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Making choices of change

The primary elections for the Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU) will be held April 20, with the general elections following May 4. According to the ASEWU Web site, "The ASEWU are a body of elected student representatives who work to promote and encourage the pursuit of higher education and student life on all campuses of EWU. The ASEWU also promotes the expression of student opinion in accordance with the EWU Student Conduct Code."

There are 12 positions up for election, including president, executive vice president and finance vice president. This year, not as many candidates are running as in years past, as six positions are unopposed and only one has more than two candidates. Justin Terry, James Haman and Nathan Lewis are running for president.

There will be 10 polling stations across the Cheney campus, an option to vote online and a separate station on the Riverpoint campus. Absentee ballots will also be available before the elections take place for those students who won't be able to vote on election days.

According to Lauren Nissen, ASEWU director of elections, the voting pamphlet will be available across campus this Friday.

For more information on each candidate, see pages 4-5.

Vice President of Student Affairs finds match with Eastern students

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

The new Vice President of Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster, has high expectations for Eastern and hopes to raise retention rates by applying her past experience to EWU.

Foster spent the past eight and a half years as vice president of Student Affairs at California State University (CSU) at Stanislaus, and on April 1, she entered her position at EWU after the previous vice president returned to faculty.

Prior to working at CSU Stanislaus, Foster was the associate vice president at San Jose State University and a compliance officer at the American University in Washington, D.C.

Some of Foster's new responsibilities include working with the associated students and the student union, student programs and projects, events, health and wellness, multicultural programs, at-risk students, and enrollment management.

Aside from the small-town atmosphere of Cheney, the student environment seemed to match what Foster was looking for in a school.

"The campus seemed to have a lot of excitement going on. The students [are] very involved," she said.

Foster has worked at both small and large schools and compares the size of Eastern to CSU Stanislaus as the same. San Jose State had roughly 32,000 students, while the Stanislaus campus is a little smaller than EWU. Foster cited 10,000 students as a number that she was very comfortable with. "You get to know the students a little bit better," she said.

Retention rates and student success are the two main focuses for improvement. "[Higher] graduation [rates are] the ultimate goal and helping students then be successful in life afterward," Foster said. She also noted that active clubs, organizations and the Greek system are very important to a healthy and active student environment.

EWU has a very diverse campus, Foster says, and she feels that a big part of college is for students to step outside of their comfort zones and meet new people in order to become more well-rounded.

"I really want to help in any way that I can to move forward in appreciation of diversity and celebration... I call it inclusive excellence," she said.

Foster not only enjoys the atmosphere on EWU's campus, but also the surrounding community and Cheney's rodeo.

"I love [Cheney]. I really do. I lived in a very small town in California that had 16,000 people. Cheney is a little smaller, but it has the same sort of character to the town. It was a rodeo town, the cowboy capital of the world," she said.

While researching EWU before

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A scientific method to madness

Intense preparation by middle school and high school students culminates in Science Olympiad



BY SAM STOWERS
staff writer

Packs of high school and middle school students donned their safety goggles and stormed the EWU campus April 10 for the 2010 Washington State Science Olympiad.

From the field of 20 middle school teams and 20 high school teams, Stanwood High School's red team and Exed Academic League's Alpha team earned the right to go to nationals at the University of Illinois campus in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, May 20 to 22.

Both teams dominated. Stanwood finished in the top five in 14 of the 24 events. Exed won with seven first-place finishes, which is more than any other school, both high school and middle school, in the competition this year.

Each Olympiad event was an exhibition of not only the students' knowledge, but also their hard work and determination.

The elevated bridge competition in the Com-

puter Engineering Building lobby had the atmosphere of a tight-rope walking act. The crowd of parents, teachers and competitors were tensely silent as Bothell High School students Desiree Andersen and Tammy Tarhini meticulously scooped sand into a 5-gallon bucket suspended by Tarhini's 20-centimeter balsa wood bridge. The silence was shattered as the bridge finally imploded. "This year, I went through 17 bridges," Tarhini said. She finished fourth with a weight of 11.88 kilograms, a personal best.

Tarhini, along with her assistant Andersen, and the other contestants have been studying and preparing for the Olympiad since September. Some students compete throughout their middle school and high school careers.

"It's a huge amount of work," said Canyon Park Junior High and Bothell High coach Sheila Guard. "They come and live in my [class]room

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The "junkyard challenge" showcases student creations from middle school and high school competitors. Lyz Pynsky/Easterner



James Eik

WEEKLY WEATHER

April 15 - April 22

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POLICE BEAT

April 5 - April 12

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

4/5 1:24 p.m. - A student reported their black Varsity Schwinn bike stolen from the bike rack in front of Kingston Hall while they were in class.

4/6 10:16 a.m. - EWU Police reported that a clock had been taken down and damaged in Reese Court during a wrestling event.

4/7 10:15 a.m. - A rec center employee found an empty shell casing in a stairwell near the fitness center. The casing has a caliber of .357.

4/7 12:30 p.m. - An employee in Sutton Hall activated a panic alarm in the building. According to police, a male non-student suspect was harassing students.

4/7 7:24 p.m. - EWU Police responded to a report of a threatened fight. Two males were going to fight after a confrontation about a money loan.

4/8 9:03 a.m. - Two vehicles

collided in Parking Lot 4. One vehicle was backing out of its spot when the other was driving through the lot.

4/9 10:20 p.m. - Students were spotted on the roof of Pearce Hall during a windstorm. The students involved in the trespassing were from Eastern and other universities. Maintenance has since fixed the area, and police referred all students involved to OSRR.

4/11 1:20 a.m. - EWU Police responded to a liquor violation in Pearce Hall. Two students committed the violation, which was their second offense in the past week. Police referred the students to OSRR.

4/11 2:30 a.m. - An unsecured door at Bill's Tavern in downtown Cheney triggered an alarm. EWU Police assisted the Cheney Police Department with the incident.

4/12 1:04 p.m. - EWU Police received a cell phone found outside of Cheney Hall. Police are asking the owner to come to the Red Barn to claim the phone.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS[®] By Bil Keane



"Yeah. You're gonna want a lawyer..."

Comic by Clancy Bundy

4/5 5:18 p.m. - EWU Police performed a traffic stop on Elm Street for a driver not wearing their seatbelt. The driver was a minor and didn't have a valid license or any identification. Police contacted the driver's mother and cited her for allowing a minor to drive.

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The following is a guest editorial from the national Sexual Violence Awareness Month website:

You think you saw something, but you aren't sure. You could be wrong; maybe it was nothing. So you let it go and you walk away. The next day you hear the news. Someone desperately needed your help, but you didn't realize it. It wasn't your friend. But it was someone else's loved one. And they needed you to step in and prevent a sexual assault.

You, as a bystander, have the opportunity to act and safely change the outcome—to prevent an assault by stepping in when you see something that doesn't look

right. Maybe you saw someone slip something into a drink. Maybe you witnessed a friend taking advantage of someone who has had too much to drink. Maybe someone grabbed your friend's butt as she walked by. Studies have shown that college-age women are four times more likely to be sexually assaulted than any other age group. That makes college-age bystanders like you critical in preventing sexual assault.

Sure, in a society that promotes a 'mind your own business' message, speaking up is difficult. Try to approach the situation as a friend and trust your gut. If you see something that doesn't seem

right, it probably isn't. If you think someone is in trouble, ask if they are okay. Be honest and direct in explaining your concerns and reasons for intervening. If you don't feel comfortable approaching a situation on your own, ask—a friend, a resident director, anyone—for help.

You aren't wrecking someone's fun or being a jerk if you speak up. You are watching out for someone's brother, sister, girlfriend, and boyfriend. Next time, it could be your loved one that someone helps out.

You're standing up for what is right. <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/campus-op-eds>

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 Sugar substitute?
 - 5 Flirtation
 - 9 Travel needs, perhaps
 - 14 End of an estimate
 - 15 Rival rival
 - 16 coffee
 - 17 Hobart resident
 - 19 Lip-smacking
 - 20 Barbecue area without chairs?
 - 22 Certain mil. member
 - 23 Gray head?
 - 24 Cereal ingredient
 - 27 Stallone role
 - 31 Plant activity: Abbr.
 - 34 Relative value used in a scientific workplace?
 - 38 Lost a lap?
 - 39 Padre's hermana
 - 40 Snacking (on) to excess
 - 41 Small apartment for a comical septet?
 - 44 Before, in verse
 - 45 Backspace, often
 - 46 "O, give me the _____ that has acres o' charms": Burns
 - 47 Word-word link
 - 49 Pres. between JAG and GC
 - 51 Exponential measurement, and in a way, what's demonstrated in how answers were formed in 20-, 34- and 41-Across?
 - 58 Bread
 - 59 Like clones
 - 61 What an X may indicate
 - 62 Supply, as paper to a copier
 - 63 One of Pittsburgh's Three Rivers
 - 64 California baseballer
 - 65 Signs

- 66 Chuck _____ only coach to win four Super Bowls

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- 1 Pointillism unit
- 2 Periods of interest
- 3 mgr.
- 4 Prominent facial feature
- 5 Ill-fated opener of myth
- 6 Et _____ and others
- 7 Bridge
- 8 Berlin number
- 9 Curriculum
- 10 Fit to be tied
- 11 Spanish ayes
- 12 Reference words
- 13 Unassuming
- 18 Mandela's gp.
- 21 Gamer's maneuver
- 24 Apathetic
- 25 Harder to dig up
- 26 Upstairs
- 28 Fragrant oil
- 29 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"
- 30 Wire fasteners
- 31 Highest peak on Crete: Abbr.
- 32 "Done!"

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Fish Lake Trail to possibly extend into Northern Idaho.

Photo courtesy of CityofCheney.com

Fish Trail is extended through federal funding

Trail provides for fuel-efficient travel and enables citizens to enjoy the outdoors

BY JASON KEEDY
staff writer

Meandering along an old rail line from Spokane to Cheney, the Fish Lake Trail has been a center of activity since the summer.

While federal stimulus dollars and state grants have funded the completion of several miles of the trail, a recent budgetary decision by Spokane County will reduce maintenance of one of the trail's prime travel destinations.

With the gradual paving of the route and implementation of hand rails, there has been renewed vigor with the hope of the trail eventually linking with the Centennial Trail to create a non-motorized path from Cheney to Coeur d'Alene.

Planning for trail development was already underway with help from a state grant of \$987,500. With federal stimulus funding secured in the spring, the project moved forward and the county hired workers complete the job.

The design provides fuel-efficient travel while also fitting criteria for pro-

ducing jobs. The city of Spokane received \$778,317 from the American Recovery and Investment Act, which allowed the second phase of the project to begin.

Along the trail itself, riders are happy thus far with the progress of development. Mark Henry from western Washington said that the trail offers smooth rides, along with a chance to get away from the crowds. It takes you from Cheney to right outside downtown Spokane and offers opportunities to spot wildlife such as wild turkeys and coyotes.

Other daytime riders noted that it is worth maintaining because it is the only non-motorized option between Cheney and Spokane. "For the stimulus to go toward something like this, it's great because you're encouraging biking and less car travel," said Aaron McCullers, a traveler from Canada.

Last summer, workers constructed a trailhead off of Sunset Highway near Government Way in Spokane, fixed four existing bridges, graded down a route near Marshall Road and paved 4.4 miles of trail.

After swerving through Marshall and passing Fish Lake, the route ven-

tures through Cheney and continues as the Columbia Plateau Trail that goes through Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

The possibility for the trail to eventually connect with other long distance trails has many riders excited about the future. "I can't wait for there to be trail connections throughout the state," said McCullers. "It would be a great incentive to travel around Washington."

While bikers are rejoicing about the lengthier stretches of paved trail, those venturing to Fish Lake County Park outside of Cheney may have to look to volunteer services for aid in the upkeep of the park.

According to *Cheney Free Press*, Spokane County Parks and Recreation announced that garbage pickup will be eliminated and bathrooms will be locked in an effort to accommodate reductions in the budget. Picking up the slack will be the local Marshall Coalition, a volunteer group that has looked after the trails in the past. Last Saturday, the group hosted a park cleanup at Fish Lake during which they removed trash and checked trail conditions.

Chipping and casting away with NFL players

First annual Fish and Chip tournament to benefit EWU's football team and a chosen children's charity

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

Fishing and golfing with NFL players will be an actuality for football fans. EWU and the Michael Roos Foundation will be hosting the first annual Fish and Chip Tournament June 10-12.

The tournament will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho and consists of a fishing and scramble golf competition. Proceeds from the event will be split evenly between a children's foundation of Roos' choice and EWU's football program.

"It is great to be able to return to the Inland Northwest and give something back to the community where I attended college," said Roos. "While this tournament will truly be an enjoyable experience, we are grateful this will benefit so many children and provide them with new opportunities."

"Michael is very grateful for the influences in his life through coaching and the program. He just wants to give back to the program," Director of Development Tim Szymanowski said.

The price is steep. The participating sponsorship package is \$6,000 and covers two people for two-and-a-half hours of fishing with an NFL player during the bass tournament as well as entry for four into the golf tournament with one NFL player to accompany them.

"Essentially, Roos' agent has wanted to do this concept of a bass fishing tournament for a while, and it just made sense to do it somewhere around here," said Marc Hughes, associate athletic director of development.

"We just jumped on board and added the golf piece. The hardest part would be getting the NFL players, but [Roos] can get that done," he said.

The list of all the NFL players has yet to be released, but a few names have already punched their ticket to Idaho. Along with Roos, there will be the Tennessee Titans' offensive line, quarterback Vince Young and the Minnesota Vikings' Jared Allen. Overall, 20 players will be participating in the event.

"We're a little guarded about [releasing] the list. You advertise Brett Favre is going to be there and he bails two

"Michael is very grateful for the influence in this life through coaching and the program. He just wants to give back to the program."

-Tim Szymanowski,
director of development

weeks prior, you have a problem," said Szymanowski. "But we're going to have past and present players. We could end up with a John Elway."

EWU is hoping that Fish and Chip turns into a nationally known event that grows every year. With other events such as Coaches versus Cancer, which raises awareness and money for cancer during the college basketball season and is huge success among college campuses, the potential for the tournament is very high, Szymanowski said.

Though Hughes and Szymanowski envision big things for the future, they are still putting all of their focus on the now. At this point, they are in the process of making sure all of the details from the sponsors to the NFL players are taken care of.

EWU has never been a part of such a high-profile event, but for Hughes, that is what makes it so exciting.

"The beauty of it is, you look at the [Red] Turf and you look at [Fish and Chip], this is outside-of-the-box thinking. It's a nontraditional thing you don't see a lot of ... It's got the celebrity component. We've got energy and momentum, and it's chaotic and stressful. We just need to do something to keep moving [the EWU] logo forward for people," Hughes said.

"I am hoping we have a great turnout and that everyone involved will have a blast so that we may help it grow in future years," said Roos. "As the years go by, hopefully we can make it bigger and better each year with more athletes that want to be a part of it because it will be one of the best events around."

UC Santa Cruz is charging 36 students restitution for protest damage

BY J.M. BROWN
Santa Cruz Sentinel
(MCT campus)

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — The University of California, Santa Cruz is charging 36 students \$944 each in restitution for their involvement in November's occupation of the main campus administration building, officials confirmed Monday.

Of the 45 students investigated, 36 were found to have played some role in the protest over student fee hikes, an incident that caused nearly \$34,000 in damage, spokesman Jim Burns said. The cost of the repairs was split evenly among the students.

Additionally, Judicial Affairs Officer Douglas Zuidema recommended in letters issued April 7 that seven of the students be dismissed or placed on probation, while 29 others received a disciplinary warning. Burns declined to say exactly how many students were dismissed, but said, "It's fair to say that in most cases where the discipline exceeded the warning, prior misconduct was a factor."

All students have the right to appeal, but if they don't, the fine must be paid by June 30 or it could hamper their ability to register for classes or graduate.

Occupy California, a Web site that tracks student demonstrations, said a legal defense has been started for the students. Timothy Clark, 21, a fourth-year feminist studies major who was among those punished, said he believes the fine is unfair.

"The only evidence they have and I have admitted to was being in the occupied space," Clark said. "They don't have any evidence of anyone doing anything in particular other than being in the space."

Burns said the university could not discuss individual cases due to privacy rules, but said the extent of the damage merited strong punishment. University officials say occupiers, some of whom were masked and covered security cameras, overturned a refrigerator to use as a barricade, damaged communications equipment and left pounds of garbage.

"A protest to call attention to the increase in student fees is more than understandable," Burns said. "But a protest that terrifies workers, displaces nearly 150 of them for days, and degrades into vandalism and leaves the campus with a \$34,000 bill is not."

Hundreds of students participated in the occupation after University of California Regents, facing record state budget cuts, approved a 32 percent hike in student fees that brought the cost of an undergraduate UC

Photo of the week



Curtis Chandler/Easterner

Every hour, a train passes through Cheney. Most of the cars on these trains contain graffiti. Colorful displays of artistic talent, while frowned upon elsewhere, have become an integral part of locomotive lore.

education to more than \$10,000 per year. People who work inside the five-story Kerr Hall, including Chancellor George Blumenthal, couldn't enter the building until police in riot gear forced the students out in an early-morning operation.

Some faculty members called UCSC's response over-reaching. "Reckless, inaccurate, inadequately supported and unjustified claims by the university continue to plague this process, suggesting both their in-

competent disregard for students' futures, but also the blatantly political nature of these charges that exist less like a fair legal dispute and more like a tactic of fear," feminist studies professor Bettina Aptheker said Monday.

"A blanket financial charge incorrectly assumes equal fault which speaks less of an administration seeking restitution for damage and more of an administration too embarrassed to admit their inability to manage the university in a state of budgetary crisis," she added.



President

Justin Terry

"I plan as ASEWU President, to involve a larger body of students through education, information, and recommendation. We the students have the power and it is time that we stood for what we believe in. As ASEWU President, I will strive to work with you toward making a truly great student body government."

James Haman

"I hope to increase student attendance at all Eastern sporting events. I want a better math department—seeing that we have such a high fail rate. I would like to see less police patrols take place in the dorms; and I am against any and all ideas that take rights away from students. Basically, if elected as ASEWU president, I will do work."

Nathan Lewis

"I want to create a diverse campus community rooted in student driven values and ethics. Creating a campus where students are proud of their college, one where working together is the norm, and not the exception. I believe that change comes from within, within one's self, within one's community. Let us make this change together."

Executive Vice President

Stacey Butler

"As an experienced leader, I have served as the Executive Vice President for the 2009-2010 year and gained substantial knowledge about the position that I would like to expand on in order to make an impact on the lives of students. I was elected Executive Vice President, I will continue to deliver results and strive to make sure every student voice is heard."

Patrick Spanner

"As the 2009-2010 ASEWU Finance VP, I strived to have as many discussions with students in order to address their wants and needs. If re-elected I will be able to create a balanced budget, which is fiscally responsible and meets the needs of the students."

Kris Byrum

"My vision as the ASEWU Finance Vice President is to ensure that ALL students have a fair and just distribution of funding for all programs and clubs covered under the ASEWU. I will accomplish this by reaching out to students in various ways to ensure that their voices is heard loud and clear."

Pos. #1: Academic Affairs

Aaron Christian

"I believe we have a lot of things that need to be improved on our campus and I am willing to dedicate my full attention as the Academic Affairs representative to bring a better life to my fellow students."

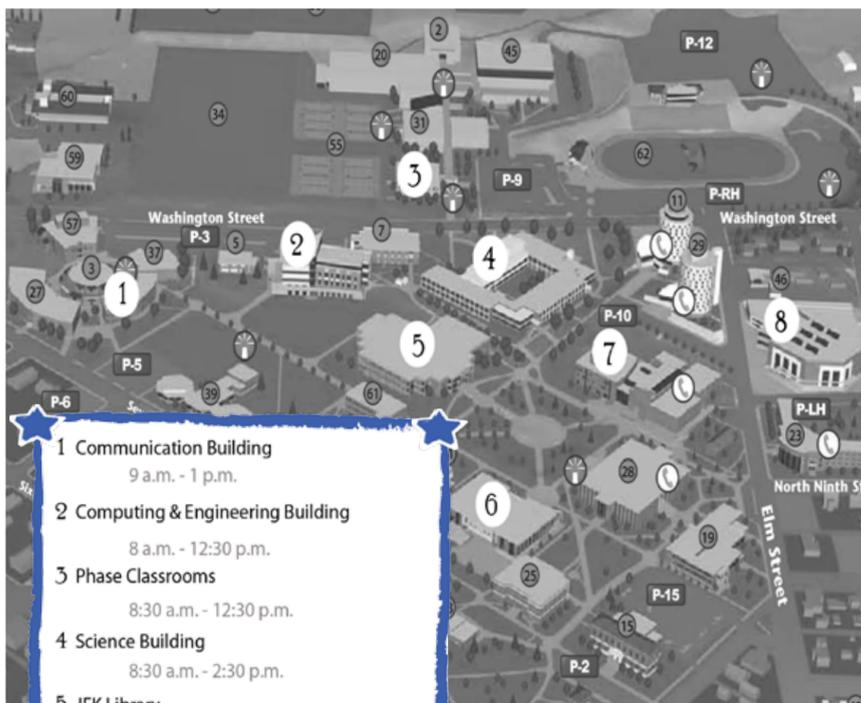
Pos. #2: Athletic Affairs and University Advancement

Jonathan Davis

"As an athlete, I can relate to the concerns of players and coaches. Also knowing the importance of networking, I bring many ideas to the table. I am consistently looking for ways to contribute to the university and better myself through opportunities and experiences."

DON'T KNOW WHERE TO VOTE?

For more information on where and when to vote, please refer to the graphic at the bottom of the page.



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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 2 Computing & Engineering Building
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- 3 Phase Classrooms
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 4 Science Building
8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 5 JFK Library
3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 6 Tawanka Commons
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Pos. #3: Diversity Outreach

Jordan Lemmon

"As the representative of Diversity Outreach, I hope to not only communicate with and accommodate the needs of the diverse groups at Eastern, but also help bring everyone together to embrace our similarities and common interests and explore the diverse backgrounds and traditions that have come together to make us all Eastern Eagles."

Shana Yamanaka

"As a candidate running for the position of Diversity Outreach representative on the ASEWU Council, I will effectively communicate with organizations as well as clubs whose mission is to spread the growth and knowledge of diversity. By working together, diversity will continue to be part and parcel of EWU."

Pos. #4: Graduate Outreach

Patrick Anderson

"As a former member of the ASEWU Council and Superior Court, I consider myself to be well qualified to represent the graduate students of EWU. As a graduate student and your 2010 Graduate Affairs representative, I promise to bring responsible and equal representation to the council chambers."

Pos. #5: Legislative Affairs

Jordan Johnston

"As ASEWU's Legislative Liaison for the past year, I have been involved in the legislative process in Washington for quite some time. I know the issues we students face. With ballooning tuition and cuts to state financial aid programs coming down the pipe, students will need a strong advocate. I am that advocate."

Pos. #6: Student Activities

Crystal Medina

"If re-elected, I plan to work directly with the Club Sports Federation and other ASEWU-funded clubs by gaining a better understanding of their budgets. I would also like to help clubs and organizations properly train new officers for a smooth transition. I will take action and get results."

Pos. #7: Student Health and Safety Services

Justin Filla

"My goal is to make Eastern the safest environment possible for students. To accomplish these goals, I would communicate with the Chief of EWU Police, Director of Health, Wellness and Prevention Services and all other officials that work with student health and safety services."

Pos. #8: Student Services

Kristine M. Caton

"Past experiences makes me a dedicated student who is willing to work hard in the best interest of the EWU students. I am a very approachable person to work with. I know I am the right person for this position. If given that chance, I will do everything I can for the students of EWU."

Samuel Adams

"As an ASEWU representative for the 2010-2011 school year, my goal would be to do all in my power to change these statistics and help students get involved in deciding what their money is spent on."

Ugona Daniel-Muoneke

"As the Student Health and Safety Services representative, I intend to improve student relations involving health and safety, as well as promote awareness for our community's general welfare. My ultimate goal is to give power back to the people—my fellow students and friends—the future leaders of America."

Pos. #9: Technology Advancement

Collin Schuler

"I would like to be a voice for our students by implementing action in a cost-benefit approach. I also want to use our technology fee for exploring new technological services as well as improving or replacing current equipment."

Swen Bergman

"ASEWU has inevitably made great improvements on the well-being of our local society and has been always striving to make worthwhile alterations for improvement. Through ASEWU, we have gained a healthier environment through our recreation centers and library. All fields of study have been remarkably affected."

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Standpoint with professor Marty Johnson

Johnson talks about her recent speech at EWU as well as the rewards that come each day through the students she teaches at Riverpoint

BY JASON KEEDY
staff writer

Marty Johnson, RN, NHA, Ph.D. tells *The Easterner* about her experiences as an assistant health professor and what motivates her each day.

First off, could you explain some of the duties you have at Eastern? Maybe give us a day in the life.

My duties include teaching undergraduate and graduate students in the health services administration major or minor. This term, I am teaching two undergraduate courses and one graduate course. I also provide independent study opportunities for students who wish to get a hands-on experience in research.

When not preparing for class and evaluating student assignments, I am working on my research and preparing scholarly articles on the findings from the research. My research interest is the nursing home work environment as it relates to the delivery of care.

I also have the privilege of serving as the faculty adviser for the Health Services Administration Student Organization.

Could you talk a little about what you discussed last week on the Cheney campus?

The presentation "What Frontline Health Care Workers in Nursing Homes Tell Us" reviews the qualitative findings from a survey completed by nearly 300 nursing assistants working in eight nursing facilities. The survey consisted of statements the informant was to evaluate about their work environment. There was a place next to each statement where the participant could write a comment. I was concerned as to whether the nurse assistants would participate, and was surprised that they not only completed the survey but also contributed nearly 650 comments.

Their themes included how they defined quality of care, how they evaluated the care provided by their co-workers and nurses, and their relationship with the nurses. They identified barriers to care such as staffing issues and communication, and they spoke of facilitators to providing quality care to their residents. They believe what they say should be taken into consideration, and they want to be part of the decision-making in the provision of their resident's care.

The presentation will be given again in the Phase I Auditorium at Riverpoint



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Johnson is the assistant professor in Health Services Administration on the riverpoint campus. Wednesday, April 21 at noon.

Could you talk a little about your background and the road that has led

you to EWU?

My career in health care began as a professional nurse. I soon saw areas in healthcare that needed to change, and that sent me back to school to earn a dual M.B.A and master's in nursing administration. My background in hospital work and community health led me into nursing home administration and developing new programs to meet the needs of persons with chronic illnesses, including the aging.

Prior to returning to school to earn my Ph.D., I worked with market-based providers, led by their hospitals, in developing strategic plans and implementing them so that there was a continuum of care for the people served by Franciscan Health System, now a member of Catholic Health Initiatives. Franciscan Health System was East and West coast based. I enjoyed working on the west side of the U.S. They were more innovative and were more focused on cost, quality and access than what I experienced along the eastern I-95 corridor.

When I came to interview at EWU, I was impressed with the health care facilities, the health information technology, and the interests of the faculty in the Department of Urban Planning, Public and Health Administration. This department brings together the ability to explore

innovative approaches to delivering care and services to the aging and persons with chronic diseases. The lifestyle and weather were an added attraction for me.

What are some of the rewards and challenges that you encounter throughout your daily experiences?

The rewards are the students. I am stimulated by their ideas and experiences and welcome the challenges they present. To help them master their major or minor and hear from them as they enter and develop their careers, gives me hope that we will have a better health care system in the future.

The challenges are that there are not enough hours in some days.

On a personal level, what do you look for to inspire you. What gets you through a tough day?

I am inspired by colleagues who challenge and support me. These are people with high energy levels and share freely.

Nature grounds me when I experience a tough day. The beautiful blue skies with white puffy clouds, for which this area is abundantly blessed, help me to keep focused on what is really important.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

from front page

days on end." Guard has been a math and science teacher at Canyon Park since 1993 and has taken her students to nationals for the last four years. Since the beginning of the school year, her team has been meeting twice a week with hopes of making it to the nationals in Illinois. Both Canyon Park and Bothell fell short, finishing second in their respective divisions, but Guard sees success in the lessons her teams have learned.

"It is so rewarding to watch these kids get so pumped for science. It almost gives you the chills. They are helping themselves in ways they don't even know where this could take them," Guard said.

The Olympiad was staffed by a team of EWU students and regular volunteers. EWU engineering and design professor Dr. Don Richter volunteered for his 11th year, recording scores for the mousetrap vehicle competition, which required students to make a vehicle powered by a mousetrap that could go the distance of an 8-meter track and back, and stop as close as possible to the starting point.

"It's a good level of difficulty," Richter said. He watched as Bellevue

High School student Aileen White got her car to within 14.3 centimeters of the target line. "I would be very pleased if one of my students did as well as [White]." White, who began in January, went through a garage of car designs and experimented with more than 15 components and finished fourth.

The commitment is also passed on to the parents. Tony Thayer drove his daughter, April, more than 200 miles from Stanwood to compete. April spent two to three hours a night working on her trebuchet for the trajectory event while Tony made regular trips to the hardware store for parts.

Tournament coordinator and EWU biology professor Sue Murphy says the tournament was a success. "We think it went great," said Murphy. "There were some appeals, but we took care of it. Everybody seemed to have a good time."

MORGAN FOSTER

from front page

applying for the vice president position, Foster said that the fact that Cheney had a rodeo played a part in her decision to apply.

Another one of Foster's main priorities at EWU is developing a relationship with students. She says she wants students to feel comfortable enough to come in and visit without having a specific reason to stop by.

"I'm going to make some changes in the outer reception area to make it a little more friendly for students so there is a place for [them] to sit," she said. "Come by. Have a cup of coffee."

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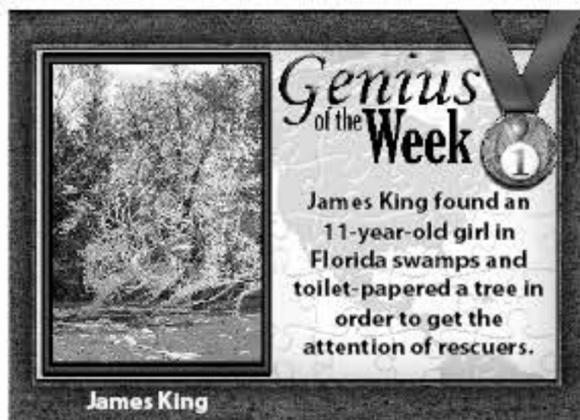
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James King found an 11-year-old girl in Florida swamps and toilet-papered a tree in order to get the attention of rescuers.

Pope needs to head to the confessional

BY SARA JO BARRITT
copy editor

The pope is out of touch with reality. In direct response to offenses committed by a Milwaukee priest, senior Vatican officials, including Pope Benedict XVI, refused to put Rev. Lawrence Murphy to church trial for sexually assaulting as many as 200 deaf boys between 1950 and 1975. In the 1990s, two Wisconsin bishops appealed to the pope, who was a cardinal at the time, to put Murphy on church trial for his heinous crimes, to which Murphy confessed. But when Murphy took it upon himself to seek mercy from Benedict, the pope halted the church trial and granted the aging, sick man the opportunity to live the final years of his life in peace. This decision effectively destroyed any principal of justice and security that Catholic followers and general humanity has

previously believed in. Worse yet, Murphy's story is but one account of child molestation committed by church clergymen that the pope has been aware of. While some critics have accused the pope of simply being negligent of the crimes, the reality is that Benedict has been actively covering up the sex scandals and protecting the perpetrators while keeping "faith" in his own infallibility as justification for his actions. Rev. James Scahill of St. Michael's Parish in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts has spoken openly against the pope's unforgivable lapse in judgment, calling for his resignation, and further declaring that the Catholic Church has likewise handled sexual misconduct of priests atrociously. According to *abc.com*, Scahill said that "by moving these pedophiles ... from parish to parish, [the Catholic Church] placed innocent, unsuspecting children in harm's way."

Scahill isn't the only one declaring that the safety of children comes second to the Catholic Church. When Benedict was still a cardinal in 2001, he issued a Vatican edict to Catholic bishops around the world instructing them to put the church's interests ahead of children's safety. For those children who did fall victim to sexual abuse from clergymen, the church secured a "hush fund" to keep victims and their families quiet. Though the pope's actions and statements are on file, neither he nor the Vatican think Benedict's behavior warrants any sort of contrition. Instead, the pope has responded to the vast media coverage of this horrible reality by saying that he will not "be intimidated by the petty gossip of dominant opinion," according to *bbc.com*. Whether the pope has erred is not opinion. It is a fact that pedophile clergyman around the world were usually not arrested but instead moved

to another parish where they often repeated offenses. Senior Vatican officials have apparently decided that harboring the criminals protects the church's name, but not even their faith in God can protect them from losing the good faith of their followers. It took nearly 360 years for the Roman Catholic Church to concede that Pope Paul V made a mistake when he arrested Galileo as a heretic for his contention that the Earth rotated around the sun. I wonder how long it will take for the church to admit the fallibility of Benedict as an enabler of child sex abuse. As I wait for the pontiff to apologize to the victims he could easily have protected, I feel that much more secure in the timeless statement of Martin Luther, the famous protestant reformer who said, "I feel much freer now that I am certain the pope is the Antichrist."

Time for a Double Down heart attack

BY SAM STOWERS
staff writer

KFC doesn't even care anymore. After responding to the last six years of backlash against fast-food by offering grilled chicken, they have released a sandwich that teeters on the fringe of what Webster's Dictionary defines as food — the Double Down. The Double Down is a sandwich that smooshes bacon, pepper jack, Monterey jack, and the colonel's sauce in between two pieces of fried chicken. That's it. No bread or even the customary offering of shredded lettuce and a pickle slice. It should be noted that grilled chicken patties are an option and at least they wrap the "sandwich" in a layer of paper to delay the grease from absorbing into the pores of your hands until you are halfway done eating it. I feel ashamed saying it, but KFC has somehow made a product that makes my mouth water while inducing a vomit sensation in the pit of my stomach. What does it say about your product if you name it after a gambling term? The fried version has 540 calories and 32 grams of fat, while the grilled has 460 calories and 23 grams of fat. The grilled Double Down does outdo its fried counterpart in the sodium department with 1430 mg to 1380 mg, respectively. An average person is only supposed to take in 65 grams of fat and 1500 mg of sodium daily. Still, this pales in comparison to Wendy's 1,330-calorie Baconator Triple. The controversy of the Double Down has even prompted the Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine to put out a public letter denouncing it. In the letter, the committee's Director of Nutrition Education Susan Levine writes: "I am deeply troubled by your company's decision to sell this dangerously unhealthy product, and I am writing to urge you to take four steps to keep the Double Down out of the hands of children." But haven't Americans always had a love for these "stunt foods" and almost prideful gluttony? Millions tune into Food Network to see hole-in-the-wall restaurants serving ridiculous 6-pound cheeseburgers and 72-ounce steaks. Every year on Independence Day, competitors line up in Coney Island to see how many hot dogs they can eat in 10 minutes. And I, along with millions of other Americans, watch live ESPN coverage in awe. The record is 68. I am a cook, and I admit that on one dark evening, the crew and I invented something called the Man-Bear-Pig: a monstrosity comprised of three pieces of bacon, a fried egg and a pork shank. That triad of hedonism was then drenched in barbecue sauce and slapped between two pieces of garlic toast. Upon his first taste, one of the cooks paraphrased Robert Oppenheimer, one of the core scientists who built the first Atom Bomb who said, "I am Shiva, destroyer of worlds." It tasted amazing. It was a symphony of pork fat, butter and sweetness that made me laugh hysterically in satisfaction. But we knew it would be irresponsible both morally and fiscally (it would be about \$10 just to cover ingredient costs) to actually sell it. That's my biggest problem with the Double Down. All these "stunt foods" are rarities hidden across the U.S., that people hear about, fast in preparation for, and pay a lot for. The Double Down will be at almost every KFC and costs a little more than \$5. We can't incorporate this sort of "stuntwich" into our daily diet. Maybe it's just KFC's last hurrah before the new health care bill requires all fast-food restaurants to post calorie counts on indoor and drive-thru menus starting January 2011. With the *New York Times* reporting that only 28 percent of fast-food patrons feel their eating choices are affected by calorie postings, which are already mandatory in New York, chances are the Double Down will be another Scud missile in the U.S.'s food war.

KFC has somehow made a product that makes my mouth water while inducing a vomit sensation."

Tiger and Nike hit a bogie with new commercial

BY JOE TYNAN
contributing writer

Last week, the world heard Earl Woods scold his son Tiger for his recent indiscretions in a commercial for Nike. One of the statements Earl made as Tiger stared stoically into the camera was, "I want to find out what your thinking was." I don't know in what context the recording of the elder Woods' voice was made, but seeing that he passed away in 2006, it wasn't made with his son's recent scandal in mind. Also, being a father myself, I don't think Earl Woods would have approved of the fatherhood-adultery-advertising three-way. To call this a controversial

move by Tiger and Nike may be understating the issue. Those who have added to the buzz last week by claiming it to be in poor taste are dead-on accurate. This was a gamble, and it remains to be seen if it pays off, but I doubt if it will hurt Nike's bottom line. It might hurt Tiger's already hobbled reputation, though. He is getting downright silly. Tiger has apologized numerous times for cheating on his wife. To see Tiger staring into the camera, presumably with the same expression he'd show if his father were really taking him to task, is an insult to those who have taken his apologies seriously. This is because of the motivation behind the ad: selling shoes. Though Tiger may want to show how sorry he is, his pleas are falling

on deaf ears. We've seen that show almost a half a dozen times now, Tiger. Just play some golf already. There were a number of ways that Nike and Tiger could have sold a pair of shoes. They went for somber and dramatic. They got inappropriate and creepy. As a result, I'll never buy another pair of Nikes again, which sucks because I've been wearing them since 1980. They're the only shoes that fit my Fred Flintstone feet comfortably. My big problem is that this Tiger and Nike commercial dishonors Earl Woods and his memory. While some criticized Earl Woods for being a stereotypical "sports dad," he was hardly another Marv Marinovich — those who remember former Raider quarterback Todd Marinovich know who I'm

talking about. By most accounts that I have seen, Earl Woods was a good man. This ad takes away from that legacy while pretending to pay tribute to it. So, like Earl Woods asked, what was Tiger thinking? When it came to sponsorships, Tiger was thinking that Nike's money is still green. And why shouldn't it be? Nike knows he's still marketable. If Tiger has to bring his father's memory into a scandal to sell shoes, well, where's the dotted line? At the end of this ad, Earl asks Tiger if he learned anything. While I hope Tiger did learn a lesson, I also hope there's a recording of Earl's voice somewhere saying "Tiger, go get the paddle." Put that in a commercial; I'll buy those shoes. Afterward, he didn't apologize. Instead, he placed blame on the ignorance of the student who had argued with him. I don't care how ignorant a student is, a professor should never react to disagreement in that manner. If the student really is that ignorant, expose it to the rest of the class so they don't make a similar assumption, but make sure to do it in a respectful way. There was no reason for the confrontational tone the professor took with the student. Now, I am in class, and I can't contradict anything my professor says out of fear that I will be removed from the class. How is that a balanced education? Professors at EWU must be held accountable for their actions. Egos should play no part in a classroom setting, and the professor, out of all people, should be the one to realize this. Clearly, the current student evaluations of professors are not sufficient, or else this particular professor would not be allowed to act the way he does. Eastern students need to be proactive in providing feedback to our university so administration can take proper action to remove professors who don't conduct themselves in a professional way.

Hold the temper in classrooms during heated debates

BY DANIEL CARST
contributing writer

How often does a disagreement with a professor become heated? Most professors maintain a level of professionalism that prevents them from shouting at students or even removing them from class just for disagreeing with them. College classrooms should be a forum for open discussion and general acceptance of all opinions and points of view, so long as no one is personally targeted. Last week, I was in class with a particularly opinionated professor. Usually, this doesn't bother me, in

fact, I typically enjoy a hearty argument between student and professor. I soon realized, though, this professor was not one to disagree with. The professor was drawing parallels between current foreign policy in Afghanistan and the treatment of American Indians when the British arrived in the New World. One student brought up the point that Afghanistan could be considered a "narco-state" because of the huge amounts of opium produced there. "That's bullshit!" was my professor's response, to the shock of myself and the rest of the

class. The student was not showing any disrespect to the professor but was simply making an observation on differences between the two cultures. With a look of disgust on his face, my professor continued to tell the student that he didn't know what he was talking about. Now offended, the student explained to the professor how his friends and family have been victims of the growing violence in Afghanistan. The argument became extremely heated when the professor refused to acknowledge that the student has a personal connection to the war in the Middle East and continued to berate him. The student stood up and announced he would be leaving, to which the professor responded, "Good. Don't come back. We don't want your kind here anyway." As the student left, he said one last comment of confrontation to the professor, "You don't have a fucking clue." "I have a clue," the professor shouted back. "I have a very big clue!" I was amazed how unprofessionally my professor had acted. I instantly lost any respect I had for him as an educator. A man of at least 60 years of age had acted like a child in front of an entire class.

Afterward, he didn't apologize. Instead, he placed blame on the ignorance of the student who had argued with him. I don't care how ignorant a student is, a professor should never react to disagreement in that manner. If the student really is that ignorant, expose it to the rest of the class so they don't make a similar assumption, but make sure to do it in a respectful way. There was no reason for the confrontational tone the professor took with the student. Now, I am in class, and I can't contradict anything my professor says out of fear that I will be removed from the class. How is that a balanced education? Professors at EWU must be held accountable for their actions. Egos should play no part in a classroom setting, and the professor, out of all people, should be the one to realize this. Clearly, the current student evaluations of professors are not sufficient, or else this particular professor would not be allowed to act the way he does. Eastern students need to be proactive in providing feedback to our university so administration can take proper action to remove professors who don't conduct themselves in a professional way.

[letters to the] editor

Elections need students

I read last week's article on ASEWU Elections, and I wanted to say a few words. My name is Aaron Christian, and I am running for a position of Academic Affairs on the council, and I would like to stress the importance of students voting. The 7.1 percent of students voting is disappointing to say the least. ASEWU handles the budget for every club and school organization on campus, and every year the council must submit and approve a budget that affects funding for these clubs. That means next time you attend a game of our hockey team, where does the money come from to fund that game? That is right — ASEWU. What about the other smaller clubs, like the philosophy club or the Christians on campus club? Again, ASEWU handles their budget. Now, to say that 7.1 percent of students vote but yet there is a much higher amount of students that participate in these clubs is a little bit astonishing. Clubs have been cut or heavily reduced in past budgets to save money, and if you are an active participant or even the casual one in a club, then I strongly urge you to vote because elections do affect you. ASEWU is a big part of campus life and our education, and students should not sit on the sidelines and instead should voice their opinion of where they want their tuition money to go. ASEWU has also made voting extremely easy. All you have to do to vote is go to www.ewu.edu on April 20 and May 4. You don't even have to leave your house or dorm room!

- Aaron Christian



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GET LIT!

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

EWU events

BY SAM STOWERS
staff writer

Twelve years ago, Get Lit! was a small downtown literary festival. How small? The inaugural attendance was three homeless people and the event staff. Now, the EWU-hosted hullabaloo consists of 50 events stretching from Eastern to the University of North Idaho. Here are some events, panels and workshops you may want to check out. For a full listing, go to outreach.ewu.edu/getlit/.

STANDOUT events

April 16

Poetry Salon After Hours:

Hotel Lusso (1 N. Post St., Downtown Spokane)
9 p.m. (Free)
Grab a cocktail or a Shirley Temple and enjoy poets Jom Ake, Gregory Dunne, Timothy Keller and others as they share their favorite works and collaborate with the crowd and salon host Howell to create new prose.

April 17

Grant Writing Tips with Ruth Galm, Tracy Springberry and Kim Crews:

Hotel Lusso
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. (Free)
Money for college is good. Free advice on how to get free money from grant-writing experts at writing grants in a competitive academic world is downright radstastic.

Philosophy and Pop Culture:

Hotel Lusso
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Free)
Lit! Wayne, a Nietzschean ideal? Maybe not, but join graphic novelist Lars Brown and a host of EWU philosophy professors as they discuss Facebook, "Lost," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," and maybe even a little Plato.

An Evening with Richard Russo and Jess Walter:

Bing Crosby Theatre (901 W. Sprague Ave., Spokane).

8 p.m. (\$20/ free for students)
Join Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Russo and Spokane's latest reason to read, Jess Walter, as they talk about growing up in small towns, writing about their own life and their favorite canned meats. (They're not really going talk about the last one. We were just seeing if you were still paying attention.)

College Poetry Slam:

Empyrean Coffeehouse (171 S. Washington, Spokane).
8:30 p.m. (\$2 or a can of food)
College poets will duke it out to see who will sing the sonnet of victory and whose haiku is through. Teams and solo performers are welcome.

April 21

Jazz Poetry Performance with Patricia Smith:

Martin Waldson Theatre at the Fox (1001 W. Sprague Ave., Spokane).
7 p.m. (free with student I.D.)
Patricia Smith has won four national Poetry Slam titles and will be reading her works alongside Spokane's best local jazz musicians.

April 15

Business Writing Workshop:

EWU Riverpoint Campus, Spokane Academic Center, Room 241
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (\$20 for students)

Learn the key points of fine print as professors discuss the pitfalls of Powerpoint and the fundamentals of writing for your business.

Speakers - Dr. Molly Johnson (EWU director of Rhetoric and Technical Communications) and Dan Webster (Gonzaga).

April 16

Using History in Storytelling:

Hargreaves Hall, Reading Room
10 a.m. - midnight (\$20 for students)

Authors explain how history affects the plot and perspective of both non-fiction and fiction writing.

Speakers - Jess Walters, Anna Maria Spagna, Marianne Keddington-Lang
Moderator - Beth Torgenson (EWU assistant English professor)

Socially-Responsible Teaching Workshop:

EWU Riverpoint Campus, Phase 1, Room 115
4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. (Free)
K-12 teachers will learn and discuss ways to incorporate lessons in social

responsibility while teaching public reading with "You Have to Write" author Janet Wong.
Speaker- Janet Wong

April 18

Masters Fine Arts Regional Reading:

Post Street Ale House (1 N. Post St., Spokane).

4 p.m. (Free)
Come hear Master of the Fine Arts students from University of Montana and EWU read the best of their poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

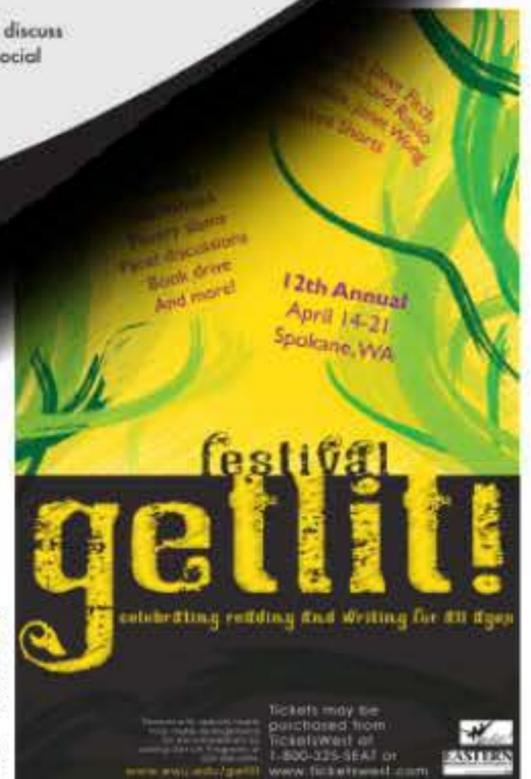
April 19

EWU Faculty Reading:

Glover Mansion
7 p.m. (Free)
EWU professors Christopher Howell, Jonathon Johnson, Samuel Ligon, Gregory Spatz, Rachel Toor and Nance Van Winckel will reveal their latest works, and the 2010 Creative Writing Distinguished Alumni Award winner will be announced.

Got Designed!

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Family weekend arrives on campus

Blackjack, bingo, magic and karaoke provides a fun-filled weekend for families

BY CHANTEL STRASBURG
contributing writer

EWU's annual Family Weekend Celebration kicks off with bingo and karaoke for all ages, Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

The celebration, which is sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, is designed to bring students and their parents together while they participate in various events on campus. There are many activities scheduled for the weekend, including tours of the university and Turnbull Wildlife Refuge, live entertainment and games with great prizes for the winners.

Although the weekend is packed full of activities, the main event will be EWU's Club Vegas, which begins at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17, in the PUB lounge.

Eagle Entertainment sponsors the event, which features blackjack games and a performance by magician and comedian Derek Hughes. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to students and children 12 and under.

"Hopefully there will be the same great flow of students as last year," said Anna Buchi, special events coordinator for Eagle Entertainment. "I love putting on these events. Club Vegas is my favorite."

Among the prizes, which were all donated by local businesses and restaurants, is a one-night stay at the Double Tree Hotel in Spokane valued at \$200.

After the prize giveaways, Derek Hughes is set to perform a comedic magic act at 8:30 p.m., in the PUB MPR.

On Saturday, there will be plenty of op-

tions for families to choose from, starting at The Roost, which is hosting a dining sample session with live music in the rec center lobby beginning at 11 a.m. A tour of the Turnbull Wildlife Refuge in Cheney from 12:30-2:30 p.m. is scheduled afterward.

After the tour, the African Alliance will be hosting African Night in the Showalter Auditorium from 4-6 p.m. The event will feature art, fashion and dance to illustrate modern African culture.

Family Weekend will conclude with a Sunday brunch in the Tawanka Commons at 9 a.m., followed by an administrative address at 11 a.m.

For a complete list of Family Weekend activities, visit www.ewu.edu and search "Family Weekend" or contact the Office of Student Activities at (509) 359-7924.



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Left to right: Alicia Dickson and Lyndsey
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A total of 57 participants addressed 2,064
envelopes for "Up 'til Dawn's" fundraiser for St.
Jude's Children's Hospital.



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Above photo:
Right to left: Katie Rasinkski, a representa-
tive from St. Jude's, and Justin Fila place
stamps on completed envelopes.

Below photo:
Students address letters in hopes of raising
thousands of dollars for St. Jude's.



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Students stay 'Up 'til Dawn' for charity

While addressing donation letters for St. Jude's, students ate free food and listened to the band Crickets of Cascadia

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
contributing writer

"One night. One cause. Our campus" was the theme of the night as students fought back yawns and hand cramps to address donation letters to raise awareness and money for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and coordinated by Amanda Zeller, a senior pre-law and government major, Up 'til Dawn is a "student-led, student-run philanthropic program hosted by colleges and universities nationwide," according to St. Jude's Web site.

Zeller, who took over coordinating duties from Eagle Entertainment Adviser Dennis Dent, worked on the event for three months and says that although it was

a lot of hard work, it was all worth it in the end.

"[Up 'til Dawn] is one of those things that really excites me because [it allows me] to help children, especially those that feel like there is no hope for them in the world," Zeller said.

Laura Schlect, a senior double majoring in human resource management and marketing management and this year's Ms. Eastern, echoed Zeller's thoughts saying, "It was my honor to be involved in this great event that helps raise money for a hospital that provides care at no charge to the kids [and their families]."

It costs more than 1.4 million dollars to run St. Jude's for a day, and according to Zeller, St. Jude's earns thousands of dollars from events like Up 'til Dawn, which "helps them out tremendously."

It was recommended that students bring the names and addresses of 25 people to send donation letters to, though phone books were also provided.

"Being college kids, we don't really have money to give," said Catherine Huston, a sophomore nursing major. "This is a good way [for students] to give to other people."

When students needed a break from addressing letters, they enjoyed free pizza and refreshments or listened to this year's Battle of the Band winners Crickets of Cascadia.

Several prizes were also offered as incentives for students to participate.

For every 25 letters a student addressed and turned in, that student was entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card to the EWU Bookstore and a \$20 gift card to

The Roost. This prize ultimately went to the rugby team.

A member of the softball team won the night's top prize, a Nintendo Wii gaming system, which students were eligible to win only after submitting a set of 50 addressed letters.

Athletic teams, Greek organizations, fliers and Facebook all promoted Up 'til Dawn. Participants, addressed 2,064 letters.

"Not everybody gets to be part of a life-changing event like this," said Morgan Malkuch, a junior therapeutic recreation major and member of the Mt. and Ms. Eastern Royalty Court.

Mike Penix, a senior criminal justice major, felt that by participating in Up 'til Dawn, he was doing something worthwhile.

Overall, Zeller feels like EWU students can have a huge impact on the life of a child being treated at St. Jude's.

"Every year we hope [Up 'til Dawn] will bring more awareness [of St. Jude's], a higher attendance rate, and a broader spectrum of people who actually want to ... do something without even knowing the person they are helping," she said. She hopes to hold another event for St. Jude's in the fall.

"Those children dream to be healthier and to be happy, and [Eastern students] have the opportunity to make that so."

Students interested in helping St. Jude's can pick up donation letters from the Eagle Entertainment office in PUB 225.

Seeing immigration through the eyes of the forgotten family

BY DYLAN COIL
contributing writer

When individuals immigrate from communities suffering from economic hardship to find work in the U.S., their stories are often limited to their experiences across the border.

Many people fail to consider what happens to immigrants' families, the wives and children who are left alone in Mexico.

Gabriel Chavez, a sociology and Chicano studies major, spent 14 weeks from September through December 2009 looking into this cultural phenomenon with a group of students. Three of those weeks were spent in Tlaxcala, interviewing women whose husbands came to the U.S. in search of work.

"I found that these women were facing something that my mom went through that I had no clue about," Chavez said.

He outlined the results of his and his colleague's work in a presentation Thursday in the women's studies department located in Monroe Hall.

Chavez and his partner Felipe Valencia conducted a series of interviews with six different women. They asked women to share details about reasons why their husbands came to the U.S., and the burden it puts on the women and the family dynamic. The women went on to discuss the effect that immigration has on a small community and share personal messages to those living in the U.S.

While conducting the interviews, Chavez, Valencia and another colleague lived with one of the families.

"We came into these people's lives, and it was like a family ... I have never felt so welcome into someone's home," Chavez said.

Chavez explained the emotional toll the interviews had on both the interviewees and the families, saying that very often it resulted in tears.

He shared a very emotional audio clip where one of the women broke down in tears as she explained the events that lead up to her husband leaving to work in the U.S.

Dona Antonia said, "The problem is the economic situation here, because for [my husband] to leave, we had to use up all the little we had here to get to the other side."

Some Mexican immigrants find success in the U.S., and even go back to Mexico to build a good home for their families. Others, however, can be here for years and go back with nothing to show for it.

While the men are gone from the communities, all parenting and family leadership roles are put on the woman of the household.

Chavez stressed the message that these women wanted him to bring back to the U.S. especially to those who haven't experienced their hardships.

Dona Theresa, another interviewee, had this message, "When you come to Mexico, we don't treat you like you treat the Mexicans ... Why up there do you see us differently? Imagine you are away from your family ... What would your family say if we treated you poorly? They are going to feel very sad ... This is how we feel."

Chavez argues that as Americans, we need to have a more humanistic view and not think about the issue of immigration so politically. He is an advocate for fewer restrictions on border laws and full amnesty for Mexican citizens.

"When we think of Mexico, usually we think about Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and those things," said Chavez. "We need to understand ... that is not Mexico."

Chi Alpha members journey to Honduras during spring break

BY SAM STOWERS
staff writer

Two and a half weeks into the spring quarter, EWU junior Kristine Brons and Chi Alpha pastor Kevin Yeadon are completely reintegrated into the collegiate grind. They are studying chemistry, counseling students and going to their weekly Chi Alpha meetings.

Like others, they pull up photos from spring break on their computers to momentarily escape their daily routine. The photos, however, aren't of house parties or nights out bar hopping, but of concrete buildings with chipped paint and tin roofs set against a backdrop of flat dirt roads and dense jungle brush. Framed in each picture are children with worn-out collars, stained shirts and smiles.

Yeadon, Brons, other EWU Chi Alpha members and a handful of Washington residents flew to Honduras to help build a medical clinic and Bible study hall for a local orphanage. This was the first time Chi Alpha did international missionary work. The team of 18 not only helped establish a foundation for the building, but also established connections with the residents who struggle to survive in one of the most impoverished countries in the Americas.

The team arrived with \$1,200 for building supplies and began retouching cement foundations and welding together the frame for the roof of the clinic at the privately owned Heart-to-Heart orphanage in Tegucigalpa. The orphanage specializes in the care of children who have been abandoned by their families or abused either physically or sexually. Heart-to-Heart cares for 82 children with ages ranging from just a couple months old to teenagers.

"Having hard lives ... you'd



Photo courtesy of Kevin Yeadon

Kristine Brons (second to the left) and the other members of Chi Alpha prepare to work in Honduras.

think [they] would have had attitudes and fight and stuff like that," said Brons. "But they were so happy ... These are small kids. They just want to love on you. They don't care how bad their past was; they're just looking toward their future."

Yeadon, who describes himself as not really a kid person, found the children at the orphanage to be more outgoing than he was.

"I don't speak a lot of Spanish," said Yeadon. "So I would kind of sit at the orphanage and chill, but the kids did not want to have any of that. They would just come up to you, and they want to talk, and they want to know about you."

The friendliness wasn't just contained to the orphanage. Even though the country is the third poorest in the Americas, the group was surprised to see the good nature in all of the Hondurans they encountered.

One afternoon, eight of the group members piled into a truck to head into town. Midway through the trip, they were hit by a rainstorm. "We were getting

drenched," Yeadon said.

An SUV began following the truck while honking its horn. The group thought the car was trying to pass, until it pulled alongside and the driver offered the group a ride in the covered car. Yeadon declined the offer but was struck by the fact that a person living in a third-world economy, where gas still costs as much as it does in Spokane, would be willing to drive extra miles to get strangers to where they need to go.

Despite the friendly residents, Honduras is still a dangerous place. Since summer, when the Honduras government removed President Manuel Zelaya from power, the country has been unstable. In March, five journalists were killed in the nation's capital of Tegucigalpa for advocating the reinstatement of Zelaya.

"I was concerned about safety," said Yeadon. "People at the orphanage said, 'You just don't want to be out at night, and as long as you're in groups together, you're fine.' So we just made sure we had our passports at all times."

In Honduras, the military

regularly pulls over vehicles for random searches and personnel checks. Fortunately, the group only had one run-in when traveling by bus. The soldiers simply looked at everyone's papers and let them by.

"I don't know what they were doing," said Yeadon, adding with a laugh, "we just decided to comply because they had machine guns."

The only harm that came to any of the group members were mosquito bites or the occasional burn from scalding milk served with cereal each morning. "They don't have pasteurized milk. It's straight from the cow. It's whole milk, and to kill everything, they boil it and serve it to you," said Yeadon. "After four or five days of hot whole milk ... it's sick stuff."

The idea for the trip came when Yeadon reconnected with his old friend Joel Olson, with whom he grew up. Olson is the vice president of Heart-to-Heart. Chi Alpha began planning for the trip in October, getting immunizations and raising money by sending out sponsor letters to friends and family.

"I got responses from almost every single letter," said Brons. "If it wasn't money, then it was just someone being like, 'I can't financially give right now, but I'll be praying for you and thinking of you.'"

Chi Alpha plans to return to Honduras next spring, and some who went are planning to go on their own in the summer to receive some more of the Honduran hospitality that affected the group so deeply.

"I think I'm still trying to process this [trip]," said Yeadon. "At a lot of times, they were more joyful and not bound by stuff. I would rather have friends and good relationships than an iPod and a computer."



Kelly Holmstedt
JUNIOR



Holmstedt carefully studies the course to prepare for her next shot.

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Holmstedt leads the pack

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

Tiger Woods may win the award for most interesting golfer of the year, but EWU has its own standout.

As the oldest of the girls on the golf team, junior Kellie Holmstedt stands as a different, more personally successful role model than Woods.

"I kind of fit the mommy role and make sure everyone has sunscreen, hair ties and are ready to play. It's fun," Holmstedt said.

The year has not gone well for Holmstedt and the Lady Eags golf team, but as the leader of three freshmen, one sophomore and one redshirt junior, Holmstedt can't lose her composure.

Golf has been around Holmstedt's family her entire life. Growing up in the small town of Cosba, Ore., her parents and grandparents introduced her to the sport when she was just 8 years old. When she turned 10, Holmstedt began playing in summer golf circuits, meeting many girls who now play at rival Big Sky Conference schools.

She always viewed golf as a recreational sport, focusing more seriously on volleyball and basketball during high school. It wasn't until she attended a golf camp at the University of Washington, where she met former EWU tennis coach Marc Hughes, that she began to approach golf seriously.

"Sophomore year in high school, I realized I'm not tall enough to play volleyball and went the golf route and became more competitive," said Holmstedt. "I wasn't even going to look to play golf in college until I went to UW and met Marc [Hughes]."

Playing golf, going to school and being on the Student Athlete-Advisory Committee (SAAC) takes up nearly all of Holmstedt's time. When she does manage to sway away from her obligations, she enjoys scrapbooking and exploring the outdoors, but she still finds herself on the golf course.

"You think I would get tired of golf, but the girls are like, 'You want to go play?' and there I am," she said.

Being a member of SAAC puts even more on Holmstedt's plate. She helps plan events

across campus, such as the '80s dance held at the rec center last year. They also sponsor the 50-50 raffles held at the various EWU sporting events.

Holmstedt is majoring in exercise science and wants to help people and has always found the medical field interesting.

"I'm not too keen on blood and needles, so [exercise science] is a good route," she said.

With the team not doing so well this season, Holmstedt is focusing more on improving her game.

"My personal goal is to improve my putting. My game needs to be more consistent. If I don't hit the green, I need to chip it close to one putt," she said.

This Saturday, the team will be leaving for Chandler, Ariz., to play in the BSC tournament Monday through Wednesday. Holmstedt hopes to finish higher than her usual middle spot.

"I think that I always try to do better, strike the ball better than in practice. Just play and have a good time — that's what we're out there for," she said.

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EWU men's tennis makes final run

Nico Riego de Dios remains undefeated in BSC

BY TOM LINNAME
staff writer

EWU men's tennis had an up-and-down weekend at home April 9-11, defeating Weber State University 5-2, losing 3-4 against Northern Arizona University (NAU) and winning the match against Seattle University (SU) 5-2.

The Eagles are now 6-12 overall and 3-3 in the Big Sky Conference (BSC) and are in need of some perfect circumstances in order to make it to the BSC Championships. The loss against NAU means that EWU must win all of their upcoming matches combined with Montana State beating Montana for a shot at entering the championships.

EWU tennis kicked off the weekend with a bang against BSC second place Weber State University Friday, winning four of their six singles matches and sweeping all three of their doubles matches. Nico Riego de Dios overpowered Weber's Henning Hipp 6-3, 6-2, while Chad Henninger defeated Cole Paterson 6-2, 6-3.

Julian Sanchez had a tough match against Spencer Marchant, shutting out his opponent 6-0 in the first set only to be beaten 1-6 in the second. Sanchez rallied and came out with a 6-1 win in the third.

"This was definitely our best doubles performance of the year, the guys came out and played really hard on Friday," Head Coach Darren Haworth said.

Looking to keep the winning momentum going, the Eagles hosted conference contenders NAU Saturday. Despite trailing 3-2 at one point during the match, the Lumberjacks made a comeback and beat the Eagles 4-3.

Winning two of their three doubles matches, EWU was counting on multiple singles wins to ensure overall victory. De Dios continued his fine run of form, defeating Hugo Ramadier 7-5 and 6-4. Fernando Mussolini also picked up a hard earned win, beating Pat Schimmelbauer 6-2 and 6-4.

"NAU came out strong and just proved to be a lot stronger down low," said Haworth. "Hands down, some credit is due to NAU for coming to our place and beating us."

Eastern put SU to the test Sunday, finishing the weekend by defeating the Redhawks 5-2. EWU won all three of their doubles matches and four of their six singles matches.

De Dios continued to prove his quality by remaining undefeated after beating Mark Shkretban 6-2 and 6-3. Flavio Malagutti came back from an initial 4-6 loss in his first set against Jordan Prince, managing to pull off a 6-2 and a 1-0 win.

"Overall, I'd say the guys came out tough and played really well this weekend," Haworth said.



Adam Stewart bends over the bar in the high jump at the Pelluer Invitational.

Krystal Deyo/Easterner

Luckenbach breaks school record, again and again

As more Eagle track athletes make their way to the Big Sky Conference list, Luckenbach inches her way up on the NCAA list, nearing the 200-foot mark in the hammer throw

BY ALLIE FRIESE
staff writer

Nicole Luckenbach broke her own school record at the Annual Pelluer Invitational in Cheney Friday and again Saturday at the Washington versus Oregon, Montana and Idaho Meet (WAR) in Spokane.

Luckenbach's hammer throw of 199-2 Saturday moved her into eighth place in the NCAA Division I and fifth in the NCAA Division I West Region best list. Athletes need to rank in the top 48 in their event to compete at the NCAA Division I West Regionals May 27-29 in Austin, Texas.

When Luckenbach was asked about her performance, she said that it was where she wanted to be at this point in the season and described it as "satisfying." She was a bit surprised to have broken her record because even though she

knew she could throw that far, the meet wasn't going as well as she had hoped. She managed her record-breaking throw on the last of her attempts. "Now I'm headed for 210," Luckenbach said. "I think that I will [get it by the end of the season]."

"It was a meet that's designed to really generate some really good individual performances, and that really did come through for us," Men's Head Coach Stan Kerr said of the WAR. Kerr also noted that the Pelluer was more of a dual meet between EWU and Seattle University due to scheduling conflicts with other schools.

Chad Butorac ran a 48.30 seconds in the 400-meter dash and now ranks first in the Big Sky Conference (BSC). "I think that was

really the highlight on the men's side," Kerr said.

Women's Head Coach Marcia Mecklenberg was also pleased with the results from the weekend. Even though the weather may not have been ideal for the meet, the women's team performed well.

More athletes were added to the list of qualifiers for the BSC Championship. Whitney Leavitt qualified in the 100-meter dash, as well as Christy Borders in the 100-meter hurdles.

At the WAR meet Saturday, Brianna Okoro, who had already qualified for the BSC Championships, shone in the 200-meter dash by placing second out of 42 competitors. Okoro now ranks fourth in school history with a time of 24.57.

On the men's side, Armand Hopkins double qualified in the long jump and triple jump at the Pelluer, along with Stephen Praast in the high jump and David Howard in the hammer throw.

On Saturday, Steven Warner had a personal best in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.01, and Armon Blackwell secured his spot to compete at the Championships in the 110-meter hurdles at 15.12.

Both Mecklenberg and Kerr agreed that the athletes generally perform better on their home turf. One reason, Kerr said, is because the athletes are more familiar with the track. Family support also comes with home field advantage.

The Eagles will split their team next weekend and compete at the Mt. Sac Relays/Combined Events in Walnut, Calif., April 14-17 and at the Long Beach Invitational in Long Beach, Calif., April 17.



Dean Rutz/Seattle Times/MCT

Seattle Mariners shortstop Jack Wilson grimaces after being hit in the back by a pitch in the third inning against the Oakland Athletics.

A sluggish start

BY JAMES EIK
editor-in-chief

After nearly a week of baseball, the Seattle Mariners have faced an onslaught of criticism and questions about their performance on all sides of the game.

Nine games into the season, the Mariners have only won three, a far different perspective that offseason hype brought for fans. As it turns out, some local sports writers were able to see past the signings of Cliff Lee and examine the giant problem on the team: a lack of run production.

An average of three runs per game has been the story for the past week as the offense has collapsed under the pressure to perform. Right now, the team sits dead last in batting average among American League teams and near last in ERA ranking among the league.

To add to the trouble, the front office has taken the approach of mascots being more important than actual hitters. In order to make room on the roster for a 12-man bullpen, Ryan Langerhans was designated for assignment. Thankfully, he cleared waivers and is now fighting to return to the major league level, but there was an easier choice in the matter.

Although Mike Sweeney is a class act, his bat isn't anywhere near what it used to be, and it's time for

him to leave. By keeping Sweeney on the roster, Mariners General Manager Jack Zduriencik is eroding an already broken offense in favor of happy feelings. It's one bad move in comparison to a number of spectacular ones that the team made in the offseason, but continuing the trend won't help score runs.

The offense, although sluggish, has yet to find its bearings, but there is still hope. Since they can't just swing for the fences for each at bat, they need to find a rhythm of getting on base and driving runs in. It's normally a simple concept, but without a strong power bat, fine-tuning an offense like Seattle's will take a few weeks.

By that time, Cliff Lee should have returned from his unfortunate injury. Now, Lee isn't the Mariners' cure-all, and he isn't going to magically make a winning team, but help by providing an opportunity to score runs. The offense, however, needs to take advantage of this and literally run with it; speed is hardly lacking on the bench and should be used whenever possible.

In the midst of the looming losses ahead, Mariners fans can expect a good show in the later months of the season. Things are only getting started, after all.

BY DUSTIN TOMS
senior reporter

After starting off with a 4-0 Big Sky Conference (BSC) record and being one win from postseason play, the EWU women's tennis team has dropped three conference matches in a row.

During the weekend, first-place Northern Arizona University (NAU) came to Cheney and beat the Eagles 5-2, in a match in which five of the six singles matches went three sets. Chelsea Patton and Ryan Warner were the two victorious singles players, while Caitlin Bampton and Kelsey Knight grabbed a doubles match against an unbeaten NAU team.

Bampton started off strong in her singles match, winning 6-4 in the first set, but losing a long second set 5-7. Her opponent, Edit Suhajda, took control of the last set, taking the match 6-3.

"They just had a great match. It was a fight they battled all the way through. [Suhajda] came up with better shots at the end," said Associate Head Coach Dale Silha.

Senior Marie Demerath was in control of the first set of her singles match with a score of 6-1, but was overtaken in the final two sets 3-6, 0-6.

Patton fought hard in her first set, but fell 5-7 to Yumi Hasegawa. She didn't give up, however, and fought back to take the match, winning the last two sets 6-3, 7-5. The win halted Hasegawa's streak of 11 consecutive wins.

Warner's match was the only singles match of the day to last only two sets, as she swept her op-



Chelsea Patton stares down the ball and prepares for a backhand shot.

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ponent 6-4, 6-2.

The second match of the weekend took place in Spokane against Gonzaga University. EWU played GU earlier in the year, but got swept 0-7. The outcome wasn't much different this time, but the Eagles managed to pull out one win, losing the match 1-6.

Patton was the lone Eagle to earn a singles victory that afternoon, disposing of GU's Sophie Lanta, 6-2, 6-2.

Bampton and Knight won their doubles match, their ninth of

the season.

"I am pleased with the way the team fought and battled tonight," said Silha. "Every court had a tough match with long rallies and points. We need to keep that type of intensity as we prepare for our conference match with Montana State this coming weekend."

The Eagles had a scheduled match against Idaho Tuesday night, but due to weather conditions, it has been postponed until early next week.

With the recent losses, EWU's

record has dropped to 4-3 in BSC play and 10-10 overall. If the Eagles want to make it to the BSC tournament, they will have to win their final conference match April 17 at Montana State University.

"We're training hard, we're fighting hard. The last three teams we faced are the teams the will end up one-two-three [in the BSC]. We're making sure we're in shape and that we're intense on the court and ready to go down and play Montana State," said Silha.



Krystal Deyo

Pelluer Invite brings 39th home field advantage

BY KRISTAL DEYO
sports editor

The Pelluer Invitational has been "the place to compete" in the past, usually bringing good weather and competition for EWU and visiting athletes.

This year, with strong winds, chilling temperatures and nearly bare stadium bleachers, the Eastern Eagles looked past hindrances to find inspiration to put up some marks and distances for the record books.

The meet, formerly known as the Twilight Meet, was founded in 1971 by track and cross country coach Arnie Pelluer. That same year, Pelluer died in a tragic swimming accident and to commemorate his life, the Twilight Meet was renamed in his honor.

Jerry Martin took over the head coaching job after Pelluer's passing, where he enhanced the importance of the meet in his 27 years of coaching.

Current Head Coach Stan Kerr said he has fond memories of planning the Pelluer in his first

years of coaching with Martin.

"[Martin] told me that this meet means more to more EWU track and field [members] than any other meet in which they competed during their college careers," said Kerr. "That statement has, and always will, carry great historical power and obligation on my part to sustain the Pelluer as it was designed to be run: a meet to honor the memory of Arnie Pelluer and a twilight meet."

Today, the Pelluer Invite is the only meet held at EWU, and athletes do their best to honor the past coach by competing for their school. Many Eagles have had their best times and marks at the meet.

"The atmosphere of the Pelluer varies greatly from year to year. This year, the cold, dry winds raked everyone and made the meet more of an endurance event than a springtime track and field meet," Kerr said.

The Pelluer is a meet that always turns out top marks because it is one in which athletes feel

they are competing in a college atmosphere and not at an all-comers meet, Kerr said.

In 1985, the school record holder in the high jump Greg Jones, jumped 7-3, setting a meet record that has yet to be touched.

The meet isn't just a shrine for far accomplished marks but also creates goals for athletes to reach.

In 1998, former EWU track athlete and All-American hurdler Seville Broussard graced the Pelluer with her presence, obtaining two records: the 100-meter hurdles (13.92 seconds) and the 400-meter hurdles (59.46).

Recently, both of those records have been tested. Her 100-meter record was tied by Idaho runner Christie Gordon last year, and this year, Sarah Frey, Eastern's top 400-meter hurdler, went after that record.

Frey did not meet the record, and she was the only athlete to run in the event in the fierce wind. And the desire to run against herself in one

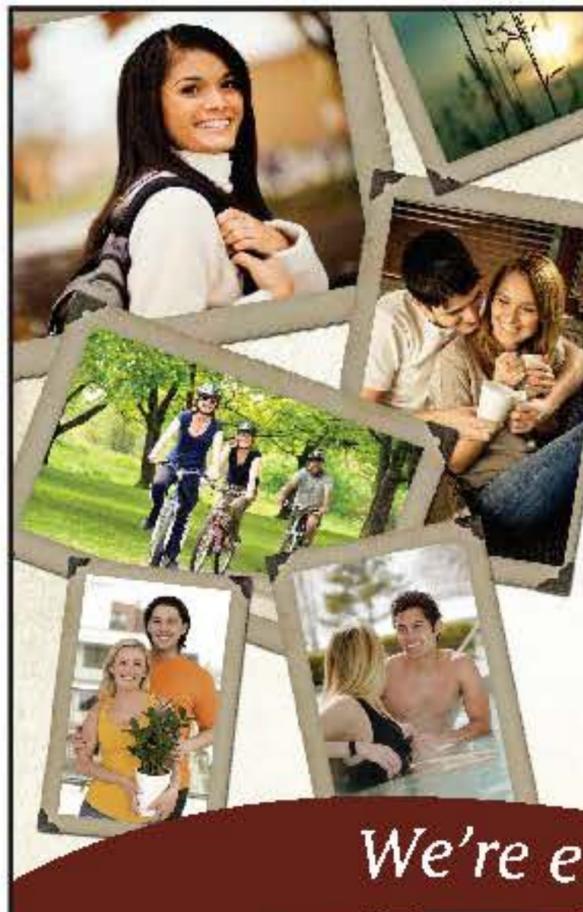
of the most difficult races in track can only be explained by the girl herself.

"To be a track athlete, you have to be a little goofy. After all, we compete in a sport that is other sports' punishment," said Frey. "For the past three years, I have seen this record, and it has always seemed so unreachable. I know when you really want something, you have to focus on it and go for it, so I figure it's better now than never."

This year's Pelluer Invite was smaller than usual, with low team entries and little-to-no spectators. Frey explained that sometimes, to motivate yourself, you have to focus on not performing for a crowd or competing to win but competing for your team.

"I have a team that I want to do my best for. We work hard everyday together, so when it comes time to perform my best, that's all I can do, and I know my teammates will perform their best, too," Frey said.

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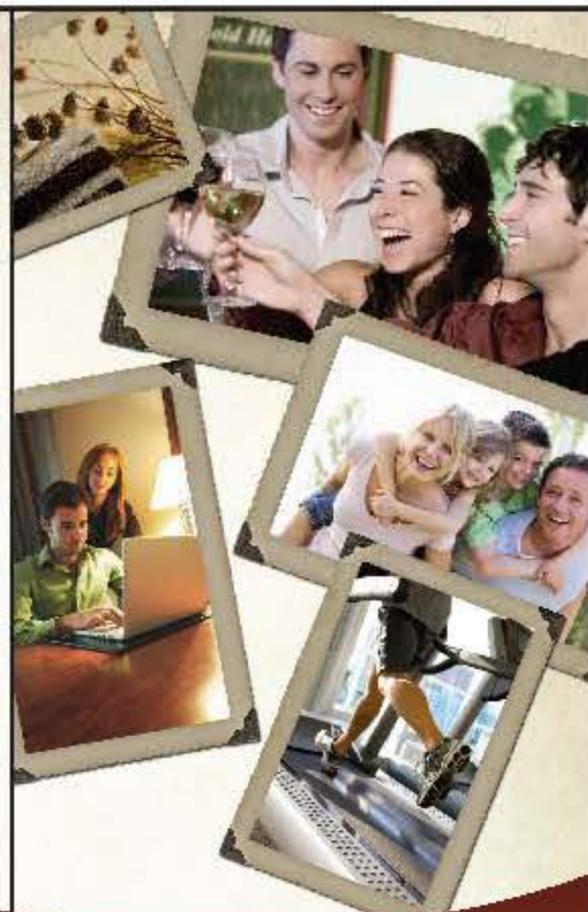




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