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## How college proposals are made

BY DOUG AULT  
senior reporter

Anyone who has seen the classic "Schoolhouse Rock" video knows, it's a long and winding road for a bill to be declared a law. This is also the case for adjustments and implementations of policies here on campus.

There are several steps that need to be taken in order to adjust a standing policy. The first of these stages is the initial proposal, where an individual notices a flaw in a policy or simply offers an idea that is "just better," according to University Policy Administrator Trent Lutey.

These proposals can be submitted by any member of the university community and can range from simple operational streamlining to structural changes, like the recent merging of colleges that make up the university.

Once a draft of the proposed policy alteration is complete, it can be submitted for approval on the Eastern policy Web page [www.ewu.edu/policy](http://www.ewu.edu/policy).

Upon receipt of a proposal, the policy administrator will screen the proposal to determine whether it du-

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## Reunion honors 'golden' grads

The event will blend with Homecoming

BY DOUG AULT  
senior reporter

Homecoming 2010, a time to celebrate the new school year, fosters enjoyment from members of the community, students and alumni, especially the graduating class of 1960.

From Oct. 22-23, alumni from the class of '60 will be honored with EWU's first ever Golden Grad Reunion event. This reunion the brain child of Ken Ledgerwood, class of '50, and pays tribute to those who attended Eastern more than 50 years ago.

"With the new red turf, [I thought] what could we do that would be a first? I did a little research, and I couldn't find any college that had done a golden grad reunion," Ledgerwood said.

Beginning Friday evening at the Governor Martin Alumni House, the events welcome not only the '60 alumni, but also any graduating class

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## WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH UNITY BY DIVISION



From top: Jacob Phelps at a 2010 Washington, D.C. WBC event; A counter-protester carries a U.S. Marine Corps flag in front of WBC protestors; Amanda Klinger offers a counterpoint opinion at a Washington, D.C. event earlier this year; Fred Phelps participates in a 2007 demonstration in Baltimore, MD.

Photos by Amy Davis, Jed Kirschbaum/MCTCampus

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

Student and alumni groups plan to hold peaceful events and counter protests against the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), which has scheduled a protest at Eastern Oct. 21.

The WBC is an independent Baptist church located in Topeka, Kansas known for anti-gay hate posters and military funeral protests. They travel the country promoting their religious beliefs but have a track record of not showing up.

Pastor Fred Phelps founded the WBC in 1955 as an independent Baptist church. They state on their website that they "adhere to the teachings of the Bible, preach against all forms of sin (e.g., fornication, adultery [including divorce and remarriage], sodomy), and insist that the sovereignty of God and the doctrines of grace be taught and expounded publicly to all men."

The WBC has held protests worldwide "opposing the homosexual lifestyle of soul-damning, nation-destroying filth," according to their website.

Shortly after Eastern alumna Autumn Halliwell heard of the WBC coming to Eastern, she and her friends started planning a peaceful way to show support for the people targeted by Westboro. She said that they will be holding signs promoting peace and love.

"We really want to respect the wishes of our host site," Halliwell said, adding that her group will not only be countering the protest in Cheney, but also the WBC protests throughout Spokane and Northern Idaho. "There will be no interaction between the groups. We are 100 percent nonviolent and 100 percent noninteracting."

Early this month, Westboro sent a letter to Eastern saying when they would be coming. Administrators responded by giving them a specific area on campus to hold their protest.

"The reason is because they have asked university police to be there to monitor the event and make sure nothing gets out of hand," said Justin Terry, Associated Students of EWU president. "If they are moving around campus, we cannot guarantee anyone's safety."

Campus police will be monitoring the protest

to ensure the safety of students and the individuals holding the protests. "Our concern is for the safety on both sides," said Deputy Chief of EWU Police Gary Gasseling. "We are preparing for the worst and expecting the best."

Terry explained that the WBC makes their money through lawsuits when institutions refuse to let them hold their protests or when individuals physically harm their members. He said that when public institutions withhold the WBC's First Amendment right, they take that institution to court and either win or settle, using the money they get to travel to other areas to protest.

"We are not treating [the WBC] any different than any other group that would want to come here and protest," Terry said.

Questions regarding the First Amendment arose in spring 2010 when a gossip website was banned from the university network after personally attacking Eastern students. Terry said the gossip website was already attacking specific students, setting the site apart from the WBC's planned and more general protest.

When WBC comes to Eastern, Terry said, "We want to celebrate our students and celebrate what we support here, so we respect the WBC and their First Amendment right. We have given them the things that they want, but we want Eastern students to know that we support their progress whether it be through the Pride Center, through our ROTC programs ... or through student individualism itself."

The Eagle Pride center is also planning a counter protest that will celebrate the diversity on campus and embrace student individuality.

Eagle Pride, as well as various other diversity outreach groups on campus, will set up tables in the mall during the event to further show support for students at the university. Steve Bertram, manager of residential life operations, said that the campus mall will play music and host other activities to promote a fun atmosphere counteracting WBC's messages.

Terry said in regards to the event in the campus mall, the peaceful counter protest, and the WBC's presence, "We want to make it an event

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### WBC PICKET SCHEDULE

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY  
October 21, 2010, 11A.M. - 11:30A.M.

MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE  
October 21, 2010, 11:40A.M. - 12:10A.M.

WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY  
October 21, 2010, 12:30P.M. - 1:00P.M.

FERRIS HIGH SCHOOL  
October 21, 2010, 2:25P.M. - 2:55P.M.

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
October 21, 2010, 3:45P.M. - 4:15P.M.

SYNAGOGUE CHAVURAT HAMASHIACH  
IN SPOKANE  
October 21, 2010, 6:00P.M. - 6:30P.M.

## UPCOMING

**What:** Informational open forum hosted by the ASEWU on the Westboro Baptist Church

**Where:** PUB 307

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.

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Oct. 14 - Oct. 21

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54° SATURDAY 32°



54° SUNDAY 31°



54° MONDAY 39°



58° TUESDAY 43°



65° WEDNESDAY 45°



61° THURSDAY 39°



Oct. 4 - Oct. 9

BY JAMES EIK  
editor-in-chief

**10/4 3:15 p.m.** – An EWU employee slipped in a Tawanka kitchen, injuring his right wrist. He was advised to seek medical attention.

**10/4 1:00 p.m.** – A Buick Century had struck a white Ford Ranger truck, damaging the passenger side of the vehicle in Lot 4. An EWU employee witnessed the collision and provided information. The collision is currently under investigation.

**10/4 3:46 p.m.** – Cheney Fire Department responded to a fire alarm that sounded in the Science Building. Smoke and flames were seen coming from a second floor oven, filling the hallways. Sprinklers in the building activated and flooded the room. The building was eventually secured, and class was cancelled for the rest of the day.

**10/4 1:15 p.m.** – EWU Police officers were informed of damage to a fence on university property. The damage to the fence, located on the access road to Lot 12, was estimated at \$957. Police are asking for anyone with information about the incident to contact them at the Red Barn or by calling 359-6300.

**10/6 10:00 a.m.** – A total of \$60 was reported missing over two separate occasions from a register in the PUB. The matter is under investigation.

**10/6 3:30 p.m.** – Items inside a URC locker were stolen. A green DaKine backpack and clothing items are missing, valued at \$100 altogether.

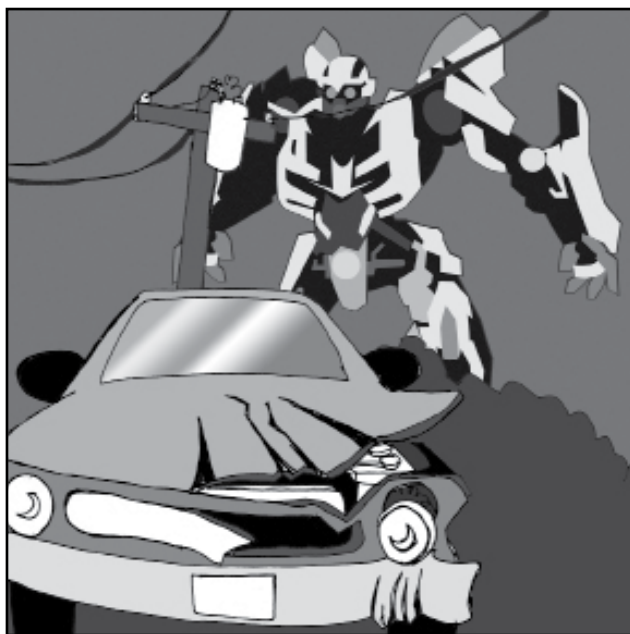
**10/8 3:30 p.m.** – EWU Police responded to a drug violation in Dryden Hall. Police obtained a search warrant and seized marijuana, scales and a grinder. The room's occupant was later cited.

**10/8 10:50 p.m.** – An alcohol violation occurred in Dressler Hall. Two females, both underage, were found in a room with blood alcohol levels of .12 and .16. They were later referred to OSRR.

**10/9 12:20 a.m.** – EWU Police responded to an alcohol violation in Pearce Hall. Police found the alcohol levels of four underage students, two male and two female, to be above .10. They were later referred to OSRR.

**10/9 1:42 a.m.** – An EWU Police officer responded to an alcohol violation in Dressler Hall, but the students had left their room. The officer found the suspects in Pearce Hall. The students had blood alcohol levels of .106 and .194 and were referred to OSRR.

**10/9 11:34 p.m.** – A medical call involving a student at a sorority was reported to EWU Police. The student did not require transportation.



Comic by Michael Cox

**10/7 11:34 p.m.** – A vehicle was struck by an unidentified vehicle or object in Lot 12. EWU Police took a report at the scene. There are no suspects at this time.

## ACCURACY CHECK

-Last week in the article about the new residence hall, the number of students in the halls was misrepresented as 1,100. The actual number of students living in the halls is more than 1,700.

-If you find any errors in your paper please contact our news editor at [easterner.news@gmail.com](mailto:easterner.news@gmail.com).

**Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle**  
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- 1 Houlihan
- 5 Korean War sitcom
- 9 Reading aids
- 14 ... Major: Groat
- 15 Actress Hayworth
- 16 Native Alaskan
- 17 Site for flashy couples dancing
- 18 Confiscate
- 20 Popular swim briefs
- 21 Issue an embarrassing retraction
- 23 Foul caller
- 24 Group of street toughs
- 25 Competed in a race
- 28 Annual college football game in Arizona
- 34 Physics bit
- 36 Ending for absorb
- 37 Supreme Court justice Sotomayor
- 38 Spicy deep-fried stuffed appetizers
- 42 Crop up
- 43 Indian bread
- 44 Takes to court
- 45 Map period, in Latin America
- 48 Paid athlete
- 49 Sign over a door
- 50 Sign before Virgo
- 53 "Ain't happening!"
- 57 Emulates Jett-O
- 61 Bar, in law
- 62 2004 Adam Sandler movie, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in 17-, 28-, 38- and 45-Across
- 64 Bridal registry category
- 65 Impulse
- 66 Poet Lazarus
- 67 Musical Carpenter
- 68 Word with pressure or review
- 69 Gush

**DOWN**

- 1 Figure (out), in slang
- 2 Conclude, with "up"
- 3 Castaway's place
- 4 Shocking weapon
- 5 Appliance brand that helps you wake up?
- 6 Suffers
- 7 "The Simpsons" disco guy
- 8 ... corpus
- 9 Like a desperate effort
- 10 Actor Guinness
- 11 Israel's Golda
- 12 "The Godfather" author Mario
- 13 Goulash, e.g.
- 18 Summer drink
- 22 Tiny army member
- 24 "Start that job now!"
- 25 Indian nobles
- 26 Centipede video game creator
- 27 "Cross my heart!"
- 29 Lodge
- 30 Hits on the noggin
- 31 Outdo
- 32 Electrician, at times
- 33 Steer catcher
- 35 The "m" in E = mc<sup>2</sup>
- 38 Broadway flier
- 40 Nonstick spray
- 41 "I just flew in, and boy are my arms tired!" e.g.
- 46 Tree feller
- 47 Snails, as traffic
- 51 Scrambled fare
- 52 Makes eyes at
- 53 Giraffe's trademark
- 54 Fed. workplace watchdog
- 55 Cookbook verb
- 56 Actress Skye
- 57 "Living" payment
- 58 Hobbie
- 59 Solinger heroine
- 60 "Pygmalion" playwright
- 63 Season opener?

**Solution**

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Graffiti was found outside the Art Building Oct. 8 at 10:34 p.m. EWU Police are asking that if you have any information leading to the identification of who did this to contact the EWU police at (509)359-6300.



Everybody runs to get their copy of The Easterner.

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## GREEN DOT SPOT

When we can say that about 1 in 3 EWU students have dealt with some form of violence, we can agree that number is unacceptable. We are no longer counting the small number of people who see the advocate; we are instead describing a culture that supports power-based personal violence (i.e. abuse, sexual violence, stalking).

If we are going to solve the

problem of violence, we will have to do more than help a handful of people. We will need to change the culture, for only culture change will bring about the healthy relationships we all desire.

The good news is the culture changes all the time! I have seen many cultural changes in my life. We now wear seatbelts. We use designated drivers. We no longer al-

low smoking in public places. We have an African American President. We use Facebook and get our friends to also.

So how does culture change? It all starts by individuals who make a decision and take action. Think back a few years, to when nearly everyone wore rubber wrist bands. A few years before that, the wristbands did not exist, but when Lance Armstrong

wore his yellow one, many people made the choice to wear one, and those individual actions added up. Soon we saw rubber bracelets everywhere. But then later, one person at a time decided to take his or her bracelet off, and now, we are a culture again that does not wear rubber bracelets.

Big change happens because of individual choices. If we are going to end violence,

we need to make individual choices to not tolerate it any more. We need to decide to speak up, and to help the person in their time of need. Simply put, we need to decide to be bystanders who do something to help prevent the violence, and we need to influence our friends to do the same.

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# NEWS

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

A public disgrace

BY NICOLE ERICKSON

Over the weekend, 12 college students were rushed to the hospital after officers believed they had been slipped roofies at a party thrown by a Central Washington University student.

I'd like to think of this column as a sort of continuance of last week's edition, which discussed the ignorance to diversity and its impact on the lives of individuals across the country. This week's column, while also begging the same question as last week, will address our country's apparent lack of humanity. What has this country come to?

I am not saying that every person in this country lacks humanity, and last week I was not saying that every person in this country is ignorant of diversity. All I am saying is that a wide group of people fit these descriptions, and they are a disgrace to everything this country stands for.

These college students who were rushed to the hospital did something very characteristic of college students: they found a party on a Friday night. Even better, they found a party that was giving out free alcohol. To broke college students, free booze wasn't something to be turned down. But this logical party-finding had tragic results as the night wore on.

Sure, we are all taught to watch our drinks, not to drink something you didn't bring and not to accept an open drink from a stranger, but none of these defenses are necessary if people actually acted with some sense.

What is the human race coming to if we constantly have to defend ourselves from horrible things, like being slipped drugs, being date raped or being publicly demoralized for our sexual orientation? Date rape particularly mystifies me because of the word "date." It doesn't make much sense if the person is interested in dating you but decides to ruin all potential for a healthy relationship due to an untamed sexual drive. That's both disgusting and pathetic.

Drinking, drugs and sex are all issues of choice. Students may choose to drink, do drugs or have sex, but none of those things should be forced. It baffles me that this country offers citizenship to people who donate to charities and adopt children with disabilities and also to perverse people who violently rape and maliciously drug others.

But my biggest question is this: When did humanity take such a nose dive? I'm sure I'm not the only one who is disappointed. I'm sure I'm not the only one to avoid turning on the news in fear of seeing another rapist or murderer striking again. What will shock a little morality and sense into these disgusting disgraces to the human existence?

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## Associated Press hires students to count votes

Students deliver votes to media outlets, and Eastern remains largest call center since 2004 elections

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY  
staff writer

On Nov. 2, students in the PUB MPR will tally the votes in for the general elections from 19 states, in Pennsylvania to California.

Several banks of computers and phones will fill the MPR to accommodate more than 200 students fielding calls and entering data into the system that every media outlet in the country and around the world uses to determine election winners.

When the Associated Press (AP) converted from a state-based vote counting method to the current regional center system in 2000, Spokane's Ann Joyce, the AP Western Regional Elections Coordinator at the time, made several calls to find a home for the new election center.

EWU professor emeritus Steve Blewett was the only one to answer.

"Ann Joyce called WSU [Washington State University], Gonzaga, Eastern and Whitworth," said Blewett. "She said, 'I had this idea about having an election center on a campus; if you're interested, call me back.' I called her back, and I was the only one who had called."

Since that election, EWU has remained the largest call-in center in the U.S. through six elections. Since 2004, the AP has been the only news organization collecting votes to deliver to media

outlets like newspapers and broadcasters.

Precincts around the country report the voting data from their poll to "stringers," AP representatives who relay votes from the field to the call-in centers. The vote entry clerks at EWU and other regional election call-in centers enter the information into a database, which is sent to the newsrooms of AP members.

Students working this year will staff computers, take calls from stringers, and input the voting results from counties in 19 states.

"It was a run-of-the-mill, answer-the-phone, type-in-the-numbers and be accurate job" said Camille Troxel, an EWU graduate who participated in the 2008 call-in center. "It wasn't the most exciting thing ever, but they paid us, and I am glad that I got to participate in something that no other school on the west coast had the opportunity to."

This year, Blewett is looking for 210 students to show up and work. At this point, 240 have pre-registered, but he's hoping to have around 300 pre-register because typically not everyone shows up to the mandatory training.

The training takes place Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. and Oct. 30 at 10 a.m. in the PUB MPR. Students who pre-register will have priority over those who just show up on the training days, and the first 210 to attend both training sessions will be hired.



Students participate in state-based counting system in 2008 election.

File photo

"It's always a bit of a scramble because you never know how many students are going to show up ... but we've never failed to fill the seats," said Blewett. "They've always done a great job. The AP loves it."

On election day, most students will show up for a long evening of work at 3:30 p.m., when East Coast polls begin to close, continuing until all returns are entered. Students may be asked to leave early where voter turnout is light.

Others, however, may volunteer to participate as "chasers," tracking down slow-to-report county clerk offices

## New vaccine defends against both influenzas

Though immunizations are still being offered, doctors say threat isn't as bad

BY DYLAN COIL  
staff writer

After last year's swine flu outbreak, medical professionals combined the H1N1 vaccine with the regular seasonal influenza vaccine to provide immunizations for both types of the flu virus in the same shot.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), "the 2010-2011 flu vaccines will protect against an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus and the 2009 H1N1 virus that caused so much illness last season."

Student Health, Wellness and Prevention Services has teamed up with the Rockwood Clinic in Cheney to provide students with immunizations. Vaccines will be administered on campus Oct. 11 in the Pearce recreation room from 4-7 p.m., Oct. 12 in the Morrison LLC lounge from 5-7 p.m., and Oct. 13 and 14 in the PUB student lounge from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rockwood will be supplying flu shots Nov. 6 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

"The language this year is not specific to H1N1. We're talking about seasonal influenza ... H1N1 is still out there. It has not gone away. We're just not going to see it at the pandemic level like we did last year," said Michelle Pingree, director of Student Health, Wellness and Prevention Services.

According to Pingree, Rockwood and EWU have already held events on Cheney's campus at the Riverpoint campus to administer more than 300 shots. Shortages of the vaccine are unlikely with public health officials announcing 135 million available doses.

"Any person over six months of age is recommended to get a flu vaccine," Pingree said. Unlike last year, when the age group at greatest risk was young adults in their early twenties, this year, there is no priority group.

According to Sandy Williams, a registered nurse at Rockwood Medical Clinic, Rockwood has not seen much influenza at this point, and the clinic has plenty of vaccines on hand.

"We want to make sure as many people are vaccinated as

“Getting swine flu last year was awful. It was a huge inconvenience to miss that much class. I would like to prevent a situation like that from happening again.”

-Nate Woodward

possible," Williams said.

Students receive influenza immunizations at no charge besides the student health fees incorporated in tuition. Depending on health insurance coverage, vaccines range in price, but a nonstudent who is uninsured will have to pay \$30 to get vaccinated.

So far, the current strategy is prevention because flu season is not underway. According to Pingree, the more people who get vaccinated will make those who have not received an immunization less likely to get the virus because fewer people will be spreading it around.

Nate Woodward, a junior majoring in liberal arts, had a confirmed case of H1N1 last year after receiving a chest x-ray and consequently missed almost a week of school.

"Getting swine flu last year was awful. It was a huge inconvenience to miss that much class. I would like to prevent a situation like that from happening again anyway I can," Woodward said.

The seasonal influenza vaccine may be a safe choice in illness prevention. According to Pingree, the vaccine contains a dead version of the virus that allows your body to develop immunity.

The main goal of the shot is to "lessen the severity of the illness," Pingree said. Side effects include redness or soreness around the vaccination site.

For more information, contact Student Health, Wellness and Prevention Services at <http://access.ewu.edu/Health-and-Wellness.xml>, or visit their office at URC 201.

Rockwood can be reached at [www.rockwoodclinic.com](http://www.rockwoodclinic.com) or (509)235-6151. For general information on seasonal influenza or the H1N1 virus, visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## POLICY from front page

plicates or contradicts existing governance positions," according to the official policy procedure.

After screening, a formatted draft will be prepared for discussion at the president's Executive Committee. If the policy change is approved in this step, it then moves to the official voting stage, where all members of the university community can become involved.

"Two heads are better than one," Lutey said about getting the community involved. When a proposed policy reaches this stage, will receive an e-mail all university issued addresses informing the recipient about the initial discussion.

The initial discussion is available in a threaded format on the policy webpage, where students, faculty and other interested parties can share their opinion on the matter. The thread will stay open for a minimum of 30 days with time added if needed.

Also during this time, the proposed policy will be presented for the first time to the board committee that it impacts. This preliminary viewing is for discussion and perusal only. No action is taken at that time.

The next step in the policy's journey is the re-draft stage, where any changes that arose from initial discussion are implemented. After appropriate editing is complete, the policy is posted again for final discussion, "with any changes from the original proposal clearly identified," according to the official policy procedure. This discussion will stay open for at least two weeks, but can be open longer as determined by the president's staff.

Once the final discussion has concluded, the proposal undergoes final revision before being presented to the board committee a second time, this time as an action item. Voting will take place on the issue and, if approved, it will be put before the Board of Trustees for final consideration.

The Board consists of the Committees for Student Affairs and Advancement, Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, and Chair of the Board Jo Ann Kauffman. This stage of voting is the final step for the proposal before it becomes an official policy.

"After the Board of Trustees adopts a policy, the policy administrator will finalize policy

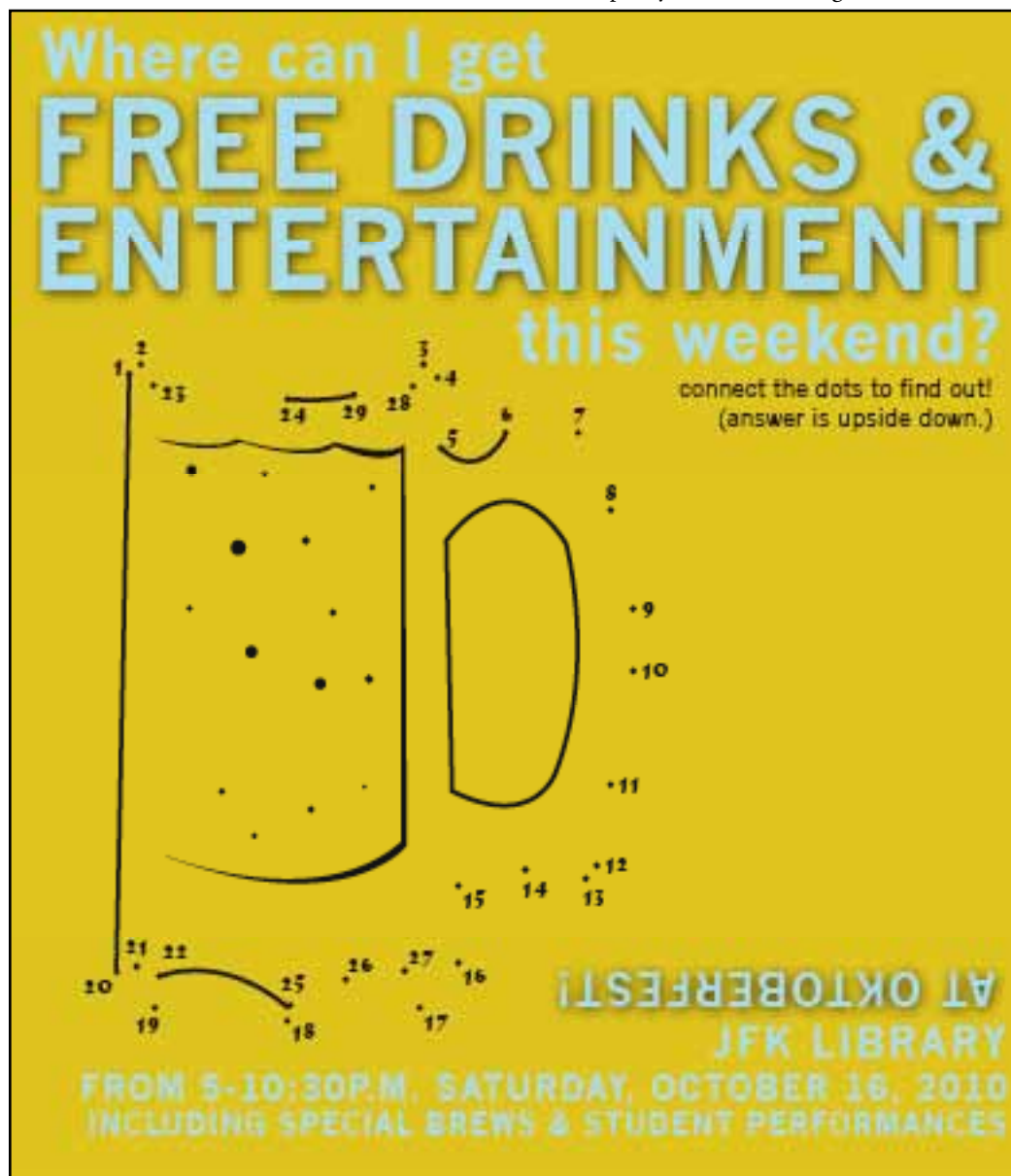
details (i.e. date of adoption and effective date) and publish the policy," the procedures say. On average, the complete process takes three to six months.

While this path to policy is the route taken by most proposals, not all follow this format. If the proposal is for the execution of a regulation, additional steps are needed as regulations "are the second highest legal authority governing university operations," just behind laws according to the University Governance Provisions.

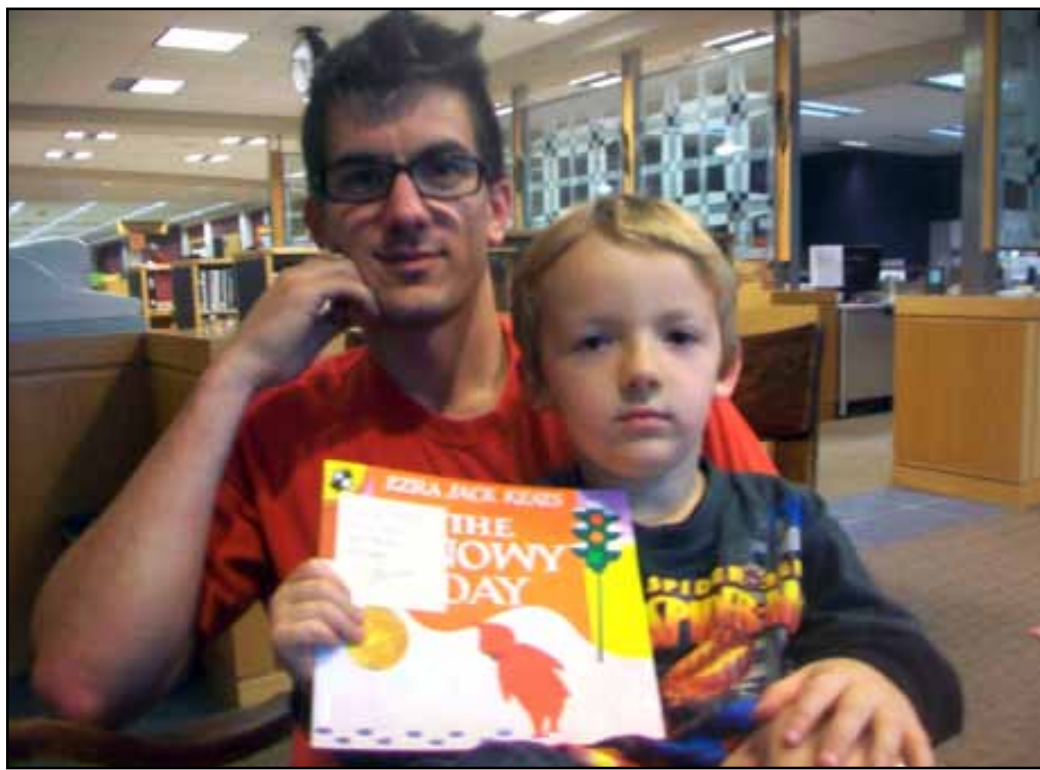
These regulations apply to not only the university community but also any individual who steps foot on campus, so surveys and additional information are completed prior to the steps outlined.

In addition, some policies may be put into effect immediately as interim policies before they go through the procedures. This is largely due to state or federal law changes, where the mandatory date of compliance is before the estimated date of procedure completion.

With input and shaping from the university community, the policies that are right for Eastern's continued success make the long haul.







Reading enthusiasts enjoy an Ezra Jack Keats classic.

Azaria Podeplesky/Easterner

## JFK Library joins global reading RFTR promotes learning and welcomes books donations

BY AZARIA PODEPLESKY  
staff writer

On Oct. 7, students participated in Jumpstart's Read for the Record (RFTR) by reading Ezra Jack Keats' "The Snowy Day."

According to its website, RFTR, in partnership with Pearson, presented a "world record breaking campaign that brings children and adults together to read the same book, on the same day, in homes and communities all over the world."

This year's book follows a young boy named Peter as he explores his neighborhood after the first snowfall of the year.

Those involved in the RFTR events nominated "The Snowy Day," along with several other books, according to Learning Resources Librarian Nadean Meyer. The top nominations were then placed on a ballot for voting.

More than two million people read last year's choice, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, in one day, setting a new world record.

While RFTR is currently in its fifth year, this year marked only the second time Eastern has participated in the event and the first time the library has teamed up with the student members of the Eastern Washington Reading Council to host RFTR.

Students were able to read a copy of "The Snowy Day" in the display area of JFK Library, and the book, as well as a video of the book being read in sign language, was available online.

According to an event flier, "In America today, one in three children begins school without the early reading experiences necessary to succeed in school and in life."

Every time the book was read online, a new book was donated to a child in need through the We Give Books program.

In conjunction with RFTR, We Give Books donated more than 200,000 books to librarians, educators and preschool teachers for the children to take home.

RFTR participant James Hust said that he makes it a point to read to his son, James.

"We come [to the library] every morning and read a book ... I figured we might as well attend a sponsored reading event," said Hust. "I think it's a good idea to read to your kids, and that's what I'm getting out of it."

Meyer believes that even students without children can enjoy an event like RFTR.

"Most of the time, [the RFTR foundation] picks [books] that are classics. [Reading] these books will usually bring back a memory of a former teacher or librarian, a parent or grandparent. Sometimes you just need the remembrance of a certain experience."

Participants in this year's RFTR have until Oct. 15 to submit their information to be counted toward the world record attempt. Results will be released in November.

For more information on RFTR, visit [readfortherecord.org](http://readfortherecord.org). For more information on We Give Books, visit [wegivebooks.org](http://wegivebooks.org).

## GOLDEN from front page

from more than 50 years ago.

According to Michelle Reid, the alumni advancement program coordinator, the reunion will start at 4:30 p.m. with a reception honoring service organizations of the past.

"We will be finished up by about 6:30 that evening with the organized event because a lot of that group will also want to walk down to the parade. They'll want to go to the bon fire and the bed races and experience those student activities," said Reid. "One thing that this group, and most alumni, really enjoy doing is connecting with students on campus today."

Reid said that EWU's campus has changed dramatically, especially for alumni who can't make regular trips back to Cheney. It is very exciting to talk with students about how their experience at Eastern differs from that of students today.

Ledgerwood is looking forward to what he calls "chat sessions."

"I love to reminisce the good old days at Eastern. That's

a lot of fun. Its great seeing how Eastern has grown and developed over the years," Ledgerwood said.

Saturday's activities start at 8:30 a.m. with a meeting at the alumni house for refreshments and chat sessions. At 9:30 a.m. in the JFK Library, the reunion continues with the presentation "Remembering Eastern" given by Dr. Charles Mutschler, university archivist. The presentation includes a slideshow of the changes that have happened to campus.

Before heading to the football game Saturday, alumni will attend a barbecue lunch at the president's residence and meet with President Rodolfo Arévalo. Pre-game activities Saturday consist of the third annual tailgate contest, where alumni will compete to prove that they have the most Eagle pride with the chance to win prizes.

"It's something they do at the normal games," Reid said. "They pull out their grill. They pull out their RV. They put up their 'Go Eags' signs. This is just taking that notion to a com-

pletely different level."

During the homecoming game, on field seating will be provided for the golden grads and other alumni. After the game, a formal buffet dinner and wine tasting will be held in the dance recital hall located in the Phase. Along with dancing, the event will present another opportunity for alumni to chat and reminisce about the past.

A medallion ceremony awarding the class of 1960 their golden grad status will draw the weekend celebrations to a close. Until last year, reunions were always held in the spring, but the alumni association felt that homecoming weekend presented a better opportunity.

"After a lot of thought and discussion, we decided that homecoming was a really good time to bring [golden grads] back to campus," said Reid. "There's already a lot of student activity, which they love. There's already a lot of energy on campus surrounding the homecoming game, and it's a really fun time to be here."

all said that campus unity is the goal of this event.

"All [the things we are doing] just shows we are supporting our students," Terry said. "Even if they [the WBC] don't show up, at the end of the day, we're still having a party."

## Forums hand Q2S debate to the Eastern community

With more than 90 percent of the nation's universities on the semester system, committee asks for student and faculty input

BY AZARIA PODEPLESKY  
staff writer

Tuesday's open forum marked the first of seven forums put on by the Quarter to Semester (Q2S) Conversion Research Committee, which asked the Eastern community about their opinions on the potential shift to semesters.

Separate forums are scheduled for students, faculty and staff on the Cheney and Riverpoint campuses.

Last year's forums were held mainly so the university's chief information officer and chair of the Q2S Conversion Research Committee, Dr. Gary Pratt, could explain the potential transition process. This series of forums is designed for Pratt to explain the committee's findings and hear the opinions of the audience members.

"The most important piece is ... the open forums because we want to hear from our own constituents," Pratt said.

Pratt took over the position of chair of the Q2S Committee in February, though the Q2S conversion has been under consideration for two years now. The committee originated after the Board of Trustees asked President Rodolfo Arévalo to

look at the desirability of a semester-based system versus a quarter-based system.

Last spring, the Q2S Committee created several subcommittees to look at the conversion's potential effects on student success, curriculum conversion, procedure review and advising.

According to Pratt, the transition from quarters to semesters would take anywhere from three to four years. He says that everything from curriculum and policy to the Banner system and academic advising would need to be altered if the change were to take place.

"There is a lot of work, and you have to do it in order so some things happen before other things," said Pratt. "Not everything can be done in one fell swoop."

Pratt says this series of forums will be the last step in gathering information. He then hopes to give a complete report to Arévalo by the middle of November.

To gather information, the Q2S Committee, along with Eduventures, an external consultant, reviewed documents from other colleges and universities that have switched from quarters to semesters or are cur-

rently in the process of converting.

While reading these documents, the Q2S Committee had to decipher fact from opinion.

"There are a lot of people making assertions about why quarters or semesters are better, and what we've found is that there is very little evidence to prove any of that," Pratt said.

He also noted that while more than 90 percent of colleges and universities nationwide are on the semester system, all but one of the public institutions in Washington are on the quarter system, with Washington State University being the exception.

Though the discussion process is in motion, Pratt wants to emphasize that no decisions have been made.

"We are still in the information gathering stage," said Pratt. "We are really looking into making a decision that would best serve our students and best serve the institution."

The next student forum will be held Oct. 13, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Phase 1 Building, room SCLS 113 on the Riverpoint campus.

## Survey collaboration puts a slight stall on proposed tobacco policy

After months of research, proposal is at a standstill while new Associated Students members brush up on the policy

BY NICOLE ERICKSON  
news editor

In the 2009-10 school year, Eastern students Kris Byrum and Kenneth Hatzinikolis proposed a tobacco policy proposal that would prohibit the use of any tobacco on campus. Since the initial proposal of the policy, both students have been working to implement it on campus by doing extensive research and proposing this research to the administration.

"Knowing all the health reasons regarding tobacco usage, there is no way the university can produce a productive and responsible adult while allowing them to continue or start their tobacco usage," Byrum told The Easterner last year.

Throughout the year, Byrum and Hatzinikolis worked to compose a student survey to assess overall campus approval.

Since the end of the 2009-10 school year, the tobacco policy proposal has been at a standstill because of new members of the Associated Students of EWU who are unaware of the plan.

"At the end of last year, we wanted to get a survey out, and I guess that is where we would probably be picking back up," Hatzinikolis said. "We really want to make sure that the majority

of students want this to happen before we push into things."

Hatzinikolis said that when they began putting together the survey, various other surveys were going out, making it difficult to get the tobacco policy survey to students. He said that Byrum has a copy of the original survey, but discussions of starting over and rewording it have circulated. Byrum has since graduated from Eastern, but Hatzinikolis said that the policy is still a high priority for him.

"[The policy] is definitely going to be moved this year," said Hatzinikolis. "How far it will go, I don't know."

He said that while there is no set timeline for how the policy will unfold this year, it has not been forgotten.

"In the most crucial decisions that are made, you need critical thinking and appropriate time to make accurate assessments of what you want to do as far as planning an attack and attacking the plan," he said. "Just because it's on the backburner, doesn't mean it's any less important than it was last year."

For more information on the tobacco policy, or to contact Byrum or Hatzinikolis, visit [asewu.edu](http://asewu.edu).

## WESTBORO from front page

for us. Just to [say] this is Eastern and you guys can stand there, but we're not really going to listen to you anyways."

The Pride Center, the ASEWU and privately organized counter protest groups like Halliwell's

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## GENIUS OF THE WEEK

Cliff Lee



Cliff Lee achieved what Sports Illustrated called an "October masterpiece." He tossed 120 pitches in a win over the Tampa Bay Rays. Of his pitches, 90 were strikes.



### Bad Robber

A man attempted to rob a convenience store clerk but became distracted and handed her his gun. The clerk was able to subdue the would-be robber.

## Wisdom found within ignoring the ignorant

BY KYLE HARDING  
contributing writer

On Oct. 21, Fred Phelps' tiny brainwashed band of followers, the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC), are scheduled to bring their hateful message to EWU, and a counter protest has already been organized.

While a counter protest sounds like a lot of fun, I don't think feeding the WBC's lust for attention is the proper way to deal with them. What would send a greater message to the WBC: half of our student body showing up to shout juvenile insults at them and make idle threats, or if nobody shows up?

I find very few people as disgusting as the members of WBC. Being a U.S. Army veteran who has served in Iraq as well as provided military funeral honors for fallen soldiers, I am particularly disturbed by their protests at the funerals of service members who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan, which is what they are most notorious for.

I cannot imagine the leap of logic they take to believe that a young man's death in combat is God's wrath for the U.S.'s tolerance of gays, nor can I imagine the thought process which leads them to appear at a dead soldier's funeral, or anybody's funeral for

that matter, and rub salt in the wounds of grieving families.

This group loves the media coverage of every protest at a college campus or funeral where they shout hateful things at the mourners. To allow such a small group of people to have such an impact within our society is absurd. They consist of one crazy old man and a few members of his family, yet for all the attention given to them, you would think that they were a huge mob.

If across the country we all collectively stopped paying attention to their little circus, Fred Phelps' fragile ego would self-destruct. If nobody cared what they had to say, they would fade away.

I cannot argue with WBC's right to free expression, and of course any counter protesters have the same right, but what will you prove if you counter protest them? Will you prove only that you disagree with them? Of course you disagree with them. You'd have to be either crazy or stupid not to. The world already knows we do not condone their statements. Taking a stand against these people sends about as strong a message as taking a stand against people who kick puppies.

If a moron shouted, "You're going to hell," and nobody was around to hear it, did he really make a sound?

## Use brains to build brawn

The gym probably isn't the place for newcomers to swoon good-looking mates

BY BRYCE HENDERSON  
columnist

Everybody knows the type of people who go to the gym. They wear hot yoga booty shorts or macho ripped sleeveless shirts. You see them at the URC busting out mad reps, playing some b-ball with their bros, or stretching and working their abs. What total posers, right?

Honestly though, frequenting the gym is not shameful. Sure, the place is like a glorified, hormone-charged mating ground for the more fit and limber, but if you're going to be cynical about that, you're probably just jealous of all the action those macho studs and sultry babes are getting.

Understanding the people who go to the gym is all a matter of personal opinion. The people may be tools, depending on your perspective, but at

least they're tools that get used. College years are supposed to be the best of our lives, so we might as well physically look and feel our best, right?

I'm no fitness expert, nor do I by any means have Brad Pitt's face or Jesus' abs. So this humble advice and commentary is completely off the record.

First, weight lifting isn't all it's cut out to be.

Don't be that guy who shows up at the gym, immediately heads to the bench presses and thinks that by the end of the quarter, he'll be more ripped than Rambo. Start out with cardio: Take a couple one credit physical health and education clinic courses to build your endurance and stamina before working on strength and power. Be a man, and do those miserable pushups and sit ups every day to really achieve a fit physique.

You shouldn't go to the gym to lift until you look like you've been going for years, especially if your goal is to walk away with some girl's number. The same applies to girls, too. Don't go throwing on that spandex until you actually look fine in it.

The gym is a holy place reserved for those who look and act like they own it. But to actually get in shape and feel healthy, students should look for better ways to improve themselves than artificial movements and manufactured exercise regimens. Anything that pits your body's weight and shape against your body's strength and flexibility will benefit you. Ride a bike outside, swim laps at the Phase, climb the rock wall, and even though running totally sucks, jog to and from class uphill both ways.

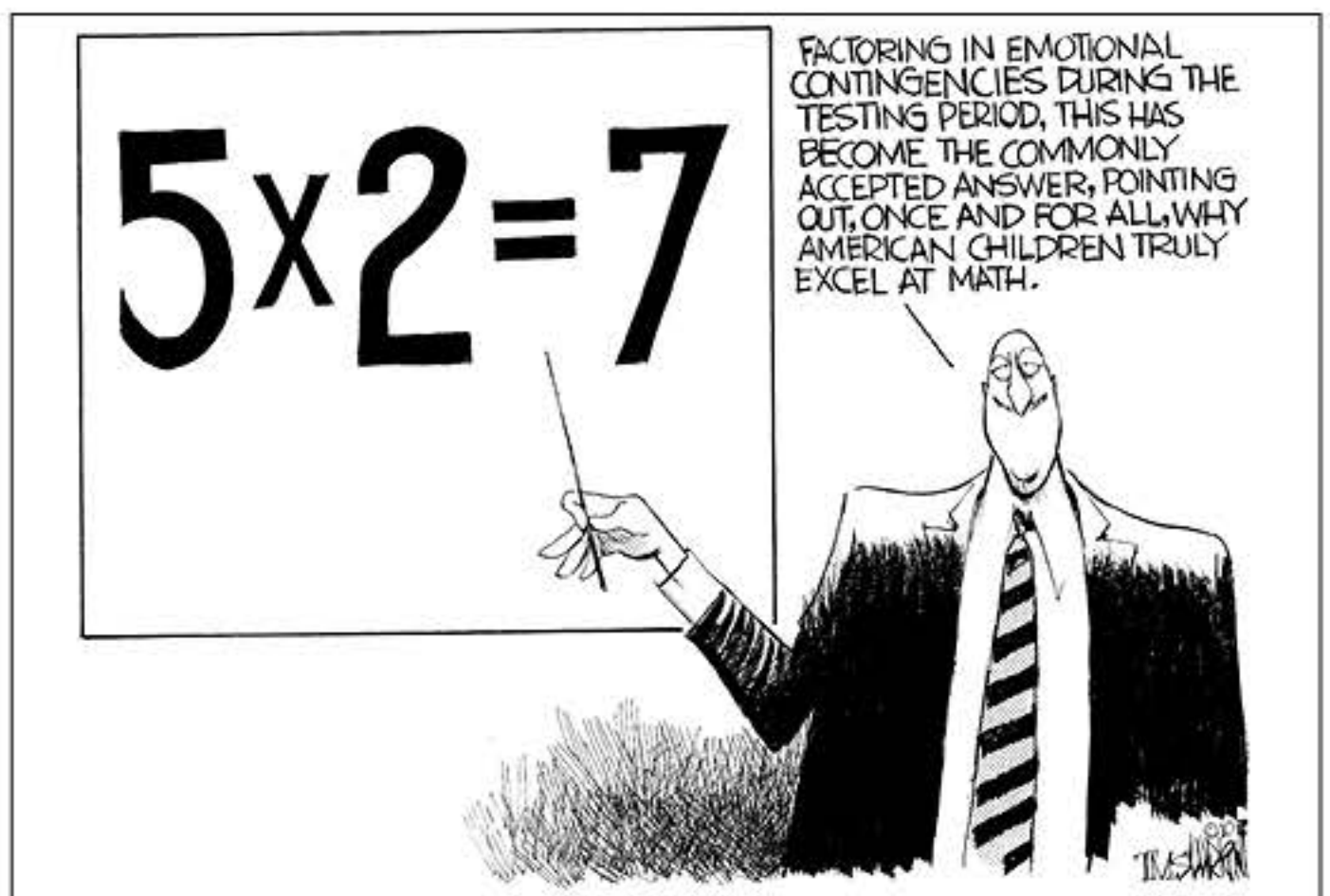
Even if your primary purpose in working out is to stay

looking good, I advise linking your exercise to some activity or sport. One of the reasons we're at college is to get jobs in the future that don't require strenuous physical labor, right?

So what's to be done with all the strength and power we are building at the gym now? If someone joins an intramural or outdoor activity, they'll be more likely to continue working out regularly than if they only work out to score a hot mate, as admirable as that pursuit may be.

Everyone in college should work out, even if only a little bit, not because it's a surefire way to meet the opposite gender or because you're some horrible, lazy human if you don't, but because it's actually good for you. Almost any manner of moderately consistent physical activity will keep you from gaining the "freshman 15."

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



## I now pronounce you too young

Examining love through a college perspective

BY WOO NM  
contributing writer

During my summer free time, I reconnected with several friends from my high school and junior college via Facebook and started noticing a pattern among them. Most, if not all, of my old friends either have children, are married or have been married within the last few years. This shocked me. Most of these people are younger than me.

This affected me because so many people are doing more adult things, like raising families and committing to spouses, all while I am still in college and still single. As a matter of fact, I recently learned that two of my friends, both younger than me, have announced their engagements.

I think early to mid twenties is too young of an age to get married. I haven't always felt this way, but I've decided that youth is supposed to be the time to discover who we will become in adulthood. Marriage is too much responsibility to undertake for someone who still doesn't know who they are. If someone doesn't know who they are, how will they know who they are supposed to be for another person?

I don't think people realize all that comes with marriage. Don't misunderstand me, though. I am an old romantic and think love is the core reason to marry someone. However, that is not what marriage is all about. It is also about paying bills, legal documents and providing for two people or more. In whole, marriage requires one to put the needs of the family ahead of personal desires.

A lot of people will read this article and think, "You don't know what you're talking about. You're single and don't even have a girlfriend." This is absolutely true. I am single and have been for a long time.

On the other hand, I know what it is like to be in love with someone and to do anything for them. When one has "the haze of love" over their eyes, they think differently than they would if they were single. Being single, I am able to separate my feelings from truths.

Being in love is one thing, but being married is another, and a lot of sacrifices accompany marriage — sacrifices that people don't think about or are unwilling to make. It's my hope that people truly think about all of this before they propose or accept a marriage proposal.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

College dropouts cost states billions

BY Brittany Waxman

## Mock trial team to host regional qualifier with WSU at Riverpoint

Developed in the '90s, EWU's team is the oldest of its neighboring competitors

BY DYLAN COIL  
staff writer

Riverpoint, EWU and Washington State University's shared campus, will host 2011's Pacific Northwest Mock Trial Regional Qualifier, a competition that hosts contestants from higher education's most experienced scholars.

Mock trial teams across the country compete with one another in an exhibition of argumentation, critical thinking and legal understanding. The teams develop cases, provide witnesses and practice thinking on their toes in high-pressure situations.

Dean Richard Calkins of Drake Law School started The American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) in 1985. According to their website, [www.college-mocktrial.org](http://www.college-mocktrial.org), AMTA sponsors competitions on the regional and national levels and provides case material for academic use.

EWU and WSU also hosted last year's regional tournament at Riverpoint.

According to Jim Headley, the coach of EWU's mock trial team, last year's team was very close to advancing to nationals, but lost a tie-breaker in the final round to Gonzaga. Gonzaga's team went on to win eighth in the nation.

"We always have a competitive team, but [last year's team] might have been the most competitive team we've had. It was a great team," Headley said.

The mock trial team is a part of the government department. Government and criminal justice majors on the team are common, but students from all programs are welcome. Students can join the team by taking the class or becoming part of the club.

According to Headley, when a mock trial occurs, students play the roles of attorneys and the three witnesses they are

required to call to the stand. One team presents the plaintiff case and the other team presents the defense case. Each role is scored on a scale from one to 10 with 10 being the highest. The highest scoring team wins.

"It is very performance oriented; students have to be quick on their feet, think on their feet, argue rules of evidence on their feet — highest points win. So it's possible that a team could win on points and lose the case decision," said Headley.

Every fall, the mock trial teams practices against WSU in scrimmage. This year, WSU will come to EWU for the practice trials. The team also plans to visit the University of Washington (UW) in December for an invitational scrimmage event.

This February at the Spokane Academic Center on the Riverpoint campus, roughly 20 to 24 teams from schools

around the region, including Berkeley and Stanford, will compete to advance to the National Championship Tournament held in Des Moines, Iowa April 15-17. The national event will be hosted by Drake University Law School.

Eastern's mock trial team started in the late '90s and has existed longer than the teams of WSU and UW. This year, EWU has two separate teams with six to eight students each.

"It's always a goal to get to nationals, and that is certainly our goal this year. We have done it many times ... I think we can do it this year," said Headley. "It takes talent, hard work and a little bit of luck. We can control two of the three."

Because of its shared status and close proximity to other universities, Riverpoint is an ideal location for the regional qualifier. This year's event will be Feb.18-20, and open to the public.

If you're going to invest time in money in your future, why bail out before you ever get close to the finish line?

And every spring, hundreds of thousands of students decide not to return to college. When students enroll in a college or university and drop out before the second year, they have invested time and money only to see their hopes and dreams of a college degree dashed," AIR vice president and former commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics Dr. Mark Schneider said.

According to the AIR study "Finishing the First Lap: The Cost of First-Year Student Attrition in America's Four Year Colleges and Universities," data collected from 2003 to 2008 found that 30 percent of first-year college students who fail to return for their second year cost their state \$6.2 billion in appropriations and \$1.4 billion in student grants.

What is most frustrating about these statistics is that in a time of recession and budget cuts, students can't find the motivation to stay all four years. If you're going to invest time and money in your future, why bail out before you ever get close to the finish line?

Eastern is facing more budget cuts, and with taxpayers shelling out nearly \$10,000 per student each year by way of state appropriations and grants, it's astounding that students would not only waste their own time and money, but also the money of taxpayers who help give them the opportunity for higher education.

If students continue to drop out before they even get the ball rolling on their education, they may endanger the education of other students who have the determination to stick it out. It's an unsettling thought that colleges everywhere may find it necessary to cut programs and cap enrollment due to budget cuts that could have been avoided.

However, I'm no expert on education budgets — and everyone has their own reasons to stay in college or not. For some, higher education isn't a right fit, so in no way am I putting all the blame on those 30 percent who drop out. However, if you're going to take the leap for higher education, weigh all the options first, like whether you can put forth the effort college requires and what outlet of education is best for you.

That way, when you do take those steps toward a higher education, you can be certain you're making the right choice saving yourself time and money as well as everyone else's.

## Former graffiti artist finds muse in music

World renowned painter, David Garibaldi, creates portraits of popular icons

BY MELISSA GREN  
staff writer

World renowned artist David Garibaldi visited EWU Oct. 7 to perform his show "Rhythm and Hue."

According to his website, Garibaldi was born in Los Angeles and began painting at a young age. He moved to Sacramento where his art turned into a positive influence after giving up his life as a graffiti artist. Though he couldn't graduate from high school because he missed too many years, he still wanted to be an artist and follow his dream.

In 2003, Garibaldi started

painting on canvas in night clubs, at hip hop events and at other such places. He "let the music paint the portrait" when he performed live.

His popularity increased as more people watched his shows. Soon, he performed at a variety of venues, becoming known around the world.

During his performances, Garibaldi paints six-foot portraits of familiar pop icons while hip-hop music plays. He not only paints, but dances with the music while he creates the portraits. Recently, he opened for The Blue Man Group.

Garibaldi puts on a great show, while telling his life story. At each performance, he

shares his message with everyone in the audience. "Paint with passion plus purpose," said Garibaldi. "Live your life as a platform, and live with passion and purpose."

He has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities through his shows and motivates audiences to follow their dreams, no matter how hard life may be.

His art ranges from portraits of various pop artists to Disney characters painted with his signature style. No matter what he paints, it is always to music.

He plans to continue as a studio and performance artist while teaching people to be

who they want to be.

Garibaldi has even begun a brand of his own, which includes a clothing line, Official Disney Artist art that collaborates with the Disney Fine Arts Program, a documentary currently in production called "Walking Dreams" by director Chad Ross, and a new book coming soon.

"I just want to paint," Garibaldi said during one of his shows. "I don't do anything else."

If you want to learn more about David Garibaldi or would like to find out where he is performing next, visit his website at [garibaldiarts.com](http://garibaldiarts.com).

## Women's Studies hosts open forum

The EWU Women's Commission has scheduled an open forum next week to hear the concerns of female students, faculty and staff on campus.

The forum will be Wednesday, Oct. 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in PUB 206. Members of the commission will listen to issues presented by women. The topics may cover a wide range of issues, such as childcare, campus safety, sexual assault and gender equity.

The commission will meet again later in the quarter to convey these concerns to EWU's president, Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo.

This commission serves as an advocate for issues that deal predominantly with the well-being and status of women on campus. Their quarterly forums are designed to help women discuss their concerns, comments or questions.

Free pizza will be served during the forum.

For more information, call Jennifer Stucker, chair of the EWU Women's Commission, 359-6470.

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# THE GREAT PIZZA TASTE-OFF

## IT WAS A TUESDAY NIGHT.

The staff was hungry. We were all broke — except our editor. Mutiny would have ensued if he hadn't generated an ingenious diversion: The Great Pizza Taste-off.

The Easterner staff tasted and analyzed pepperoni pizzas from five Cheney pizzarias. Each pie was heavily scrutinized using a six category survey. The categories include sauce; cheese; topping quantity; topping quality; dough; and overall value, which takes into account price and delivery or pickup time. Each category is worth five points, for a total score of 30. The numbers were checked, double-checked and then checked once more. Here are the results.



BUT CAN THEY DELIVER?

HOW LONG WE HAD TO WAIT

1	DOMINO'S – 23 minutes
2	THE ROOST – 24 minutes (takeout only)
3	GATTO'S – 28 minutes (takeout only)
4	ROSA'S – 39 minutes
5	PIZZA HUT – 1 hour 12 minutes

## 1 DOMINO'S

Cost: \$10.86/12"  
Sauce: 3.2  
Cheese: 2.8  
Topping quality: 3.3  
Topping quantity: 3.7  
Crust/dough: 4.5  
Overall value: 3.4  
**TOTAL 20.9/30**

### HOW WE SEE IT

"Average, but the garlic crust is awesome."  
– Brian Beaudry

## 2 PIZZA HUT

Cost: \$8/12"  
Sauce: 2.8  
Cheese: 2.9  
Topping quality: 3  
Topping quantity: 3.5  
Crust/dough: 2.9  
Overall value: 3.3  
**TOTAL 18.4/30**

### HOW WE SEE IT

"Cold and nasty, but the pepperoni was good."  
– Lauren Johnson

"Pizza Hut is the sh\*\*."  
– Matt Olsen, who gave the only score before he ate the pizza. "I call them like I see them."

## 3 GATTO'S

Cost: \$11.96/12"  
Sauce: 3  
Cheese: 3.3  
Topping quality: 3.1  
Topping quantity: 2.5  
Crust/dough: 3.4  
Overall value: 2.6  
**TOTAL 17.9/30**

### HOW WE SEE IT

"This pizza was good, but an undercover good. At first, you think it's all cheese, but the pepperoni is hiding beneath. Also, the chick at the counter was cute, so that helps."  
– Sam Stowers

## 4 ROSA'S

Cost: \$11.41/12"  
Sauce: 2.9  
Cheese: 3.3  
Topping quality: 2.9  
Topping quantity: 2.7  
Crust/dough: 3.1  
Overall value: 2.4  
**TOTAL 17.3/30**

### HOW WE SEE IT

"Rosa's is a hometown favorite, but they tend to be more expensive. The bowling alley gives them a definite edge, though."  
– Jessica Wellik

"Tasted like drunk food."  
– Nicole Erickson

## 5 THE ROOST

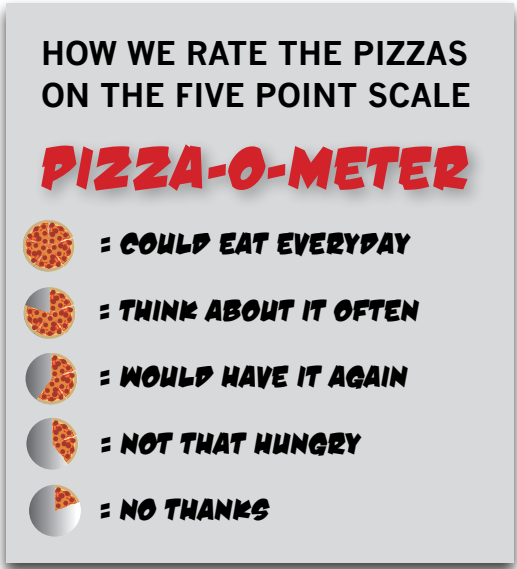
Cost: \$16.49/16"  
Sauce: 2  
Cheese: 2.7  
Topping quality: 2.5  
Topping quantity: 2.7  
Crust/dough: 2.3  
Overall value: 2.1  
Total: 14.3 out of 30  
**TOTAL 14.3/30**

### HOW WE SEE IT

"Greasy, overly liquid-y sauce."  
– Michael Cox

"Sauce is very tomatoe-y. Crust doesn't have much flavor. Cheese is very greasy."  
– James Eik

"Not bad, but there could have been more sauce and pepperoni. Pizza was a little expensive for the quality."  
– Joe Schilter



# Student creates music inspired by personal experiences

With her master's degree in creative writing, Liz Rognes draws from life lessons to create music that connects with others

BY AZARIA PODEPLESKY  
staff writer

When most girls were playing with Barbie dolls, Liz Rognes was playing the piano. She received one as a Christmas gift at the age of two and hasn't stopped playing since.

Rognes is originally from Iowa. The classically trained vocalist has studied music theory and composition, earning her bachelor's degree in music in 2005. Recently enrolled at EWU, she is working toward a master's degree in creative writing.

Rognes began writing and performing songs in coffee shops during college. Since moving to Spokane, she has played at open mic nights, coffee shops and as a part of the Revolving Music Project, an event similar to open-mic performances with collaborating musicians.

She has also performed for-Bike to Work Week and Pride Week.

"Being a female in the music business is not always easy," according to Rognes.

"I think sometimes women are less likely to be taken seriously as musicians and more likely to be seen for their body or how they look onstage rather than what they can create," Rognes told *The Inlander*. "I don't think that's always the case, but it's a special challenge for women."



Photo courtesy of Liz Rognes

Liz Rognes performing her first album "Red Flags" at her release show. Produced by Deep Sea Productions, the album came out in 2009.

Alongside her music career, Rognes has also worked as a preschool Spanish teacher, a nanny and a piano teacher.

In 2009, Rognes released her first full-length album, "Red Flags," on Deep Sea Productions (DSP). The album was produced by Dan Zamzow, founder of DSP, and features

Rognes' signature soprano voice and folk acoustic sound.

Though Rognes' future is looking bright, her past was not always so positive.

In 2004, Rognes spent time in an eating disorder treatment center. Before that, she was in an intensive care unit recovering from a suicide attempt. She

also dealt with alcohol and drug dependency before achieving six years of sobriety.

Rognes says she uses writing to help her deal with her past.

"I think writing for me has been healing ... Having a creative outlet of some kind is what's necessary," said Rognes. "It's what energizes me. I've

been through some stuff and gotten out of it. All of it all plays into the way I feel about art."

Rognes hopes that people can relate to her songs, though they are very personal.

"I try to take something intimate, take something personal and turn it into something that

people can relate to, to make a personal story, publicly resonant."

For more information about Liz Rognes, visit [lizrognes.com](http://lizrognes.com) or [myspace.com/lizrognes](http://myspace.com/lizrognes).

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Taiwan Jones runs around Northern Arizona players in Saturday's win at The Inferno. Jones had 16 carries for 48 yards in his first game since getting injured. Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

# Defense shines in victory

Jones returns from injury, fumbles twice

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY  
staff writer

These Eagles know wins don't come easy, but they know they shouldn't be this hard either.

After an early lead for the second week in a row, the Eagles overcame two interceptions, three fumbles and a few ill-timed penalties to defeat the Northern Arizona University (NAU) Lumberjacks 21-14 to move to 4-2 (3-1 Big Sky).

However, the team didn't seem particularly excited about the victory.

"Nobody played up to their potential. But as an offense, we found a way to make plays and get the ball in the end zone when we had to," said quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who completed 20 of 26 passes for 288 yards and three touchdowns.

The biggest plays on offense were made by Mitchell's two big targets: Nicholas Edwards, who led the team with eight catches, and Brandon Kaufman, who led the team with 117 yards. Each scored a first-half touchdown.

"When you've got big guys like Edwards and Kaufman outside, you know you can [take deep shots] and just trust them," Mitchell said.

Taiwan Jones, back in the lineup for the first time since suffering a pelvic contusion two weeks ago at Montana State, had a difficult game, picking up 48 yards on 16 carries and fumbling the ball twice while fighting for extra yards.

"He definitely wasn't where he can be when he's fully healthy," said Head Coach Beau Baldwin. "He's an impact player and gives us a lot of things. You can tell he was just finding himself again, and on some runs, he was just trying to do too much. And that's natural sometimes."

But the EWU defense stood up and made sure the turnovers didn't hurt.

September's EWU Scholar Athlete of the Month J.C. Sherritt led the team with 16 tackles, an interception and a third-down sack that resulted in a blocked punt.

"I was proud of the way the defense played today," said Sherritt. "Those turnovers we had were huge, especially in the red zone."

The red zone defense came through yet again for the Eagles, as NAU scored just seven points off of four red zone trips. Jeff Minerly and Sherritt each had interceptions with the Lumberjacks knocking on the doorstep for much needed points, enabling EWU to build a 14-0 halftime lead.

With NAU driving in Eastern territory in the fourth quarter to tie the game, Paul Ena broke through the line to sack backup Lumberjack quarterback Chase Stangel, forcing a fourth-and-long. NAU turned it over on downs when linebackers Tyler Washburn and Zach Johnson stopped running back Zach Bauman short.

From there, the offense ran out the game clock.

"The defense was put in a lot of tough situations, and in almost every one of those situations, they responded. They responded with stops. They responded with creating turnovers. And if you want to have a championship-level team ... through the course of a season, you might run into an ugly game like this here and there," Baldwin said.

"You've got to find a way to win those ugly games, and the defense really stepped it up in a game that was extremely ugly from an offensive standpoint."

The Eagles travel this week to play the Northern Colorado Bears (2-4, 1-3 Big Sky), who lost 42-7 to Sacramento State over the weekend.

## EWU athletics across campus

BY EASTERNER STAFF AND GOEAGS.COM

### Volleyball loses again

The Eagles lost their 13th game of the season last Saturday against the Portland State Vikings by a score of three sets to none.

The loss in Portland brings the defending Big Sky champs to a 3-13 record on the season and 2-4 in Big Sky, while Portland State improves to 10-7 overall, 5-1 in Big Sky.

The Vikings won the first set 25-15, which set the tone for the rest of the match. The Eagles were able to compete early in the first set, until the Vikings went on a 6-kill streak midway, ultimately giving them a convincing victory. The Vikings hit a devastating .419 from the floor, overmatching the Eagles.

EWU committed 15 errors and only converted 26 kills on a combined .129 hitting percentage, compared to PSU's 47 kills on an efficient .394 hitting percentage.

Senior outside hitter Alysha Cook played well, recording nine kills and ten points on a .412 hitting percentage and committed only two errors throughout the night.

### Soccer offense fails to show

The Eastern Washington University soccer team struggled to put together an effective offense on Sunday, as Sacramento State handed Eastern its second-straight conference loss of the year with a 1-0 decision at Hornet Soccer Field in Sacramento, Calif. The Eagles drop to 0-11-1 on the year and 0-2 in the BSC, while Sac State improves its overall mark to 5-6-1 and remains undefeated in conference at 2-0.

The Hornets dominated possession in the first half, hammering 19 total shots, nine of which were on frame. Sophomore goalkeeper Jamie Walker collected four saves in the first 10 minutes of the contest, including back-to-back stops on shots fired by the Sac State's leading scorer, Leah Larot.

Eastern managed to keep Sac State off the board in the second half, but their chances for an equalizer were quite limited and the Hornets managed to get away with the 1-0 victory. Walker ended the game with a career-high 11 saves.

### XC to play on Inferno

The Eastern Washington University Cross Country teams will compete on home turf Saturday as they host the Inland Northwest Cross Country Challenge in Cheney, Wash.

The men will defend their meet title after placing first overall at last season's competition where they defeated Gonzaga (25-31), Idaho (22-33) and Washington State (24-32). They will do so without the help of their No. 1 runner, Kyle King, who will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., to compete in the ISU Pre-Nationals Invitational, hosted by Indiana State University.

The women placed third overall last year behind Gonzaga (15-50) and Idaho (15-43).

Senior Amy Kolin will look to help improve the women's last finish, as the transfer from Ypsilanti, Mich., is coming off of an illness from last week, and is looking strong, Zeller said.

For the rest of the women's team, Zeller said this meet is all about gaining experience.

The women's race will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the men's competition at 10:45.

This will be the last meet before the Eagles host the Big Sky Conference Cross Country Championships Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Fairways Golf Course

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EWU	0	0	7	7	14
NAU	7	7	7	0	21



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**WRITER'S COLUMN**  
Respect royalty  
BY COLIN ANCEL

The Mariners capped off yet another abysmal season last week, falling to the Oakland Athletics 4-3 in Seattle. The loss brought the M's to a 61-101 record on the year, making them the second worst team in the major leagues behind the Pittsburgh Pirates.

About six months ago, the M's were heavily favored to win the AL West and make a strong showing in this year's playoffs. After a surprising 85-win season last year and the signing of Chone Figgins and trades for relief pitcher Brandon League and starting pitcher Cliff Lee, Seattle had a lot to look forward to.

Despite having easily one of the worst teams in Seattle history, fans can be proud of one advantage. After nearly winning the Cy Young Award last season, Felix Hernandez continued to steamroll the competition this season.

King Felix finished the season at 13-12 because of the worst offense in the major leagues. The M's were ranked dead last in every major offensive category by the end of the season. Despite having a terribly inadequate offense, however, Hernandez put up the best numbers of his career.

After starting 34 games on the year, the King threw six complete games, one shutout, played in 249 innings (first in the American League), 194 hits, 80 runs (second in the American League), 232 strikeouts (second in the league), a 2.27 ERA (first in majors), and held opposing batters to a .212 batting average, the lowest in the major leagues by any pitcher this year.

Despite putting up such impressive numbers, Hernandez is hardly considered by the national media as a serious candidate for the Cy Young award. With more impressive win totals like CC Sabathia's 21-7 record, or David Price's 19-6 record, Felix's record is easy to overlook.

Even though the King's record isn't pretty, I will argue that he is the most deserving candidate than any other pitcher in the American League. The top four candidates outside of the Evergreen state are Sabathia, Price, Jon Lester and Justin Verlander. All of them have a much higher winning percentage than Seattle's royalty, but they have thrown less innings and strikeouts than Hernandez, who has a lower earned run average.

Felix at least deserves to be in the conversation for the Cy Young award, if not the unanimous winner. Instead, Felix will likely have to suffer because of statistics that he has no control over.

Numerous times throughout the season Felix has struck out ten batters, given up only one run, and pitched nine full innings, but the Mariners would go the whole game without scoring a single run, and Felix would get the loss.

Should a pitcher be penalized for throwing a great game and not getting any offensive support at all? You know what the answer is. Too bad the coaches and officials don't.

So while Sabathia and Lee dued it out in the American League Championship Series, Felix is waiting to hear his named called.

Our King deserves to win the Cy Young award, and he's proved it all season with his stellar performance. You know it, and I know it.

## Perry breathes life into Big Sky TV

Conference broadcasting station makes its way to local KHQ affiliate

BY SAM STOWERS  
staff writer

When comparing student populations, Eastern is the smallest school in the Big Sky Conference. But when it comes to the proliferation of Big Sky TV, EWU is probably the biggest influence. Most of the credit is due to the work of Electronic Media Coordinator Darwin Perry.

Perry has been directing EWU home games since Big Sky TV's inception in 2006. The 2007 Eastern alumnus and electronic media major's high quality broadcasts have not only earned him praise from the conference, but are also being used by SWX as the video feed for their cable coverage of Eastern's men's basketball.

"They run the Gonzaga games on channel six, and they're spread pretty thin. So we brought it up to them and had a meeting, shot some games, and they thought the level [of production value] was pretty good," Perry said.

Perry and SWX started working together last year. The SWX graphics are added to the feed, but EWU produces all the video and direction.

Perry said that he learned a lot from working with the KHQ affiliate.

"With them, we have to sync our clocks because it goes from our video mount to the satellite truck parked outside," he said.

Perry has to synchronize the commercial breaks on the Big Sky feed to the commercial breaks of SWX and keep a countdown going for each segment to avoid timing issues. He said that it has definitely helped him tighten up his game. This year, they plan on dedicating one camera specifically to coaches' reactions.



Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Freshman Codie Soule films a Big Sky volleyball match.

"In sports, there's the play, but if you look at basketball games, they go to the coach or the player [after the play]. It's all about emotion," Perry said.

Big Sky TV originally began as a pay-per-view Web stream in 2006, showing only football games. Each school still has the responsibility of filming their home games for the stream. At the time, production quality

was poor. Most schools had only one camera and used the PA announcer for audio.

"My attitude was 'Let's do the best you can,'" Perry said. With the budget crisis not yet looming, he was able to get a \$20,000 investment for equipment from the athletics department. They shot football games with three cameras run by students. They also patched in radio commentary from Eagle voice Larry Weir and featured an onscreen game clock and instant replay.

"It was pretty stressful - an intense time - but pretty exciting at the same time," Perry said of the first football games he shot for Big Sky TV.

Until that point, Perry had no experience shooting games live. His only experience covering games was as an Internet announcer for EWU's women's basketball games.

The hardest part, said Perry, was catching instant replays. Often, the cameraman wouldn't be able to keep the action in the frame, but when they caught it, it made the experience worthwhile.

"It just felt like a very satisfying feeling, giving the replay for everyone to see and have some impact on the game," Perry said.

"Perry has done a great job of giving the broadcasts from Eastern Washington a supreme production value," Tanner Gooch of the Big Sky Conference Marketing and Media Relations said.

Perry not only works Eastern games, but he also counsels other schools on how to improve their own broadcasts.

Now, Big Sky is a free service, and each school is required to have at least two camera feeds and play-by-play audio. The Web stream averages 1,500 to 3,000 viewers per event and has more than 30,000 registered viewers. They broadcast football, volleyball, and men and women's basketball. This year, they plan to show more than 400 live events.

## ON THE WEB



**See what BRITTANY SPARKS, EWU soccer star, had to say to The Easterner's Sam Stowers at easterneronline.com**

## Tennis prepares for upcoming season

Early tournaments help teams develop their talents

BY MELISSA GREN  
staff writer

To prepare for the upcoming season, the men and women's tennis teams are competing in tournaments against other schools.

The tournaments consist of 60 matches: 40 singles and 20 doubles. Each team member plays at least one match.

"Fall is time for developments," said Dale Silah, associate head coach for the women's tennis team. "We kind of start real late. Most of the other schools are on semester systems, so they're practicing three to four weeks before we do. So because we start late, the fall season is just for development."

"We have a lot of newcomers on the team," said Head Coach Darren Haworth. "So this fall is really about the newcomers gaining experience and getting a lot of match play in."

The teams had about a week to practice before the first tournament. For the rest of the season, the tennis teams will be in and out of tournaments to make sure they get enough practice for the season beginning in January.

"The whole idea is to get match experience, for me to work with them on specific things on the court, and then also to get back into the practice setting and work on those," said Silah. "So by the time we're done with tournaments, we're expecting ev-



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Julian Sanchez serves the ball over the net.

erybody to be ready to compete and kind of get their games ready for the season."

The women's tennis teams did very well in the last tournament. Ryann Warner, Judy Liening and Kelsey Knight were just a few of the players who did well in the tournament.

Caitlin Bampton, the number one player last season on the women's team, was injured, as well as freshman Kaylyn Rex.

The men's team also did well in the tournament. The top players were Brian Thorp from the University of Portland and

Allen Shan from the University of Idaho

"All four tournaments are to really help the guys gain confidence in their playing and also to gain more experience against other competition," Haworth said.

None of the players on the men or women's team made it to the finals in the tournaments, but Silah and Haworth are not worried.

"Winning is important, but right now, it's all about working with the players individually, helping them build their game."

## Recruiting brings basketball a new challenge

Men's basketball assistant coach Rachi Wortham discusses the hardships of getting players to the Big Sky

BY SAM STOWERS  
staff writer

Finding prospective college players is more than just watching videos and making phone calls in the spring and summer.

It is a year-round process that involves observing players on film, as well as in person, following the NCAA's guidelines and making personal connections with athletes who coaches will be mentoring during their college career.

Fourth-year assistant coach Rachi Wortham and second-year assistant coach Shantay Legans spend about two or three days on the road every other week, evaluating players and contacting families.

A big part of the process is making sure the player, the team and the player's family are on the same page.

"It's finding out what they want, what their family wants, the position they want and where we need them," Wortham said.

A major misconception with recruiting players is that coaches are just find-

ing the best athlete they can. But the reality look at more than just talent.

"You have to understand what the coach wants," said Wortham, a former EWU guard. "My player is not [Coach Earlywine's] ideal player, and his player is not my ideal. So when you evaluate players, you have to see if they fit that mold."

The players still have to be of a certain caliber. While juggernauts like Kansas, Kentucky and North Carolina annually get the top players across the country, EWU coaches look for talent not amid those who would become role players in bigger leagues, but who would make a larger impact in the Big Sky.

All this has to be done while following the NCAA rulebook. The rulebook is nearly 500 pages long and has specific pointers for when a coach can and can't talk to prospective student-athletes.

For example, high school sophomores are off limits for direct contact. Coaches can only talk to juniors once a month. Some schools find a way around this.

**"It's finding out what they want, what their family wants, the position they want and where we need them."**  
—Rachi Wortham

"You hear about all these kids getting scholarships as sophomores. How is that possible? You can't talk to them. It's usually the [high school] coach talking to them," Wortham said.

Strategy aside, the connection between a player and the coaches is the deciding factor.

"At the end of the day, it's about you and your personality, clashing or adapting, meshing with that player," Wortham said. His favorite part about recruiting is the relationships he builds with each player.

"You really, truly get to see who the person is because you recruit for so long," he said. "Plus, when they get here, you are already close, so if things go bad, they'll call you and say, 'Coach, things are a mess.'"

Recruiting also has its pitfalls. The allure of top ten schools and the NBA causes many prospective college players to think they are better than they actually are.

"Everyone thinks they're going to the Pac-10," said Wortham. "They get all these coaches calling and they start feeling good about themselves, then reality kicks in, and they come back begging."

Still, all the time away from home, hours spent watching film and contacting players are worth potentially helping Eastern reach their ultimate goal.

"I'd love to get a Big Sky Championship. I'm not going to be phony about it," said Wortham. "I was there when the last one happened. The girls got one, and I'm happy for them, but you want to shoot for the best."





# Quarterback finding himself after transfer

After leaving SMU, Bo Levi Mitchell has no problem running the Eagle offense

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY  
staff writer

It was third and seven. The EWU offense turned the ball over twice in three possessions, missing a field goal on the other. Bo Levi Mitchell, taking the red turf for the second time in his career, wasn't going to just run out the clock.

"Brandon Kaufman's always huge. He's just one of those receivers you know that you can rely on," said Mitchell. "When it's third and seven and you should run the ball — try to run down more clock — we know we can take a shot, put the ball in his hands and he'll go get it."

Mitchell completed the pass to Kaufman, converting the first down

and enabling the Eagles to run out the clock en route to a 21-14 victory over Northern Arizona. Though he finished the game completing 20 of 26 passes for 288 yards and three touchdowns, the quarterback wasn't happy about his performance or the two interceptions he threw. Neither resulted in Lumberjack points, though.

"[Mitchell] will be the first to tell you that he doesn't feel like he played like he knows he's capable today," said Head Coach Beau Baldwin. "He's very hard on himself, but he's certainly made strides in these last two games combined compared to where we were earlier in the season."

After starting 19 games at Southern Methodist University (SMU), a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) school, Mitchell went down with a shoulder injury against the Houston Cougars. Freshman Tyler Par-

don stepped in for Mitchell and went 5-1, earning himself the starting position. Mitchell then had a choice: stay at SMU close to his Katy, Texas roots, or transfer to EWU, which had recruited him out of high school.

Mitchell chose to join two of his brothers, including Cory, a wide receiver for the Eagles, in Cheney, where he'd already built relationships from those recruiting visits.

"When I met all the football players, they were all genuine and personable — family-like. All the coaches are great, and they are all young," Mitchell told Keenan Bowen of EWU Sports Information.

Even though Mitchell is a transfer from an FBS school, EWU has a strong quarterback history that's tough to live up to. In recent years, former quarterbacks Erik Meyer and Matt Nichols have set school records and signed with NFL teams.

For Mitchell, however, the pressure comes from within.

"I wouldn't say the pressure came from [replacing Nichols]. It was just the pressure of me wanting to succeed, just to really help carry this team to a better point than where they were. Obviously, they did good last season, 8-5, and in the playoffs ... I just want to get better than that," Mitchell said.

In the last two games, Mitchell has thrown seven touchdown passes against three interceptions, mastering the offense and taking control of the team.

"I think the biggest thing is that he's beginning to feel more and more comfortable in our system. He really tried to take each play as it came instead of trying to almost make too big a play on every play. Sometimes early on, you try and do too much," Baldwin said.

Mitchell started 19 games for Southern Methodist University before putting on an Eastern uniform.



## Quarterback statistics through first six games as junior starters



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