophane. There are no suspects at this time.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 "The Kid": early TV Western
- 6 Suit parts
- 11 "___ the season ..." season ...
- 14 Choir members
- 15 Even if, for short
- 16 Cal. neighbor
- 17 "Sam in "Casablanca," e.g.
- 19 Spinner
- 20 Squealed, so to speak
- 21 Be under the weather
- 22 Formally unsay
- 24 Outlast or 88
- 26 She plays Julia in "Julie & Julia"
- 27 Tack on
- 30 Standards of excellence
- 32 CEO's degree
- 34 Dirty
- 36 "Fast-paced"
- 39 "Wake Up With Al" weatherman
- 40 China's Mao ___
- 41 Studio stand
- 42 Collapsible headgear
- 44 "Honor Thy Father" author
- 45 Sun, to Esteban
- 46 Outcome
- 48 Canonized 26-
- 49 Festival showings, perhaps
- 51 Quartz variety
- 53 Began the betting
- 55 UN anti-child-labor agcy.
- 56 Old oath
- 60 Menu phrase
- 61 Big finish, and what the first words of the answers to starred clues can be
- 64 Roofing material
- 65 Part of a pound
- 66 Best-seller list entry
- 67 NBC fixture for nearly 35 yrs.
- 68 Dirty campaign tactic



Solution

- DOWN
- 1 Limits
- 2 Hip bones
- 3 Olie's partner
- 4 Zaire, today
- 5 Disney toon panda, "Special Agent"
- 6 Travel bag
- 7 Airline to Tel Aviv
- 8 Farm home
- 9 "Spider-Man 3" actress Russell
- 10 More ticked off
- 11 "Hank Aaron's 6,856 is the career record"
- 12 Heavy metal
- 13 Back-to-school mo.
- 18 Rice source
- 23 One of a drum set pair
- 25 Scales of the zodiac
- 26 Swiss miss, maybe: Abbr.
- 27 Soil-related prefix
- 28 Fails to grasp
- 29 "1982 Gene Chandler hit
- 31 Helpers: Abbr.
- 33 "___ of robins ...": Kilmer
- 35 Capital east of the Elbe River
- 37 Substantial
- 38 Elation
- 40 Base melody
- 43 Boring
- 44 Like a ___ bricks
- 47 Obama attorney
- 50 Tyke's blocks
- 52 Arc lamp gas
- 53 Granola ingredient
- 54 Word after flight or floor
- 55 Ancient Peruvian
- 57 Contributed
- 58 Away from the wind
- 59 Farmer's place, in song
- 62 "Wheel of Fortune" buy
- 63 Printer need

Accuracy check

-From the "Final budget reading" article, the budget will not directly go to President Arévalo, but instead will first go to the SA Fee committee and then to the Board of Trustees.

-From the same article, Makai Borden voted on the bill, Collin Schuler did not.

-Jamie Gwinn was incorrectly referred to in "Cooling off the court" due to a copy editing error.

-Due to an editing error, Geshe Thupten Phelgye's name was spelled incorrectly.

-The hockey games against Simon Fraser College, March 5 and 6, were not playoff games.

green dot spot

your weekly guide to ending power-based personal violence

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

Last week's article covered the 3 D's of "green dot" behavior, direct, distract, and delegate. This week's article will give example of how to apply the 3 D's to a potential partner violence scenario. Let's pretend you are the observer of this red dot situation:

You notice a person grabbing their partner and you overhear the following loud comment, "Why are you late? You know you are supposed to meet me for lunch right after class. I don't have time for your games." You notice the loud person is now towering above the other, frightened person.

You assess the situation, and notice

there are many people around who can help you if you need it. You say to the aggressor, "Your partner looks scared. Could you please take a breath and calm down so nothing bad happens?" (Direct)

You assess the situation and decide it would be safer to act as if nothing is wrong. You approach the couple and say, "I hope you are not busy, but I lost my little dog. Have you seen a little black dog, about this big?" (Distract)

You feel afraid to act because you are by yourself, so you enter the building and tell the people at the front desk, "a couple is fighting outside, could you please check the situation out,

and if needed call 911?" (Delegate)

The key to doing a green dot, when you observe a risky situation, is to understand that you have options, and think about those options ahead of time. How you use the 3 D's will also depend on whether you are a friend of the couple or a total stranger. Sometimes is safe to take direct action, and other times it may be better to delegate or distract. EWU staff offer training to help you gain confidence in your ability to employ the 3 D's safely with friends and with strangers. If you are interested in attending the training, please contact Laurel Kelly at 359.6287.

If you find any errors in your paper, please contact our news editor at easterner.news@gmail.com.

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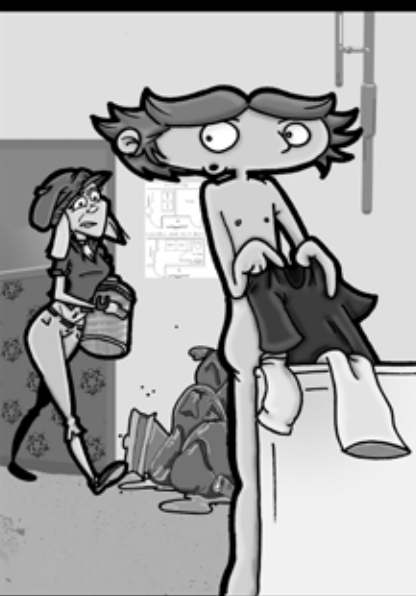
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SA Fee may get increase

Students as well as programs to benefit if amount is passed

BY TOM LINNANE
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In an effort to better benefit the student population of Eastern, the ASEWU decided to increase the student Service and Activity (SA) Fee by 14 percent last Friday.

Currently, EWU students pay a quarterly fee of \$179. With the new increase, students will be paying \$198 per quarter. During the fiscal year of 2010, SA Fee revenue reached \$1.77 million and is now expected to be somewhere around \$2.02 million for 2011.

"We don't want to just raise tuition on students without some strong justification of where that money is going," said Finance Vice President Patrick Spanner.

Several allocation proposals have already been submitted for the expected \$256,503 increase in funds. These include reinstating the Campus Readership Program as well as instituting a computer replacement program.

Interim Director of the Office of Student Activities Josh Ashcroft also proposed a list of budget ideas for the increase in revenue. Some suggestions include creating about 30 student jobs in a variety of Student Life Offices, inflatable equipment for laser tag, late night programming, and paying off the money owed on EPIC vehicles.

"The proposals are some things we came up [with] that really look at some things we know we need or even just some things we could use if they wanted to go that route," Ashcroft said.

Other ideas include the following: Social Justice training, Conduct Software programs, new staging equipment, portable drapes for the MPR, and purchasing paint ball equipment.

The SA Fee currently sponsors four key programs: Child care, CARE, *The Easterner* and Athletics. Spanner believes that the SA Fee is more of an investment opportunity for students rather than just another cost.

"The council this year is, in my opinion, doing a really great job of assessing what the students' needs are," said Spanner. "Basically, we're just looking at what we can afford to meet that will give students the most bang for their buck."

Spanner submitted a proposal in February with the intent to replace computers over a four-year period. ASEWU and affiliated programs such as The Office of Student Activities, Campus Recreation, EPIC and Eagle Entertainment would be affected directly by the program.

ASEWU President Ryan Eucker also submitted a proposal to save the Campus Readership Program, which provides students with complimentary daily copies of the *New York Times* and *The Spokesman-Review*.

The program was originally funded by the ASEWU fiscal budget but was omitted from the 2010-11 report, due to financial constraints.

The increase will now be submitted to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

What do you think about the increase in the SA Fee? Let us know by e-mailing our news editor at easterner.news@gmail.com.

Bottling up Recyclemania

Eastern students participate in annual recycling competition.

Photo illustration by Megan Hopp/Easterner

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

EWU is participating in Recyclemania, a national recycling competition, against 500 universities challenged to collect the most recycled materials from Jan. 17 to March 27.

In the seventh week of Recyclemania, students appear to carry on their daily routines unchanged, exposing an unfortunate reality about the university's recycling practices.

"We have only recycled 2.49 pounds per student [since the competition started], and the winning universities have recycled 34.5 pounds per student," said Eastern Environmental Club President Laci Hubbard. "With math like that, we are not doing very well."

Hubbard said that students have been hard to recruit compared to last year when the student body seemed to show more cooperation and effort.

Eastern has yet to improve its recycling numbers from last year when the university placed 220th place out of 300 universities in the competition.

"That is not very promising, but I have hopes that this year we will do better," said Hubbard. "I have hopes that in the future our recycling will win the race."

During last year's Recyclemania, stu-

"I have hopes that in the future our recycling will win the race."

-Laci Hubbard,
President of the Eastern
Environmental Club

dents appeared to increase their recycling habits and adapt those habits into their routines after the competition.

Hubbard hopes the results of this year's competition will be similar to last year's.

Competitive students who establish good recycling habits during Recyclemania are encouraged to continue their recycling on an everyday basis, Hubbard said.

Eastern Environmental has worked hard to promote the event by hanging up posters and encouraging recycling around campus despite the weak turnout.

"We really don't have the money to fund an event [to raise awareness about Recyclemania]," Hubbard said.

Statistics show that Eastern students do sometimes recycle their garbage and waste.

In 2007, the university recycled a total of 612,014 pounds of trash. The total in 2008 reached 676,178 pounds.

"The goal of the contest in general is to promote recycling awareness and to establish good recycling habits within the student and faculty population," Hubbard said.

Along with earning bragging rights, Recyclemania winners will be awarded recycled glass trophies and be announced the winners during March Madness finals.

Hubbard advises students to recycle for the many environmental benefits and also the large amounts of money that can be saved at the university.

University recycling statistics show that Eastern would save \$180,000 per year if waste was recycled instead of being tossed in the trash.

"Any time you recycle materials instead of buying a product out of virgin materials, you are not only saving the virgin materials from being destroyed, [but] less energy is spent to create these products out of materials that have already been made," said Hubbard. "Those benefits are a major part of the recycling industry."

The planet's finite resources are preserved by recycling, Hubbard said. Reusing our material resources will help the environment as well as future generations.

In search of design ideas

Team travels to nearby universities to research PUB remodel possibilities

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

Eastern students and faculty recently traveled to Central Washington University and Washington State University as part of research for the proposed PUB renovation.

While at the schools, the groups observed what was implemented in their union building designs and whether those methods would be applicable at Eastern.

"The information is really going to help us in making sure we don't rush anything, and we keep the students in mind the whole way through," Stacey Butler, ASEWU executive vice president, said in an e-mail.

Traveling to CWU with Butler were Josh Ashcroft, director of the Office of Student Activities, and Lauren Nissen, ASEWU director of elections.

WSU's visit included Devon Tinker of the University Bookstore and Bob Anderson, director of the bookstore.

At CWU, the group noted that the openness of the building stood out, as well as the theater that was incorporated into the design.

Despite the positive ideas gained by the visit, Butler noted that a decision has not been made regarding the extent that a renovation would cover.

"This project is all moving in baby steps," said Butler. "We want to do as much research as possible and make sure whatever we do will in 100 percent in the best interest [sic] for the students here at EWU."

WSU's student union building, which was recently renovated, offers more food choices, according to Butler. A ballroom is incorporated in the building, and is used for large events.

Although the buildings offered several positive ideas, not all parts of the designs would be appropriate for Eastern.

"When the new student union buildings were built at these schools, they cut down the number of meetings spaces," said Butler. "I don't think that would work here at EWU. So many students utilize our meeting room spaces, and I think they are a great asset her [sic] at EWU."

Butler also noted that Eastern has its own public computer lab and writing center, something the other schools lack.

A survey to gauge student reaction and hear input on the proposed PUB renovation is still in the works.

"It takes a while to get everything put together, and a lot more groups are piggybacking on the survey," Butler said.

Future trips are currently being considered to the University of Idaho and Montana colleges. Students wishing to become involved in the process can contact Stacey Butler at 359-7052 or by e-mail at asewuxecutivevp@eagles.ewu.

What do you think about the PUB renovation? Let us know by e-mailing our news editor at easterner.news@gmail.com.

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Nicole Erickson

Pride arrives at Eastern

LGBT center provides a gathering place

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

Eagle Pride held the grand opening of their Pride Center Friday in Showalter 103 and 105.

The club, which advocates rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, as well as queer questioning individuals, and allies of the homosexual community, has been using the center since last fall, but it was a "soft opening," Terrie Ashby-Scott, director of the office of transitions and inclusions said. The center finally had its grand opening, complete with ribbon cutting. "This is part of the diversity of campus," said Dan Teachman of Eagle Pride. "We have to support it."

Richard Arquette, president of Eagle Pride, said that their mission is to raise awareness not only on Eastern's campus, but in both the Cheney and Spokane communities. The club is open to every student who strives for equality and diversity on campus and in the surrounding areas.

The allies of the group agree to be, "non-judgmental, understand-

ing, discrete and confidential with respect to anyone seeking help, looking for support or resources, or someone with whom to talk," according to Eastern's Web site. Many Eastern staff and students have identified themselves as allies of the LGBT community.

Arquette is currently in the midst of organizing a Pride Week, which will be held April 12-16. He said that, among other events, the week will end on Friday with the Day of Silence, followed by the Night of Noise: a dance that will be held in the PUB MPR.

Aside from Pride Week, members of Eagle Pride are also organizing an event called the Lavender Graduation which will be held May 21 in Showalter Hall.

The purpose of the event is to "honor college and high school graduates [who are part of the LGBT community], as well as recognizing supporters and allies," Scott said.

Those who are interested in supporting Eagle Pride can attend the social meetings that are held every Friday at 7 p.m. in Showalter 103.



University President Rodolfo Arévalo helps cut the ribbon at the opening of EWU's pride center.

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Plan to replace old computers receives approval

The ASEWU agrees to the allocation of \$26,000 a year, for four years, to improve electronics on Eastern's campus

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

The ASEWU approved a proposal Friday to replace slow and run-down computers in student programs and organizations over the next four years.

"Some of our computers that are being replaced have been used for five, six or seven years, which is a very long lifespan for computers these days," said Patrick Spanner, finance vice president of the ASEWU. "With the speed [at which] technology and software are being developed, a lot of times computers are very out of date, and the software does not perform in the most

efficient manner."

The computer replacement program will allocate \$26,000 per year for a cycle of four years, working with the timeline of the Student Technology Fee Committee's (STFC) computer purchasing plan. Total cost will be \$104,000 for 54 computers with a minor surplus that will be used to purchase high-end software.

Three different computer models will be purchased: Dell PCs for \$1,500 each, Dell laptops for \$2,000 each and iMacs for \$1,700 each.

Programs to receive the replacements include the ASEWU Office, the Office of Student Activities, the Office of Student Life, Student Life Accounting (SLA),

EPIC and Campus Recreation.

The computer purchases will be spread out over the planned four-year cycle with some being purchased during the summer.

"People know that after you have used your computer for three or four years, they just stop working. Instead of sending more money to fix them, it is much cheaper and more efficient to just replace them," Spanner said.

Many of the university's computers are on a four-year warranty plan. When the warranties end, fixing the computers, rather than replacing them, can be very expensive if they breakdown, he said.

The program is timed with the STFC computer-purchasing plan, Spanner said.

When the STFC orders more than 100 new computers this summer, the ASEWU will add their replacement computers to that order to capitalize on the discount provided for such a large purchase.

Spanner said that the program, which is funded by the Student Service and Activity Fee, will save students thousands of dollars by purchasing these computers in bulk.

"The ASEWU and all the programs that are affiliated with it are businesses. They have to be able to operate at a very high level in order to best serve the general student body as a whole," Spanner said.

The tech committee and SLA will oversee the purchase and installation of the re-

placement computers this summer.

The new computers will be of a higher quality with larger hard drives and extra RAM, so they will last more than a few years before they need to be replaced again, Spanner said.

Other hardware, such as printers and fax machines, will have to be allocated in the future through yearly budgets passed by the ASEWU.

"These computers will not be bought for the general use of students," Spanner said. "These computers will be purchased for professional staff or students who work under those staff positions, so this is not going to be technology that is open for student resources."

CONTRACT

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ing plays a huge role, McKay explained that they try to balance the pricing with how much the company can give back to the school in terms of university support. This support is typically in the form of marketing, such as scoreboards.

One factor that wasn't as prominent 10 years ago, is the popularity of specialty drinks, such as SoBe and Monster, McKay said.

Explaining that the energy drinks weren't much of an item in the last contract, he said that this time around there is more attention being given to the Red Bulls and Amps in the market. "The energy drinks were not even carried in the contract," McKay said. In turn, negotiating for new drinks as they came out is difficult. "It's really been a push-and-shove. So we've done a better job in language and working with the companies," he said.

McKay explained that the inability to lock in prices of the newer drinks in the last contract led to a premium price for both Dining Services and students. With new attention in the bid toward specialty drinks, McKay said that while the designer drinks aren't cheap, he hopes they can provide more options and better pricing for the students.

"The Gatorades, the Propels, all those new things

are spendy," he said. "Whether you buy them here or at Safeway, they're expensive."

The three companies involved in the bidding are Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Dr Pepper, and 7UP.

"They all have an umbrella of products," he said. "We're familiar with Pepsi, but Coke has their line as well."

With all companies having sound portfolios, there hasn't been any worries about quality. McKay said the committee had discussed whether consumers on campus would have locked-in taste choices. "I could say, 'Yeah, I'm a Diet Coke fan,' but Diet Pepsi's fine," he said. "I don't know if there's many out there who just have to have one over the other."

With most drinks across retail lines containing similar ingredients, McKay said that the committee is looking at other variables in the bid. Though not featured as heavily in the talks 10 years ago, the ability to move vending machines around and add them when demand calls is a focal point. With the Patterson Hall remodel, he explained, it would be nice to have the freedom to place extra machines in the building after construction.

Other points that have been brought into the bidding process are the terms of service regarding machine repairs. Tiebreakers have been developed in case the bids are extra-comparable.

After the school receives the companies' replies in late April, school officials will have all of May to decide on which products will be available on campus.

COUNCIL

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for students. Technology can be very confusing," Schuler said. "We're going to be looking at ways to make technology simpler and faster for students. But at the same time, [we're] trying to bring down costs."

Beyond just serving his position on various committees such as the Student Technology Fee Committee, Schuler hopes to use this opportunity to connect with students.

"Outside of all this, I'm a student as well," Schuler said.

Borden is a senior and has been playing EWU Football as an outside linebacker for the past five years. He was also one of the captains last year, and hopes to apply his experience gained from captaining the team to his new position with the ASEWU.

"I feel that a lot of what I learned in football carries over into the business aspect of the council and the work ethic it takes to get this job done so-to-speak," Borden said.

Graduating from Puyallup High School in 2005, Borden has been actively involved in sports his whole life. Now as the representative of Athletic Affairs, he'll be able to use his knowledge of sports and networking

"I think the most exciting thing for me is that I have this opportunity to do something good and help people out."

-Makai Borden,
Athletic Affairs and University
Advancement representative


to help improve EWU Athletics.

"I want to help the athletics and the university and I want to get those to the place that they need to be," Borden said. "We've always had great sports and we have a great community of students, and I really feel we can even step it up another notch."

Borden believes that Eastern could be as well-known as colleges like Gonzaga or Washington State University and plans to use his position to put EWU on the map.

Being involved in athletics at Eastern has helped him to establish contacts with nearly every athletic department on campus, according to Borden.

"I think the most exciting thing for me is that I have this opportunity to do something good and help people out," Borden said.



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Walk-a-thon for Haiti relief

Students raise money through exercise

BY MELISSA CARROLL
staff writer

Haiti will be receiving more support thanks to a little exercise. The EWU Undergraduate Bachelor Program of Social Work (UBSW) organization held a walk-a-thon Saturday, March 6, in order to raise money for Haiti.

Nichole Smith, an EWU social work student, thought of the idea as part of her desire to help the people of Haiti.

"I believe if you can get two to three people who are passionate about something, you can get a lot done," she said.

UBSW began selling Haiti walk-a-thon shirts before the event as part of their fundraiser. From shirt sales alone, they have been able to raise about \$500. All proceeds from the event will be given to Heartline Ministries, which gives 100 percent of the money they raise directly to Haiti.

"This wasn't a religious thing, and we didn't pick the organization based on that. It was purely based on helping those in need and we wanted to give to an organization who would give all the money we raised directly to Haiti," Smith said.

The event gained support from family and friends of the students involved. UBSW also received an overwhelming amount of support from faculty and fellow Eastern students wanting to help out a good cause. Smith said that they received generous support from the media department which helped advertise the event.

A lot of time and energy went into organizing the fundraiser, UBSW President Maria Turner said. They started planning in late January, spending countless nights getting everything organized, she said.

"We were impressed by the idea Nichole came up with. We knew there was no reason not to do anything to help, so we just had to take baby steps to put everything together," Turner said.

After the walk-a-thon, the social work program held a Haiti benefit



Students participate in walk- a-thon and purchase shirts to help Haiti.

Curtis Chandler/Easterner

concert with numerous performers to raise more money. Brandon Gregory, who spent two weeks in Haiti after the earthquake, spoke at the concert about the great need that still exists in Haiti.

Gregory worked with an orphanage in Haiti and said that one of the hardest things to witness was the tent cities that people were living in due to the unsafe conditions of the remaining buildings. The tent cities are comprised of tarps hung up and little huts built out of whatever people can find for shelter.

"The medical aid going down to Haiti is helping many children sur-

vive and live normal lives. So the support that people are giving really is making a difference," Gregory said.

Smith also hopes to put together a memory book, with prayers and notes of support from EWU students for the people of Haiti. Smith said that any support will help in their time of need, even if someone can't give money.

"It is important to understand what is going on. People need to realize the world is a big place and that every little bit helps in making a difference," Gregory said.

Work study and scholarships may be cut next year due to budget losses

Students receiving financial aid may soon find tuition to be a higher hurdle as state and federal funding dries up

BY MIKE BRAMBLEY
staff writer

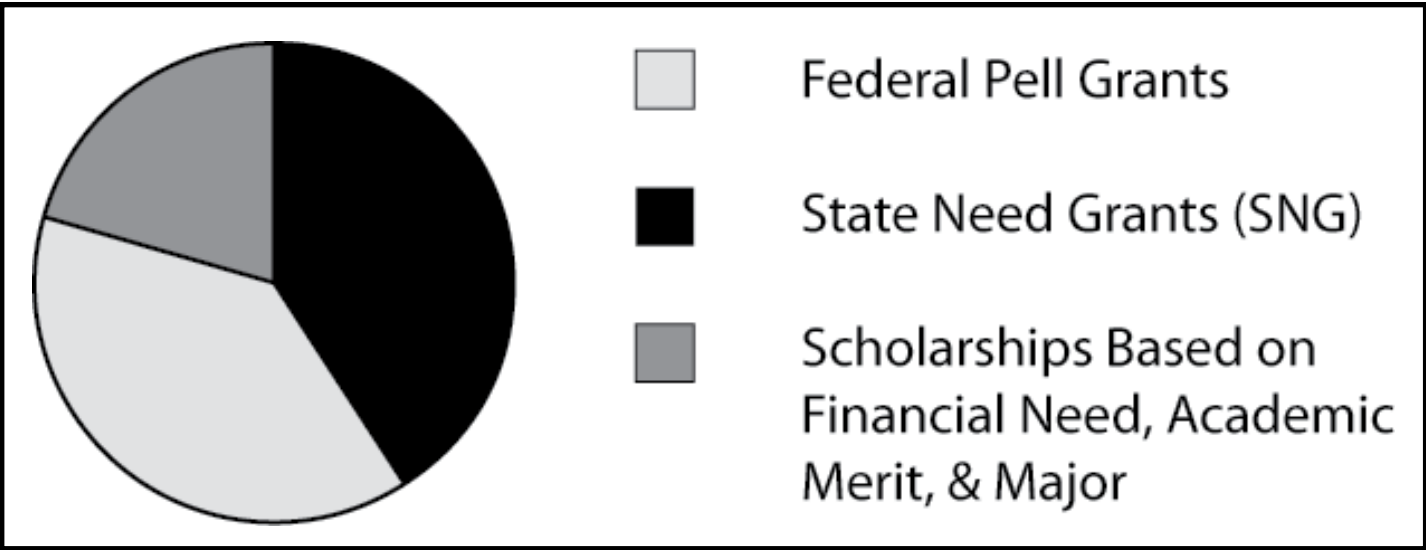
The State Legislature may decide to cut certain state financial aid programs, like the Washington State Need Grant (SNG) and work study, to support budget revisions forced by the tough economy.

"Unfortunately, in the discretionary part of the state budget, higher education is kind of the last consideration. So they find it easiest to cut higher education over something like welfare or health care or K-12 education," said Bruce DeFrates, director of Financial Aid and Scholarships. "The fact that the government chose such substantial decreases in financial aid tells me that this state is suffering pretty greatly."

Predicted financial aid cuts will have the greatest impact on the state's work study program, but the cuts are also expected to negatively affect the SNG. The work study program expects to lose at least \$210,000 next year, DeFrates said.

No financial aid cuts are expected at the federal level, he said. The federal government will fund whatever is needed for all eligible students to receive financial aid.

This year, approximately 8,300 Eastern



students received federal, state or institutional financial aid. Total funds processed through the Financial Aid Office this year equaled about \$95 million.

DeFrates said that he expects that total to grow to more than \$100 million in the coming years.

Federal financial aid is the biggest source of funding for the university, providing approximately \$25 million per year in grants and about \$55 million per year

in loans, with a small amount of funding for work study.

State financial aid goes toward most of the SNG, with close to \$11.5 million per year, and state work study, with around \$1 million.

Institutional financial aid comes from tuition waivers totaling approximately \$7.5 million and scholarships totaling about \$700,000. Athletic scholarships at the university equal about \$1.5 million.

More than half of the students at Eastern receive need-based federal financial aid to attend school. The university has received an increase in financial aid applications due to state and national economic troubles.

"Students are looking for financial aid to cover the cost of tuition increases that have gone up 14 percent for the last two years for undergraduate residents," DeFrates said. "People are worrying about be-

ing able to pay for that, and of course, they are applying for financial aid to see what they can get to help out."

Almost a third of all Eastern undergraduate students receive financial aid grants. About 3,000 students at the university receive federal Pell grants. Another 2,800 Eastern students receive grants from the SNG.

Grants are strictly based on need and undergraduate status. For the SNG, eligible students must be residents of Washington state.

Nearly 1,500 Eastern students receive scholarships that are based on financial need, academic merit and major.

"People are struggling with the economy, and we are getting a pretty good influx of applications both for scholarships and for other types of aid," DeFrates said.

The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office is designated by the government to work as the clearing house for all financial aid at Eastern.

All aid, whether from federal, state, institutional or external sources, must be coordinated into one package by the university Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

"Time will tell if things rebound," said DeFrates. "If the economy recovers, then the programs will likely be restored."

SIGNS from front page

both staff and students a sense of security on campus. The largest problem the university faces with this proposal is the cost, especially in the current budgetary crisis, according to Fry.

Aside from emergency alerts, the signs would likely run advertisements and would spread the word about campus clubs, sporting events, fundraisers and other announcements from both the university and those affiliated with it.

According to *campustechnology.com*, digital signs from the Cisco networking equipment company have been placed at Santa Clara University in California. The new technology is excelling as an emergency communication plan and also as a day-to-day system. Twenty signs are currently placed on the campus and the university is planning on expanding further.

"During the [2008] presidential election, the signs were used as large-screen TVs, displaying different channels on different devices and allowing

students to compare coverage," according to the Web site. "Unlike TVs, the devices can display other information at the same time beside the TV display."

The signs that Fry has proposed for Eastern's campus can all be controlled from a single point. A smaller group of signs can be controlled from different key points throughout campus. In times of crisis, the entire system can be overridden by an administrator to alert students of information that they may have otherwise missed.

Santa Clara's CIO Ron Danielson notes that although the cost of the signs may be high, the need for this technology is higher. "At Santa Clara, we don't talk much about ROI [return on investment] ... We talk about effectiveness," he said.

The proposal is currently being controlled by the ASEWU, but the date that the final decision will be made is unknown.

Cheney looks at community center options

Parks and Recreation narrows ideas list to eight possibilities

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

After coming up just 65 votes short on Cheney's \$5 million park proposal, Cheney Parks and Recreation is regrouping to bring about a community center.

The center would serve as a gathering place for community members of all ages. The old center at the Wren Pierson Building (WPB) hosted services ranging from a senior to teen center and plenty in between. WPB closed last winter after heavy snowfall caused the roof to cave in. Currently, the Parks and Recreation administration is renting an office space next to Taco Bell. Insurance covers rent up until March of this year, after which they must cover it themselves.

The first phase of the proposed park and the new community center would have been built if the bond passed. However, the city is now looking at eight other options for the community center, which include Cedar Street Park, the basement of Gattos pizza joint, former Cheney Building Supply, Fisher building (part of the Cheney school district), Old Odd Fellows building, EWU surplus

building, WPB and the proposed community center with the park.

Each lot has its advantages and disadvantages. Rebuilding WPB and continuing plans for the park are ideas that are also being thrown around but on a much smaller scale with only a few of the planned facilities.

"We took a lot of [community] feedback and have now studied these eight different facilities," Paul Simmons, director of parks and recreation, said.

One of the advantages of rebuilding the WPB is the insurance settlement they will receive. The settlement is worth \$550,000 plus another \$102,000 for building codes. If they were to move to another site, they would lose all depreciation in the WPB, which is around \$162,000, and the money allocated for codes will earn just \$286,000 for a new center.

"The [question about WPB] is do we rebuild it the same way it was or do we look to add improvements?" Simmons said.

One of the bigger needs, according to Simmons, is for athletic playing fields. Youth sports have become a large part of the community, but children have nowhere to practice and play. Originally, the

park proposal outlined the construction of four fields and a gymnasium, but "if we can't build all [five areas], we want to know how much two will cost," Simmons said.

Other needs include a designated area for community activities, administrative offices, a maintenance shop and a new aquatic facility. The local pool received repairs in 2009, but it will only hold up for five to 10 more years.

Until the community center is built, Cheney citizens will continue to be affected in various ways. The Cheney Weight Watchers meeting has been taking place downtown in the second level of Willow Springs. Teenagers have also lost a place to go after school. Once the teen center in the WPB shut down, Cheney attempted to hold something for teens on Eastern's campus, but people rarely showed up.

Simmons hopes to have a new proposal, or at least a set goal by the end of spring.

"Within a month or two, we will have a couple of other options [for] ideas that we can present to the community," he said. "[With their feedback] we want to move forward."

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Fourth Amendment's forgotten rights

BY KYLE FALTN
contributing writer

Most people know that the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits unreasonable searches and seizures from police and government agencies. What many do not know is how the Fourth Amendment is enacted in a college environment.

The amendment is based on the belief that Americans have an expectation of privacy when it comes to personal property. Police officers must obtain consent or a search warrant in order to search a person's private property, for the most part. Exceptions to this include searching in the event of an emergency or if the general public is at risk.

It applies to situations such as being stopped or arrested by the police, a search of a person's home, vehicle, storage unit and a corporate place of business. This

amendment is the main reason pieces of evidence are thrown out of criminal court. However, on a public university campus such as Eastern, how is this rule affected, if at all?

As a matter of fact, college students at Eastern do have the same Fourth Amendment rights as civilians. Students who live in the dormitories, however, have signed a contract at the beginning of the year, which states that if an authority figure comes to a person's room, they will answer the door.

If, however, a police officer requests to search a student's room, they have every right to refuse. The police then have the option of going to a judge and obtaining a search warrant. Once a search warrant is obtained, students no longer have the right to refuse police access to their room.

The contract also states that whatever damages happen upon one's room during the search are

the responsibility of the student and must be reported. Hallways, however, are considered a public place. If a student at Eastern fails to meet the terms and conditions of this contract, they will be referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The Fourth Amendment was created not only to limit the power of the government, but also to put in a set of guidelines for the court system to determine if evidence was obtained in a legal manner.

The keyword in the amendment is "unreasonable." This means that if you told a reasonable, average citizen how you gathered the evidence, they would either approve or disapprove of the means.

The ends do not justify the means when it comes to the Fourth Amendment. As a matter of fact, that is exactly what the amendment is meant to counter.

When it comes to college campuses, the Fourth Amendment must be upheld no matter what. If an emergency arises where school officials believe someone is in possession of a potentially harmful object or substance, officials may be able to enter a room without consent. Ultimately, it comes down to what's more important: the rights of an individual or the safety of the public at large.

When EWU Residential Life Coordinator Steve Bertram was asked of his opinion on this topic, he replied, "The EWU Police Department is a student-centered agency that tries to make the community a better place."

During an interview, Deputy Chief Gary Gasseling of the EWU Police was asked how he deals with the Fourth Amendment as it pertains to his profession.

"Treat others as you would like to be treated. Do your job well. That's all there is to it," he said.



BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

In what I hope to be an occasional column for the paper, I'd like to take some time to address some of the recent issues facing *The Easterner*. It's my hope that this improves the transparency of the newspaper, as well as give some insight into why we make editorial decisions.

To start off, I'd like to focus on an important facet of *The Easterner's* operations: advertising. Each week, our advertising department provides us with a stream of ads, which help us publish the paper.

The current design of our offices has two distinct departments: editorial and advertising. Both departments are vital for their own reasons but are kept separate to emulate the setup of professional newsrooms. Our folio on page two states: "Advertisements in *The Easterner* do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The Easterner* or EWU." Physically separating our advertising and editorial offices helps to ensure that content in

the paper is not influenced by advertisers.

The Easterner accepts advertisements from numerous companies throughout the school year. This includes movie promotions, concert promotions and businesses in Spokane. We are especially thankful to the businesses in Cheney for their continued support, even during a time of economic difficulty.

Some have questioned why we accept ads from other colleges for our newspaper. The answer is simple: Colleges seek to tell as many students as they can about their product. I recently saw an advertisement for Gonzaga in a St. Louis college newspaper, and I'm almost certain that Eastern does the same for potential recruitment markets.

Another issue that I'd like to address is the accuracy of articles published in the newspaper. We want to hear of any errors that make it into the final printed edition. It helps us identify what it is we are doing wrong and in turn allows us to become better journalists.

That said, we don't knowingly print inaccurate information. Those being interviewed must understand that their words in the moment could likely make it into an article. Facts and numbers mentioned during an interview also follow the same rule. If an error is found in the paper, we hope that it is brought to our attention so that we can correct it. Having

[letter to the] editor

I can understand that tuition is increasing against our control, but that is because of our standing in the economy and I have no quarrels with this.

However, when I am forced to scrounge money out of thin air at the end of each quarter to pay for school fees that do not apply to me, I get rather enraged.

I believe there needs to be a new vote about these. I live in Spokane, off campus, so why do I need to pay \$70 a quarter for a Rockwood Clinic when I have a doctor and insurance in town?

I think it's a great resource for people who live on campus, but not me. I am also in the Army and use the free gym at Fairchild Air Force Base twice a week, so why

an open line of communication between the newspaper and its interviewees is essential for us to remain a reliable institution of information.

Finally, some students have asked if *The Easterner* is shutting down at the end of the year. To clarify, we are not discontinuing our publication at the end of the year. A few months ago, we reported that the EWU Press would be unfortunately closing its doors in 2010, which may have caused some confusion. The Press publishes literary works while *The*

do I have to pay \$65 every quarter for a gym I do not use? That's a total of \$135 that I cannot afford to just throw away.

Many of us live off campus and do not need these resources that are great for those in dorms. I feel that people who live on campus should pay these fees because they do get used by them.

Those who live off campus should get an option which is determined by their Eagle Card. If you use it at the gym, then you will get a \$65 fee at the end of quarter, if not then you do not pay.

Otherwise, it never really does feel like a great day to be an Eagle.

-Hazel Jackson

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Too soft for truth

BY JASON BANKS
chief copy editor

Honesty is the best policy ... or at least it used to be.

It seems that there is something inherently wrong with our society today: nobody is willing to tell it like it is.

From grade school teachers to "professional" judges on TV shows, masking the truth with incoherent fluff has become the standard. And when the truth is actually spoken, flack is almost always given in return.

Of course, relating to a student or wanna-be artist that they need to work on their skills should be done in a considerate manner, but sometimes it's necessary to be very direct.

Nothing is more annoying than to watch talented people piss and moan after they've been told by American Idol judges, with Simon Cowell being the most direct, that they don't have what it takes to be a star.

Their responses are always along the lines of, "Fuck you, Simon! Just wait, I'll be a star. Watch and see, America!" Throughout their rants, parents can usually be seen shaking their heads in the background, agreeing with every word their son or daughter says.

Talent may be in the eye of the beholder, but it's quite obvious when someone completely misses the mark. People like Cowell exist because he's willing to say what needs to be said. Yet we love to hate him and boo him whenever he says anything remotely negative.

It's not his fault that parents and friends of contestants have been unwilling to be honest crit-

ics and have instead encouraged a loved one to aimlessly pursue something they will never excel at.

All of this misguided encouragement makes me wonder what American society is reducing its children and young adults to.

In grade school now, students who are performing poorly are merely encouraged to try harder, with no ultimatum being given.

I'm not saying that a 5 year old should be told that they suck and threatened with expulsion, but when I was in grade school, many of the teachers I had encouraged me to try harder through, well, embarrassment.

Whenever a student did poorly on an assignment in class, my third-grade teacher would place a Miss Viola Swamp (a children's book based on an evil substitute teacher) stamp in the corner of the paper that had her evil face peering out and the words "Miss Viola Swamp is watching you" screened above her head.

This mark signified failure, which in turn provided an incentive to try harder since the stamp was visible for all to see, including parents.

Teachers have all but made things like Miss Viola Swamp stamps obsolete, and as seen during American Idol auditions, parents also seem to be enabling failure.

If a child is never taught the meaning of failure, they can never expect to go far in life because their skill levels will have been retarded from a lack of constructive criticism.

The world is competitive and cruel, and this sensitivity chip that has gone haywire needs to be snapped in two.

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Open Mic performer entertains crowd in PUB lounge.

Students share their talents

Open Mic Night brings guitarists, poets, comedians and singers

BY MELISSA CARROLL
staff writer

Talent took the stage Thursday evening, March 4, as Eagle Entertainment hosted Open Mic Night in the PUB lounge.

Eastern students showed off their talents in front of a live audience of their peers. The talent on stage ranged from guitarists and poets to singers and rappers. All students were allowed to perform as long as they signed up before the event started.

The audience received the comedians' best with performers showcasing their stand-up routines, and a few poets ended their sets with jokes. The regular roar of applause and laughter from the audience proved a job well done for the jokesters of the night.

"I tried some new material tonight, and I think the audience really enjoyed it," said junior Jared Munson. "It's harder for comedians than it is for poets and musicians, but it was really fun."

The night wasn't all laughs; a few of the poets took a more serious approach. The crowd was silent as the poetry became personal.

The event showcased 17 performers, each with a different talent to entertain the crowd. Students came out en masse to support the local talent and to pack the lounge with nothing but standing room even as the show began.

"This was my first time doing Open Mic Night. Once I went up there, I wasn't nervous at all, and I had a lot of fun. I will definitely be performing for the next one," said senior Robert Zakheim, who rocked the crowd with his electric guitar.

For any student looking to take a step toward stardom, the next Open Mic Night will take place April 29. For more information, contact Eagle Entertainment at (509) 359-4839 or e-mail Dennis Dent at Dennis.Dent@mail.evu.edu.

Harry Potter Club fights illiteracy

Students and 'Page Ahead' promote childhood reading

BY TOM LINNANE
staff writer

When they're not playing Muggle Quiditch or saving the world from Lord Voldemort as a faction of Dumbledore's Army, the EWU Harry Potter Club (HPC) is rallying against a much more tangible enemy: childhood illiteracy.

Last week, the club left their wands behind to hold several events for children. Teaming up with the nonprofit charity "Page Ahead," the HPC held a book drive in the PUB.

"We're working with them to provide books for needy children that don't get to have books," said Co-President of HPC Brittany Fitzthum.

Cash donations were also accepted during the drive. As little as \$5 guarantees a book for a child in need. The books will be given to children who are homeless, neglected or illiterate.

The four original members of the HPC were adamant about eradicating childhood illiteracy, according to Co-President Nicole Warner. Today, the club is carrying on that tradition in more ways than one.

Along with raising books for underprivileged children, the club will hold reading ses-

sions with age-appropriate books at Eastern.

"We did, originally, form to read and discuss Harry Potter, but it's always been more than that," said Warner. "The goal has always been to promote literacy."

On March 4, the club met for their second children's reading session and was greeted by an audience of two: 3-year-old Griffyn Smith and his grandma Dorothy Dishman.

The reading began with Dr. Seuss's "McElligot's Pool" and covered books from "Chica Chica Boom Boom" to "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie." There was also time to sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes."

"I think this is a fabulous way to introduce kids to a variety of books," General Academic Advising Staff member and mother of Griffyn, Heidi Smith, said. "It's great to see college students getting involved with children and promote early childhood literacy."

Though the club has no set plans on another book drive, the passion and admancy for bringing literacy to children will always remain a goal of the club, according to Fitzthum.

"The original founders wanted to focus more on club dynamics and literacy," she said. "This is really our first major step toward fighting childhood illiteracy."



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3-year-old Griffyn Smith receives the complete attention of HPC members at the book reading.

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Slam poets use the power of words

National Poetry Slam champion visits campus, drops some rhymes

BY TOM LINNANE
staff writer

The PUB lounge became the scene of a slam poetry exposition March 8 with three well known poets putting on a free show at 7 p.m.

Rapper, actor and poet IN-Q, along with the Dynamic Duo of Ken Arkind and Panama Soweto, took the stage and captured the audience with a set of jokes, poems and even beat boxing.

Slam poetry was created in Chicago but moved to Dublin, Ireland in the 1980s. The first national event was held in 1990 in San Francisco, and the style has been growing in popularity ever since.

Currently, the National Poetry Slam has grown to a competition involving 80 different teams of poets and lasts more than five days. Slam poets aren't as judged on their content as they are on their delivery.

National Poetry Slam champion IN-Q, aka Adam Paul or Adam Schmalholz, kicked off the night with his flowing brand of poetry. Covering subjects from hip-hop to virginity, IN-Q enthralled the crowd with his stage presence and deep prose.

"Hip-hop has really become a parody of itself lately," IN-Q said. "It's like professional wrestling; now the only thing missing is the spandex."

After IN-Q preformed, the Dynamic Duo presented their brand of off-the-wall wit and stylish prose humor. Kicking things off with a poem about video games, Arkind and Soweto were in it for the needs.

"We really don't think about the power of words anymore," Soweto said. "Saying something like 'Hello' can mean life or death to some people."

The duo also broke up to do individual poems, giving Soweto time to recite a love poem to every woman in the room. He also spoke

on topics such as war, poverty and oppression.

The other half of the duo appeared in the bearded form of Arkind, a Denver-based slam poet. His topics seemed all over the place, from slams about orange unicorns farting dust devils and bad-mouthing redwood trees to a love poem about Los Angeles.

"It's a city I fell in love with but would never take home to mom," Arkind said.

The group also came together for their infamous "Haiku Jamboree," which was haikus separated by beat boxing. The haikus included subjects like Old Ladies crossing the street in Washington, D.C., parts 1-3, religious irony, and girls with mustaches.

Eagle Entertainment and Northwest Boulevard hosted the event. More information about IN-Q can be found at in-q.com. The Dynamic Duo can be found on MySpace at myspace.com/thedynamicduokenarkindandpanamasoweto.



Slam poet IN-Q captures the audience's attention.

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Romeo (Joel Chiswell) and Juliet (Lenea Tomoson) are wed by Friar Lawrence (Buddy Todd).

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Show and tell comes to campus

BY SAM STOWERS
contributing writer

Remember in grade school when children would parade in with a handful of odd toys and random trinkets so the teacher could dedicate an hour of class to show and tell? Well, the EWU music department has brought it back.

Every Friday, students and music professors gather in the Music Building to share what pieces they have been working on in the past week. It not only provides an opportunity for students to perform, but also to listen and digest the new directions their colleagues are taking. The short pieces range in mood and difficulty as well as medium. The instruments on March 5, the first show and tell, ranged from violins and classical guitar to the marimba and mobile phones.

Most musicians just show; they simply come on stage with their instruments and begin performing. EWU guitar professor Michael Millham decided to "tell" by explaining the story behind his programmatic piece "La Huida de los Amantes por el Valle de los Ecos," an African folk tale about a musician prince who rescues his princess by horseback, by Leo Brouwer. The opening arpeggio simulated the rushed, yet graceful galloping hooves of the prince's horse.

The most peculiar piece was "Orbits in Canon" by EWU's Dr. Jonathan Middleton. The piece was recorded onto five mobile phones and performed by students as they changed the vibrato, feedback and tone by tilting the phones on an X and Y axis. The students forewent the stage and surrounded the audience giving the piece an enveloping and spacey feel.

The phone software was designed by Finnish developer Henri Penttinen in cooperation with Middleton.

Audience members were mixed in their opinions. "It's useless. It involves no skill at all," said EWU student Igor Gorkovchenko. "Clarinet players have 10 fingers to move at once."

Music major Heidi Altenhofen agreed that the piece lacked the musicianship of the others, but it was still very innovative.

"It's a unique idea, and it's cool that the technology exists," Altenhofen said. Her personal favorite was the closing string duet between EWU professor and violinist Julia Salemo and professor of cello and chamber music Dr. John Marshall.

The duo performed "Passaglia" by Johan Halvorsen with exquisite care, transitioning from off-set speedy scales to harmoniously sustaining notes.

Students or professors interested in performing can contact the music department at (509) 359-2241. This is not a talent show or open mic. All performances are to be properly presented, rehearsed and prepared with the reverence expected at recital.

New twist on play falls short

Director Jeff Sanders brings modern goth-emo theme to Shakespeare's timeless love story

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

The classics have descended on the University Theatre for two weekends with the production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."

Directed by the theatre department's Jeff Sanders, "Romeo and Juliet" features Joel Chiswell and Lenea Tomoson, in their respective roles, alongside a large and talented cast.

Design for the play centered on a twist of the Italian Renaissance with a modern goth-emo fashion. Although the costumes reflected the style, the stage decor and construction didn't.

The stage's set design allows for an open downtown Verona and provides the proper setting for the large dance that occurs when Romeo and Juliet first meet. Although not

as elaborate as some previous productions, like "Our Country's Good," actors used the entire space to project their roles.

Seating for the show sold out for the first two nights, indicating strong support for the production.

In terms of acting, both Chiswell and Tomoson perform very well but don't show anything new during the first half of the play. After being cast as consistent leads during the past year, it is difficult to view them as their characters, as both offered little new with their performances. Surprising acting, however, sprang forth from Capulet (Teko Dumoulin) and The Nurse (Robyn Urhausen), whose characters weren't headliners but consistently stole their scenes.

Mercutio (Mic Montgomery) was by far the most physical of the group in his performance. If there was any correct execution of the play's direction of tone that

Sanders looked for with the acting, Mercutio's part fit the bill.

Alongside Mercutio, his partner in crime Benvolio (Jessica Johnson) had her standout moments as well. Both Benvolio and Mercutio play well off of each other, and their banter makes for an entertaining first half of the play. Another strong pairing was between Juliet and her Nurse, whose dialogue exchange was crafted very well.

Sanders, who directed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" two years ago, tried to implement an "updated take" with that particular production. Putting a new twist on a classic play is difficult to pull off successfully. Unfortunately, the current production wasn't fully executed, which makes for a final product that's somewhat confusing.

One area that excels, however, is the amount of motion in the play. The ac-

tiveness helps to smooth the old English dialogue and bring out characters such as Mercutio. Without his limber actions, the character would have fallen flat. Instead, any motion he made stood out.

Overall, "Romeo and Juliet" starts out with an interesting concept, yet it is never fully explored. There is great potential for the characters, but some are left underdeveloped, especially Romeo and Juliet. Even though the play has its executional difficulties, it is well worth the time and is another engraving in the theatre department's catalogue.

"Romeo and Juliet" plays March 11 at 5 p.m., and March 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. All shows are at the University Theatre. Eastern students can gain free admittance and are allowed one guest by showing their Eagle ID card.

Two students share their plans for spring break

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

Spring break is just around the corner and it is time to party hard whether at home or in a hotel in Vegas.

Not all students have the luxury, as some are obligated to stay home and continue their rigorous work schedules and daily lives. Student Laci Hubbard will be sitting at home while other lucky students will be living it up.

"My plans for spring break include doing everything I normally do in a week, minus school," said Hubbard. "I will be working the same days and will go to trivia at Eagle's [Pub] like I do with my friends every Tuesday. Additionally, I will be making an exodus to the Laundromat to rid myself of a massive pile of dirty laundry."

Although some may view Hubbard's vacation to be a bit underwhelming, she believes it is exactly what she needs at this time. She is not only facing the pressure of finals, but is also in the process of applying to law school. She could also use the money from working at the local Dominos and would like to spend time with her cat, Church.

"I want to do what I am planning because not having to stress out about travel or anything else seems like an excellent idea," said Hubbard. "I do, however, hope to catch up on my pleasure reading since I won't have to worry about reading my textbooks."

Other students, however, will get the opportunity to live it up on the Vegas Strip. Chris Newberry will be heading to Las Vegas for four days as

soon as he finishes his last final.

"[While I'm] down in Vegas, I might check out the Bodies exhibit, where they have different parts and nerves and muscles of the body on display; ride some rides; catch some sun by the pool; go to some clubs," he said.

Even with two completely different plans for their time off, Hubbard and Newberry will have a fantastic break from all the studying done this past quarter.

"[Break will help] celebrating this dreadful winter quarter. It was a rough one, and it's finally winding down," Newberry said.

"I'm looking forward to be able to clean my apartment and having clean clothes," Hubbard said.

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The Lady Eagles celebrate after defeating Portland State, earning the regular season championship.

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Eags clinch regular season title

BY CHRIS NEWBERRY
contributing writer

EWU women's basketball are Big Sky Conference regular season champions. Two seniors, Jessica Huntington and Nicole Scott, were sent out on a high note Saturday night, beating Portland State 78-68 to claim the program's first-ever conference title.

Winning the conference title outright wasn't the only thing the Eagles accomplished. Scott scored eight points to surpass the 1,000 mark for her college career.

EWU went into the game determined to take their 12th BSC victory of the season and the conference title as they gained a 12-point lead into half time. Julie

Piper scored 14 points and grabbed six rebounds in the half.

The Vikings came out in the second half looking to spoil an Eagle's victory as they tied the game at 42-42. But a tie was the only thing the Vikings achieved as the Eagles regained the lead for the remainder of the second half. Chene Cooper got it going in the second half with 13 points and a razzle-dazzle layup that brought a roar to Reese Court.

"I think that our energy level was great, and we had great contributions from everybody," said Head Coach Wendy Schuller. "It was just a good indication of what our team has been all year; it has

just been about the whole team. It has not been about one player who has carried us. Everyone has made great contributions for us all year long. It was nice to have the last game be a display of that."

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Eagles' bench erupted in joy as they celebrated their first conference title. Carrie Ojeda and Kyla Evans celebrated with their own version of the Gatorade bath, pouring a water jug on coach Schuller.

Although it was senior night at Reese Court, the underclassmen stood out at this game. Piper ended the night with 20 points and

13 rebounds; Cooper added 19 points, four rebounds and three assists; and Evans cashed in 11 points and shot 3-of-3 from beyond the arc.

The BSC Tournament begins March 11 and ends with the championship game Saturday, March 13. The Eagles (19-10, 12-4) will play the remaining lower seed from Thursday night's games Friday, March 12, at 6 p.m.

EWU students can get tickets at the University Bookstore, but only 500 free tickets are available. For more information about the tournament and tickets, visit www.goeags.com.



Luckenbach is ranked 16th in the nation.

Krystal Deyo/The Easterner

Luckenbach to compete in NCAA championships

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

Nicole Luckenbach, one of four track athletes who competed in the last chance nationals meet in Seattle on Saturday, threw another national qualifying mark of 64-8 feet in the weight throw and making it into the national competition.

"Everyone actually did really well," said women's Head Coach Marcia Mecklenberg. Luckenbach, a season-long outstanding performer, didn't disappoint this weekend in the weight throw. After meeting the nationals qualifying mark, she will be ranked 16th in the nation and will be competing this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

Two pole vaulters competed in the meet, Chelsi Friese and Ben Cogdill. Friese vaulted her indoor season personal record (PR) with a jump of 12-5. Cogdill matched his season personal record at 16-8.

"Ben jumped well in tying his PR and the school record. He's close to making a real breakthrough, jumping some really high bars, and hopefully making it to the NCAAAs," pole vault coach Eric Allison said.

Shene Davis had a solid meet with a long jump of 19-1 and a triple jump of 38.

The first outdoor meet will be at Spokane Community College March 20 at the Dusty Lane Invitational.

ESPN360.com will stream the championships LIVE beginning at 8 p.m. CST on Fri., March 12 and 6:10 p.m. CST on Sat., March 13. To access the live stream, visit www.ESPN360.com. ArkansasRazorbacks.com will stream supplemental coverage as available when ESPN360.com is not live. Live results can be found at ArkansasRazorbacks.com.



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The volleyball members pose for a celebration shot.

Photo courtesy of Monique Hildebrandt

Club on to nationals

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

The women's volleyball club won the Pacific Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (PIVA) conference championships and is on the way to nationals.

The club steamrolled the competition, defeating University of Washington 2-0, University of Idaho 2-0, Boise State University 2-0, Washington State University 2-0, and Seattle University 2-0 before the championship match.

EWU played Gonzaga University in the finals, a team who had not lost prior to the tournament. GU had a rough outing, playing in a loser bracket all day, but they defeated EWU in the first of two matches, 21-12. EWU stormed back during the second match to defeat GU 25-14 for the opportunity to hold up the trophy.

"(Gonzaga) beat us in Walla Walla the weekend before, so it was our turn to win," said Club Treasurer Monique Hildebrandt. "It feels really good, and we've been working really hard. The girls deserved it."

Japanese exchange student and

senior Aiko Nagabuchi won league MVP for the season.

"She's our outside hitter and always has a smile on her face," said Club President Amanda Gilman. "She has amazing jumping ability. She can jump out of the gym."

Freshman Sydney Austin was also honored in PIVA. She was voted onto the first team.

The club just recently joined PIVA at the start of winter quarter.

"We didn't really know what to expect playing in PIVA, so we didn't really have any goals. We just wanted to win," Hildebrandt said.

For winning the conference championships, the club was awarded \$1,000. The money will be put in savings for next season.

Three years ago, the core members first joined the club. Today, they are all great friends and welcome new members with open arms. Every Friday night, the girls get together to have a movie night where they can relax before a match.

Next on the club's to-do list is to attend the National Intramural-

Recreational Sports Association Tournament in Dallas April 1 to 3. They will be paying money out-of-pocket for airline tickets, and money gathered from fundraisers this year will help pay for other aspects of the trip.

The tournament is separated into three divisions: bronze, silver and gold. Two years ago, the club was in the bronze division. Last year they were silver. And this year, they have their sights set a little higher.

"We're hoping for gold this year. Though we won't know until we get there," Hildebrandt said.

The club has been around for more than 12 years and is always ready to welcome a new face to the squad. Most members have volleyball experience in high school, but it is not necessary to join. If you would like to receive more information on the club or are interested in joining, contact them at ewuvvbtc@hotmail.com or visit their Web site sites.google.com/site/ewuvvbtc.

Nico Suave

After injuries and triumphs, this tennis star is ready to show off his smooth moves this spring

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter



Most EWU students would prefer to live in a place that has consistent 90-degree weather, but not Nico Riego de Dios. He chose the cold weather of Cheney over his humid home in the Philippines.

De Dios, a senior at EWU and the lone upperclassman on the men's tennis team, is just two wins away from moving into fourth place all time for men's single matches.

"To be honest, it is an individual goal, but I'm focusing on my team," said de Dios. "But I'm definitely looking forward to breaking some records."

De Dios was born and raised in Olongapo City where he first found his passion for tennis. His parents, Rico and Divina, are both avid tennis players. He has been around the sport since he was 4 years old, starting as a ball boy for his father.

"I got the fundamentals and the correct technique from my parents, so it makes the sport really fun," de Dios said.

He gained his experience playing tennis at Olongapo City National High School and competing in pro circuits across the country. He was spotted at a match in Tacoma by a former EWU tennis coach who offered him a scholarship. De Dios returned home to talk it over with his parents, ultimately deciding to come to Eastern's campus.

When he first arrived on campus, de Dios suffered a groin injury. He believes it was due to the drastic change in the weather. His body wasn't ready for such a drastic climate change. With the experience, he has grown to appreciate what trainers can do for a team and has chosen to major in exercise science and physical therapy.

"Some Filipinos think academics are second to sports but [academics] is a good thing to have on your belt once you graduate," de Dios said.

"I'm definitely looking forward to breaking some records."

-Nico Riego de Dios

Changing his play style was one of the harder things de Dios had to do once he moved to Cheney. The courts are different here than in the Philippines. There, he played on clay courts, but here, the courts are a harder surface.

"When I first came here, I was a baseliner [player who prefers long shots], but in order to win points on a hard court, you need to attack the net, so I had to develop a net game," de Dios said.

De Dios also had to grow familiar with playing doubles. He always played singles matches and never attempted doubles until he moved to the states. It was no problem for him, however, as he and former teammate Kyle

Schraeder became the most successful men's doubles team to ever step foot on an Eastern tennis court. Last season, they ranked 68th in the nation and even defeated the 30th-ranked team.

His favorite part about having the opportunity to be a Division I athlete is the chance to play good schools and good players. Playing in Division I is a big thing for de Dios.

"It's a pleasure for me to play here because in the Philippines we don't have the same opportunities," said de Dios. "Knowing you've played in Division I is very recognizing."

De Dios was injured at the start of the season, but has fully recovered and is now ready to lead the team to the Big Sky Conference Tournament. This season, all the members of the team are freshmen and sophomores, with the exception of de Dios whose experience will help the team achieve their goals.

De Dios's time as an Eagle is coming to an end in a mere three months, but he is making the most of it by preparing and praying for each and every match with his iPod turned to the latest Jay-Z album, which to help him focus on his opponent.

"It's all about God for me. I just meditate and focus on my game plan," said de Dios. "I just try and grasp everything I see [about my opponent] and just be myself."

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Piper named MVP

BY KRISTAL DEYO
sports editor

Junior Julie Piper has been named Big Sky Conference (BSC) Most Valuable Player, and teammate Brianne Ryan has been named co-Defensive Player of the Year. The decision was made by the nine league coaches who voted.

Piper is the first EWU women's basketball player in history to earn this title and was unanimously selected to the first team. This is the first time that she has made the all-conference first team.

Ryan will share the defensive player title with Montana State's Sarah Strand.

Piper averaged 12.1 points per game overall and 12.6 in league games to help the Eagles clinch a first-place finish in the BSC. She has an average of 7.8 rebounds per game, placing her first on the team and third in the BSC for rebounds. She leads the league in defensive rebounds with 3.3 per game. Piper also ranks fourth in overall field goal percentage (.469) and is the only player on the roster whose scoring average is in double digits.

Piper had her fifth double-double of the season as she led the Eagles to victory against Portland State with 20 points and 13 rebounds; she also had one blocked

shot. After her impressive play in this game, Piper was named Big Sky Player of the Week.

"Julie is unselfish and cares about the team first. She has worked really hard as a basketball player, and I am very excited for her," said Head Coach Wendy Schuller. "Her teammates will be happy for her because she cares so much about the team. She represents our program to the highest degree in so many ways that it's nice to see her be recognized with an award like this."

Ryan led the BSC in defense, making scoring on an Eagle basket nearly impossible. She held some of the league's most dangerous scorers to minimal points, including Portland State's top scorer Claire Fuacher, who was held to a mere 11 points in the league game. The sophomore is averaging 8.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game and has 43 steals this season.

"I am glad the league got it right," said Schuller. "No matter whom we played all year, we assigned her to their best player, and she shut them down. She did a wonderful job and is just a great team defender. She stepped up to the plate and did it. She is only a sophomore, and her best basketball is still in front of her."

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



MARCH 11

#3 SAC. ST. VS #6 MONTANA ST.

@ 3:30 PM

#4 IDAHO ST. VS #5 PORTLAND ST.

@ 6 PM

MARCH 12

#2 MONTANA VS HIGHEST SEED

@ 3:30 PM

#1 EWU VS LOWEST SEED

@ 6 PM



MARCH 13

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

2:05 PM



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