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Admin salaries: modest but fair

Examining how universities pay top officials in the Big Sky Conference

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

After the University of Montana hired new president Royce Engstrom at a \$280,000 annual salary, keeping the position commensurate with Montana State University president Waded Cruzado, another Big Sky school leapfrogged EWU in the race to pay school administrators more money.

EWU administrators think they are being paid an appropriate amount given the current economy and the area's cost of living, two key factors in setting administration salaries.

"People get paid what the market sets a salary at. If you have a salary set too low, you're going to find it hard to have individuals apply for jobs. But I think the salaries at this institution are pretty much market rate, and the state of Washington is a wonderful place

to work," said Stacey Morgan Foster, EWU's vice president of student affairs.

A 2010 review of state budget data compiled by *The Spokesman-Review* determined that EWU administrators received a salary increase of 7 percent, exactly in line with state-allocated funds.

EWU has been more fiscally restrained than its state counterparts. According to a *Spokesman-Review* study, the top 20 highest paid employees experienced a salary growth rate less than half of Washington State University's (WSU).

EWU has focused on lowering costs through things like consolidating the colleges, and President Rodolfo Arévalo said that they will continue to do that while moving forward.

No Eastern employee cracked *The Spokesman-Review's* top 100 list of administrator salaries, a list dominated

by employees at the University of Washington and WSU.

While it is difficult to compare administrators from different universities due to differences in the state budget, organizational structure and years with available data, EWU seems to be in line with comparable universities in terms of how many students it takes to pay administrator's salaries.

In fact, EWU seems to be positioned to grow since administrators are accepting slightly less pay than Big Sky counterparts and even Central Washington, helping reduce costs to the state.

Despite the modest salaries within the field, EWU administrators don't think they are underpaid.

"I think I'm paid a very fair salary, and it's within the market," said Morgan Foster. "If you take a job, you accept the salary, and you agree to work for what that amount is."

College consolidation to cut university costs

Nearly one year after combining different departments on campus, changes are noticed

BY DYLAN COIL
staff writer

EWU's consolidation from six colleges to four was intended to cut costs. Though it may be too early to understand the extent of savings, the transition has been smooth so far.

"We were originally informed that it was a cost-saving measure of around \$500,000 to consolidate the colleges," said Raphael Guillory, former co-chair for the College Consolidation Committee.

The plan consolidated the previous colleges into the Colleges of Arts, Letters and Education; of Business and Public Administration; of Science, Health and Engineering; and of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work.

According to Guillory, when the consolidation was implemented in July, departments were given about a one-year "grace period" to get settled. The departments needed time to adapt to the different "academic culture," he said.

The merger has resulted in several changes within the colleges, including new policies, limitations on faculty activity plans and increased staff expectations.

Adjustments made during the consolidation also presents the opportunity for an exchange of new ideas and collaborations.

"One of the things that we definitely wanted to do was just to emphasize or protect instruction. So we put a heavy emphasis on ... providing faculty with all the resources necessary to continue to do an effective job in the classroom," Guillory said.

To ensure students' educations weren't jeopardized, electronic resources like EagleNet and Blackboard had to be modified to reflect the effects of the consolidation.

According to Guillory, Gary Pratt and his team in Information Technologies performed a "fantastic job" when it came time to make changes to student scheduling and academic advising. They provided a "seamless transition" for students who may experience shifts in departments or majors.

Students belonging to the College of Arts, Letters and Education might notice that the location of their college has moved to Martin Hall. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work has been moved to Senior Hall.

It is still too soon to verify how much savings will result from the consolidation.

A recently created committee is assessing the cost reduction and other measures to prove that the consolidation was a smart and effective decision.

Annual Administration Salaries

EWU	\$944,765
Weber State	\$926,851
Montana State	\$1,005,968
Central Washington	\$1,029,305
Northern Arizona	\$1,115,554

EWU 2009 salaries



Sources:
EWU, CWU: WA Office of Fiscal Management (2009)
MSU: Bozeman Daily Chronicle (2008)
NAU: Arizona Republic (2008)
Weber State: Salt Lake Tribune



Cash for clicking it

Campus police continue rewards program for safetybelt use

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

On Oct. 14, the EWU Police Department and members of the Associated Students of EWU gave tickets to students who were wearing their seatbelt.

As part of the "Click It and Ticker" event, students pulling into EWU parking lots were stopped and commended for abiding the law.

The "ticker" awarded to students enters them into a drawing for a debit card worth \$124, which was donated by State Farm Insurance and a local bank.

EWU Police Chief Tim Walters explained the reward is \$124 because "a seatbelt violation costs \$124."

The raffle for the debit card will be held at an upcoming basketball or volleyball game. Students do not have to be present to win.

"Click It and Ticker" began last year as part of a collaboration between the EWU Police Department and the Spokane County Target Zero Task Force. They designed the incentive program after it proved successful at local high schools. More than 150 individuals participated in the inaugural event.

"At first, students were a little concerned and worried when they saw the police officers and we pulled them over," said Walters. "Once we explained the program to them and they realized that they weren't in trouble, the feedback was

positive. They thought it was an awesome program that recognized their decision making and also gave them an opportunity to make a little cash."

According to Walters, seatbelt usage was at 37 percent in the '80s. When not wearing your seatbelt became a secondary violation, the compliance rate increased to 50 percent.

And when lack of compliance became a primary violation, seatbelt usage increased to 90 percent. In 2009, Washington had one of the country's highest seatbelt compliance rates, at 97 percent.

In a collision, Walters said wearing a seatbelt reduces the risk of severe injury by 60 percent and the risk of death by 45 percent.

Walters hopes that "Click It and Ticker" turns into a quarterly event. He said that it lets students know the police department appreciates they are safety conscious. He also said this program is a gentle reminder to students who are not as safety oriented.

Walters said that the rate of accidents and fatalities due to lack of seatbelt usage increases during the holiday season.

"The reason we do these awareness strategies is [because] ... we want to be at 100 percent [compliance] for the state of Washington. There's always going to be those that don't wear their seatbelt, so that's going to be a tough task. But that's the target -- that we get to 100 percent compliance."



Comic by Michael Cox

Due to technical difficulties, *The Easterner* was unable to obtain police beat information.

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Facilitating success

PEHR offers challenge course certification

BY MELISSA GREN
staff writer

The Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation (PEHR) trains students to be leaders and offers a certification program to students interested in becoming challenge course facilitators.

Challenge course facilitators are responsible for setting up, devising and safely guiding multiple people through outdoor and indoor programs meant to be physically exhilarating.

As a challenge course facilitator, students can find job opportunities as a challenge course manager, a zip line and canopy tour facilitator manager, an outdoor adventure leader, and a team builder.

Chris Cindric, director of the challenge courses, said that the certificate requires six classes or 18 credits. Each of these classes train students to become facilitators for a challenge course program. If a student wants the minimum amount of training, they take the three core classes, which will award them a level one certification.

The required classes to earn a challenge course certificate fall under the Recreation and Leisure Services directory. The certification requires the following classes: Leadership in Recreation and Leisure Services, Challenge Course Facilitation Techniques, Challenge Course Low Element Facilitation, Challenge Course Technical Skills, Challenge Course

Advanced Technical Skills, and Challenge Course Management and Operation.

"All of these classes lead to the certificate," said Cindric. "And anyone can take these classes."

According to the website, these classes allow students to "understand experiential education and challenge course history, model and teach appropriate facilitation skills, exhibit an understanding of using group ground initiatives ... model and teach a variety of debriefing techniques, learn technical skills for low and high elements, and learn to assess and manage all aspects of challenge course operations."

Students who are interested in these courses can sign up for them on EagleNet. "You sign up for them just like normal," said Cindric. "If you take one class per quarter, it will take you a year and a half to complete the certificate, a year for level one. A lot of the courses have pre-requisites, so students can talk to me and I can have them waived."

The PEHR decided to add a minor in challenge courses. "It was just decided this year," Cindric said.

"We get a number of groups who participate in these activities, anywhere from sororities and fraternities to the Boy and Girl Scouts," Cindric said.

Students seeking more information about the challenge course program can contact Chris Cindric at (509) 359-4535.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Swoop encourages student spirit at Eastern's 2010 Swoopstock homecoming.

ACCURACY CHECK

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

-The Blue Note reading series is Friday, Oct. 29, not last Friday, Oct. 22.

GREEN DOT SPOT

Here are two proactive green dots anyone can do, and they won't take you too long. (Proactive green dots happen before any violence takes place, but contribute to creating the non violence culture we want.)

First, go to www.greendotewu.com and check out the

EWU green dot website. You will find an enormous list of green dot ideas.

You will discover a campus map, where you can add any green dot you do and you can read about what others have done.

The website is fairly new so we need people to go on

commentary by victim advocate Karen Wanjico

the site and share their green dot stories. We know you're doing them; we just want you to brag a little where others can see it.

Secondly, take a few minutes and visit the Victim Advocate section of the EWU website. Find out what power-based personal violence is.

Learn how to support a friend if he or she is affected by stalking, sexual violence or partner violence.

If you visit the green dot page, you can follow a link to some cool green dot posters you can print off and hang in your room. Take time to look at the brochures on healthy

relationships, victim advocacy, sexual assault, or stalking. You never know when they might come in handy.

If you have any feedback about the websites, call the victim advocate, 509.359.6429, or stop by the University Recreation Center 201.



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NEWS

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Rally prompts campus unity, students say.

“ “ We worked with all community organizations to come out to represent the feelings of the whole of the gay community. That people like this, this type of hate — yes, it’s freedom of speech and yes they have a right to say that — but we have a right to say that their views are antiquated. And we, as an organization, want to stand behind the youth and end this hatred and end this bullying that is causing suicide in our young teens.

-Nova Kaine
Emperess XXX-IX, Spokane ” ”



Students peacefully protest the WBC.

The WBC unites Eastern

Students protest and cheer



More than 1,000 counter-protesters gathered to combat strong messages.

The Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) chose to protest at Eastern to spread the word of God and encourage students to repent their sins, members said. More than 1,000 students, faculty and Spokane county residents showed their support for the gay community as well as family members in the military by counter-protesting the WBC’s eight members.

Protestors from the WBC group who showed up on Thursday were of various ages and held signs that said “God Hates Fags” and “Thank God for Dead Soldiers” to promote their message that the nation’s destruction is imminent due to the tolerance of homosexuality, abortion and divorce.

Counter-protestors, many of whom were students, argued that the WBC’s presence on campus united EWU rather than tore them apart.

Autumn Halliwell, an organizer of the counter-protest, said, “I’m really pleased that everyone stuck to the non-violence, non-interaction platform we established when we began this effort ... That made me really proud to be a member of this community.”

Following the protests, Eastern held a rally to celebrate campus diversity. Though Cheney police were forced to make one arrest, the person taken into custody was not a student and EWU counter-protestors maintained peaceful behavior.

“ “ We’re here to preach the message of the gospel that says God hates fags and nations that promote sodomy are doomed to face his destruction. We are the only people in the country who preach this message, and the fact that it’s retrieved with such vitriol shows how far this nation has slid from that standard.

-Mara Phelps
WBC Member ” ”



Students say the WBC united Eastern’s campus.

“ “ We are completely opposed to anyone coming on campus and judging like that. I just think it’s so arrogant and so prideful for them to do that and to think that they’re OK. I can’t even do that because I’m not OK; I’m a sinner.

-Jared Mumley
Campus Crusade for Christ ” ”

Counter-protesters show their pride in American soldiers.



“ “ Today, you need to repent of your sins, filthy state of Washington specifically. To the schools, you got the teachers. It’s all about perverting everything. I mean, the kids these days, all they learn is how to pervert everything that they do. So we’re here today to tell you that if you don’t repent your sins, they’re going to take you to hell.

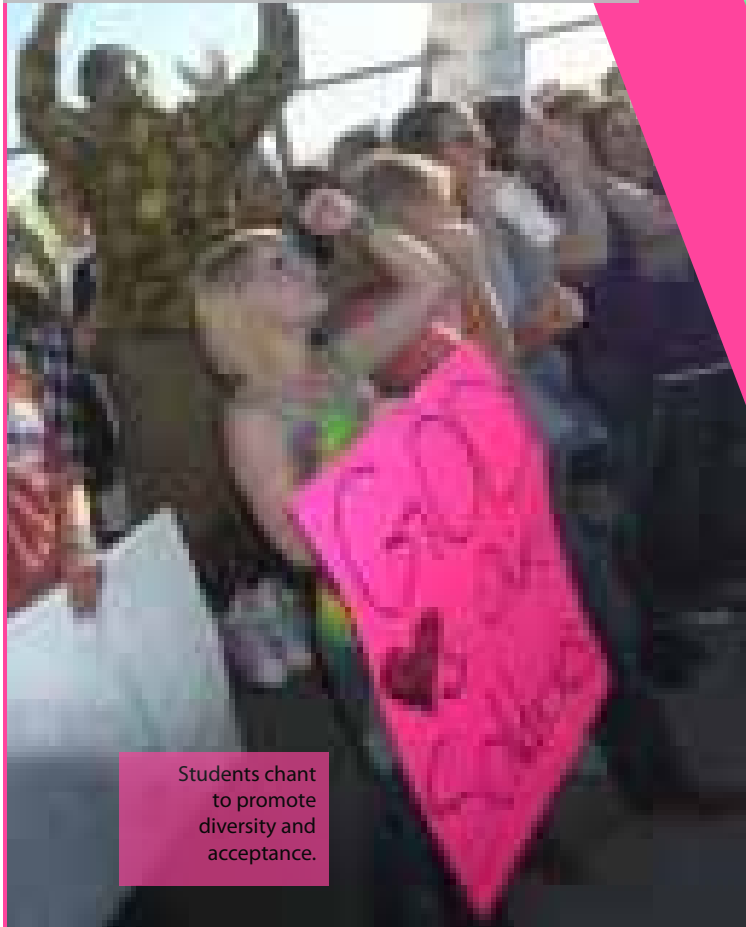
-Victoria Phelps
WBC Member ” ”

“ “ Universities have become dens of fornication, drunkenness and all sorts of sins of the flesh. and they really don’t have anything to do with higher learning anymore; It’s just about partying. So we thought this was a good crowd to give this message of the lord’s damnation to.

-Mara Phelps
WBC member ” ”



After a half-hour protest, the WBC continues their Inland Northwest tour.



Students chant to promote diversity and acceptance.



COMMON SENSE



BY NICOLE ERICKSON
news editor

I like to consider myself open to other people's views, but sometimes I struggle in a big way.

I don't struggle when someone's view is different from mine because everyone is entitled to their own opinion. I struggle with people who have strong political views but don't register to vote. If your views are that strong, why would you not represent them?

I understand that people often struggle with the idea of voting simply because they feel their vote doesn't count because of the electoral college. Walking into the polling station knowing that your state vote isn't going to your candidate is frustrating. Being a liberal in Idaho, I walk into polls knowing that my state as a whole will probably not vote the way I want it to.

But I vote anyway.

I vote because when my candidate loses, my complaining is justified.

Voting, regardless of the turnout, is your right as an American citizen. And to share your voice in the decisions for this country is your duty.

In the 2008 presidential election, 56.8 percent of the voting-age population actually cast their ballot according to infoplease.com.

American citizens should be eager to put their voice into the government, especially in a decision as big as the one in 2008.

On the flip side, I also cannot stand people who vote blindly. It isn't hard to read a paragraph or watch the news to inform yourself about each candidate's views. Again, having an informed say in the U.S. government is your responsibility as an American citizen.

Take a break from watching your trashy reality TV and brush up on some current events. Not only will it enable you to make an informed decision, but it will also make you a more knowledgeable and productive person.

People enjoy talking to well-educated, intelligent people; improving your candidate knowledge only enhances these qualities.

This view extends to local and on campus elections as well. The Easterner ran an article spring 2010 surveying the number of voters on campus involved in the Associated Students of EWU elections. The highest voter turnout was 15.8 percent in 2004.

That is even more pathetic than the national turnout in 2008.

Our student government votes on issues that directly impacts every student at Eastern and only 15.8% of students actually voted. This low turnout is ridiculous.

This is your campus. This is your state. This is your country. Making your voice heard is your responsibility.

People fought for the right to vote for centuries. Women, minority groups and young citizens have held rallies and protests to earn the right to vote and now that right is being ignored.

The students of Eastern are the future of this campus. That future is defined by the actions made by the government, which is a direct result of the voice you convey by casting your ballot.

So answer me this: Why wouldn't you vote?

Make your voice heard.

International programs enrich Eastern's community

Campus welcomes other cultures while sending students to study abroad and experience diversity

BY DYLAN COIL
staff writer

Eastern is a melting pot with more than 400 students currently enrolled in the international program. And for that international students, EWU offers the feel of a small town community.

Japan, China, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Canada are some home countries of international students. Most students come from Saudi Arabia, Japan and China.

According to Olga Baron, director of International Programs, Saudi students have a long history in Eastern Washington, but after 9/11, "we hardly had any Saudi students at all ... the relationship between individuals here and in the Saudi cultural mission has not changed, but the politics and events of 9/11 definitely had an impact on that."

In 2006, EWU's cultural delegation connected with Saudi Arabian universities that have a history in Eastern Washington and made it clear that their students are welcome and appreciated. Since 2006, enrollment from Saudi students has increased dramatically each year.

The Asia University America Program (AUAP) is one of the largest international groups on campus, bringing in a high



Kayla McAllister/Easterner

Exchange students come to Eastern for the small-town feel and the one-on-one education.

number of Japanese students. Significant amounts of Chinese students also come to Eastern because of the 1+2+1 program.

The 1+2+1 program allows students to spend their first year of college at a Chinese university, then come to EWU for their sophomore and junior years and finally spend their last year back in China.

"1+2+1 Program students are degree-seekers; whereas

AUAP students are just here for the culture and experience in America. AUAP students visit Eastern for only two quarters, versus 1+2+1 Program students who are here for two years," International Student Adviser and 1+2+1 Program Coordinator Minghua Weng said.

EWU has also seen an increase in students coming from Vietnam. According to Weng, this year has the highest num-

ber of Vietnamese students with 13 currently enrolled.

Weng, a former international student from Taiwan, said that EWU's "area compared to other places ... is more quiet, and it is a very good environment for international students to study and focus on their academics."

In addition to accepting students from around the world, Eastern sends American

students to other countries as a part of the study abroad program.

This quarter, 30 EWU students are studying abroad in Japan, Australia, Ecuador and Argentina, among other locations. Japan, Costa Rica and Australia are the most popular choices for students studying abroad.

Interested students must be at least a sophomore with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. The process to study abroad can be tedious and take up to six months.

"Eastern Washington University's strategic plan calls for increasing the institution's global presence, formalizing international diversity efforts and providing a quality experience for all students, both domestic and international, as global citizens," stated EWU's mission statement, which the international program operates. "The promotion of cross-cultural exchange and understanding between students, faculty, and staff and partners from other cultures around the world is a key component of Eastern's global learning strategy."

Information on international exchange programs is in Showalter 115. For more information on study abroad programs, visit Senior Hall 300 or e-mail studyabroad@ewu.edu.

Annual pageant features talent

Students participate in competition to show spirit and showcase organizations

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

Robert Boreala and LaKeisha Jones were crowned Mr. and Ms. Eastern Washington University Oct. 21, respectively.

The Mr. and Ms. EWU Royalty Pageant is an annual homecoming event that showcases the academic excellence and campus involvement of participants.

Pageant judges included Nadine Arévalo; Michael Bowers, Residential Life Coordinator for Morrison Hall; and Carla Richards, Mrs. Washington 2010.

The pageant began with the ten contestants introducing themselves and the organizations they represented, which included sororities, fraternities, residence halls and student groups such as the Black Student Union (BSU) and Eagle Ambassadors.

The talent portion following introductions featured a variety of performances.

Several students sang, including Lena Lewis of the Alpha Zeta Delta sorority, Ian Estes of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and Julie Pearson of the BSU.

Jordan Reed performed a contemporary dance to Leona Lewis' "Bleeding Love," while Ellen Zavalney performed the YouTube favorite, "The Evolution of Dance."

The talent competition also featured Katherine Poteat playing the trombone, Kristin Tripp performing a magic trick with the help of an audience member, and Jones reciting a monologue about what she would say to Martin Luther King Jr.

After the talent competition, Eastern graduate Richards took the stage. She discussed the path she had taken to become Mrs. Washington and said she could not have done it without her experiences at Eastern.

She then told the crowd to never give up on their dreams, before being crowned the first Mrs. Eastern Washington University by Associated Students of EWU President Justin Terry.

The formal wear portion

featured the music of Spokane-based pop-rock band Small Town Nation.

The impromptu question was the last stage in the competition. Each contestant reached into a hat and drew a question, which was then asked by master of ceremonies Dennis Dent of the Office of Student Activities.

Questions ranged from, "What is your outlook on life, and how has Eastern Washington University shaped that?" to "What is the biggest challenge you've had to overcome in life?"

The answers included anecdotes about Greek life, reaching one's goals and living on campus.

After a 10 minute intermission, the judges returned with the results.

In the Mr. Eastern competition, Boreala was named the winner, while Estes and Tripp were named to the Royalty Court. According to Dent, Boreala is the tenth to win the title since the inclusion of the Mr. Eastern portion of the pageant in 2000.

"The most stressful part was probably finishing schoolwork and getting everything in on time," Boreala said of the week's events.

In the Ms. Eastern competition, Lewis and Zavalney were named to the Royalty Court while Jones took the top prize.

"I was so nervous during the beginning [of the pageant]," said Jones. "There was just so much anticipation."

During their reign as Mr. and Ms. Eastern, Boreala and Jones will each organize a philanthropy project on campus.

Boreala will focus on Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON), a sudden loss of vision in young men which affects a fellow Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity in San Diego. Jones will support the Delta Academy, a program that teaches etiquette, self-esteem and academic success to young women.

Boreala and Jones rode in the homecoming parade and will continue to represent Eastern throughout the year.

Senator entices voters

Patty Murray holds conference calls to inform students of the importance of their vote in upcoming election

BY DOUG AULT
senior reporter

As voting season begins, students are reminded once more about how much their voices matter in the polls.

"This is a really important election for students," Senator Patty Murray said during a conference call with statewide student reporters Oct. 20. "Education is exactly what got me into politics many years ago."

Murray began her career in politics when she was a new mother with her children in a state university-funded day care center. When the program was shut down due to budget cuts, Murray argued vehemently to those in charge. After detailing why the day care was so important for her and many other families, Murray said she was told, "Nice story, but you're just a mom in tennis shoes."

"By opting out of taking part of democracy, I was letting someone else make the decisions for me," said Murray, who decided to throw herself in the ring shortly after.

Murray hopes to gain support in her Senate run against republican Dino Rossi in an election ripe with student issues. To appeal to college age voters, Murray is backing a plan to increase state Pell grants

and to offer a \$2,500 tax credit for those attending a university. With the price of tuition going up, Murray says this will help students.

"Many students rely on student loans and grants to realize their dreams," said Murray. "Our country has a responsibility to educate all of America, not just corporate America."

According to Murray, nearly eight million more student loans were given out this year than last. She hopes to make the loans "less expensive" for all involved while placing a cap on loan repayment after graduation to 10 percent of the borrower's monthly salary, making repayment a smoother process. Murray said this move would not affect the interest rates on the loans involved.

Murray is also looking for further loan repayment benefits for students going into public service after graduation. If choosing this line of work, a student's balance due will be forgiven after ten years. While the student would pay before the ten year mark, what remains after would be dropped under Senator Murray's proposed idea.

Small business is also a key point in Murray's Senate run this year. Murray is looking to invest taxpayer money into businesses so they can "hire,

"In 2008, young people voted for the future. If they don't in 2010, it will be going back to the past."

- Patty Murray

put goods on the shelf and stay in business." She believes that this method of putting money back into the economy is preferable to "Wall Street gambling with investments."

The Small Business Jobs Act would release \$30 billion to support small businesses in the state, with varying percentage rates of repayment depending how the money is used. A 1 percent rate will apply to those who use the money and keep it the money flowing, Murray said, and an increased 5 percent will be applied to companies who "hoard" the currency.

U.S. President, and fellow Democrat, Barack Obama visited the University of Washington campus the day after the conference call. Murray drew parallels between Obama's election and her own.

"In 2008, young people voted for the future," said Murray. "If they don't in 2010, it will be going back to the past."

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Police impersonator targets women near Riverpoint campus repeatedly

Nonviolent suspect uses Cadillac Escalade to pull over victims and search vehicles

BY SAM STOWERS
staff writer

In the past two months, a police impersonator has pulled over five women near the Riverpoint Campus.

The first incident took place Sept. 4 when a Gonzaga student was pulled over on the 800 block of East Sharp Avenue. The suspect told the student he pulled her over for not wearing her seatbelt. He told her to step out of the vehicle. He then went through her glove box and left her with a warning.

Another encounter took place Oct. 5 at the intersection of North Cincinnati Street and East Desmet Avenue. The suspect told the victim that she failed to stop for pedestrians. He then directed her to open her vehicle's trunk, console and glove compartment before letting her go.

Three other incidents involving the same suspect took place at East Nora Avenue and North Ruby Street, North Nevada Street and East Thomas Moore Way, and North Hamilton Street and East Spokane Falls Boulevard.

None of the situations were violent. In all instances, the suspect has been described as a white male between 5-feet-10-inches and 6-feet tall in his early 40s with a blond buzz cut.

The Spokane Police Department says the suspect wears a dark blue or tan two-piece jumpsuit with a possible "Sheriff" logo on the back and a gun belt, but no visible weapon. The impersonator, reportedly driving a newer model Cadillac Escalade with blue and red flashing lights, but had a residential license plate.

The Spokane Police has recommended to always pull over in a safe and visible area on the side of the road. Anyone pulled over by the police has the right to ask to see police identification before stepping out of the vehicle.

"As a police officer, you're looking for positive interaction with the community. If you ask me for identification, I'm gladly going to show it," Spokane Police Spokeswoman Officer Jennifer DeRuwe told KXLY.

There have been no related reports near the EWU Cheney campus.



How to ID an impersonator

CAR MODEL: Most police vehicles are American cars, not Cadillac Escalades.

LICENSE PLATES: Washington State Patrol cars have WSP before the plate number.

BADGE: Agency badges have the agency name, a state seal and a personnel number.

CLOTHING: Become familiar with your local police attire. Piercing and tattoos may not be visible while on duty.

Master's degree program gains national acclaim

Princeton Review names Eastern in "Best 300 Business Schools" joining six other Washington universities on national list

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

The master's degree program at Eastern's Riverpoint campus has thought highly of itself for years now. This year, The Princeton Review agreed, as it placed EWU in their 2011 edition of its annual guidebook, "The Best 300 Business Schools."

"We are pleased to recommend Eastern Washington University's College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA," said Robert Franek, senior vice president of publishing for The Princeton Review.

EWU joins six other universities from Washington on the list. Washington State University and Gonzaga University are the only other master's

degree programs from Eastern Washington on the list.

"It is an honor to be recognized for the quality, affordability and relevance of our program by The Princeton Review," said Roberta Brooke, director of EWU's master's program in a press release. "This is the result of a team effort by all those associated with Eastern, and we will continue to strive for excellence."

Earlier in the year, The Princeton Review sent a general information questionnaire to Cynthia Parker, EWU's master's program coordinator. After receiving basic statistics — minimum test scores, number of students, gender, international base and tuition — they sent out interview questions to students.

According to the 2010 survey, EWU's master's students enjoyed the

amount of preparation they received from the CBPA in marketing, communication skills and computer skills.

Thanks to the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies, entrepreneurship is also one of the standout disciplines at EWU.

According to both the 2010 edition of Best Business Schools and Parker, a major selling point for the university is having the lowest tuition in the area.

The EWU master's program consists of 49 credit hours, 33 of which are required work. This enables EWU to be one of the few schools where students can earn a master's degree in just one year of full-time study.

Students in the program are an average of 30 years old and appreciate the program's evening scheduling and praise the professors for their flexibility.

"I think that we offer a lot more one-on-one time with students ... than most programs," Parker said.

With more than 1,200 schools providing eligible programs, EWU's placement within the top 300 "is a fairly decent coup," she said.

The Princeton Review does not rank any of the business schools or name any of them best overall. Instead, 11 lists identify the top 10 business schools in several categories, from Best Administered (Harvard) to Best Professors (University of Virginia). The lists are based on surveys of 19,000 students attending the 300 business schools profiled in the book.

EWU is listed as part of the Best Business Schools in the Western region, which includes 55 universities from Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah,

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Westboro rally brings out mixed feelings

A pseudo counter-protest

BY ALISH ELZY
contributing writer

In the days leading up to the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) protest, chatter circulated campus regarding why they were coming here, what they were going to do, and what we, as students, were going to do to protest their beliefs.

When the day finally came, hundreds of students rallied together to wait for the church members to arrive. Students had signs displaying messages like, "I bet hell is fabulous," and "This all could have been avoided if the WBC had a sassy gay friend." As happy as I am that people stood up for gay rights, it seemed like it was all for show and that most of the people didn't truly believe in the cause.

It may be because I'm from the Bay Area in California, but students here seem like fair weather friends when it comes to gay rights.

Growing up, I was taught that everyone was created as equals and that everyone deserved to be treated with respect. When proposition eight was being discussed and voted upon in my hometown of Oakland, Calif., groups of people lined the street corners across town in protest. Some people would rally with them, and some people would stand on opposite street corners to rally against them. No matter what got in their way, each side fought for what they believed in

until Election Day.

I haven't attended a Gay Straight Alliance meeting here, so I don't know what the gay culture is like at Eastern, let alone in Washington. But I can tell by observation that it's very different from the free spirited, all-loving Bay Area hippies.

It seems that when there's a hot topic on campus, people will be completely for it and then go back to business as usual once it's over.

Not a day has passed since I've been here that I haven't heard the word "gay" used in a derogatory manner.

When the WBC finally drove away, almost everyone seemed to let out a final cheer of accomplishment, and then they went their separate ways. It seemed bizarre to me that the protest ended so abruptly. As most people left, a good amount of the "true" protesters stayed for a while longer, but they eventually left as well.

What I found even more odd was that the students here were so controlled, reserved even. I only saw one person get arrested and only a few people get emotionally angry.

The WBC hates almost every type of person: Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, gay or those with Military affiliation. Why weren't more people angry? It just seems to me that students here were only protesting for the sake of protesting something. As I stated before, I am only speaking from observation, however, I do hope that I can be proven wrong.



Harnessing hate for love

BY DOMINIQUE SMALL
contributing writer

We all heard the hype about the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) coming to campus Oct. 21 and we all produced thousands of opinions as individual as the person who dreamt them.

I grabbed my camera as 3:45 approached and headed toward Elm and Washington Street to support my classmates in their plea for sanity. My friends and I had no idea what we were in for. We wondered if it would be pandemonium and how badly words could truly hurt a logical adult. After all, a member of our group is a proud homosexual.

As we approached the scene of the protest, picket signs filled the horizon.

One read "God hates fags." My heart sank. Another, "Soldiers go to hell." My eyes welled. When I read "Thank God for breast cancer," I flash backed to my mother's struggle over the past few years.

Through the blinding smog of negativity brought by our guests, an unmistakable power swept the crowd of more than 1,000 counter-protesters. The nation felt that same power after the tragedies of 9/11 — the kind of power that is so strong and positive that it clears the hate from the air quicker than it arrived.

I felt 1,000 times larger. I felt 1,000 times stronger. I felt 1,000

times louder knowing that I am not the only one who will speak up and be accounted for in the name of acceptance. More than 1,000 educated, talented and diverse students gathered to deliver the exact same message that I hold true in my heart.

The WBC departed and we left the protest with smiles on our faces and adrenaline racing through our hearts — adrenaline that can be easily transferred into motivation to change the world.

When I finally got home, I reflected on the day to make some sense of the senseless situation.

I concluded that the WBC has done our university's community, and that of the U.S., a great solid.

Nothing binds a community together better than a common nemesis.

Just like the unity shown throughout all 50 states when the twin towers were attacked or the unity shown throughout the world to combat the Nazis in WWII, WBC has accomplished nothing with their protests but to unify and motivate.

I say, "Go get 'em Westboro!" The more hate you spread across the country, the more united citizens become.

Using others' negative momentum toward righteousness takes strong self-control. To harness the anger and transform it into love is my challenge for everyone.

Remember, you're not alone. The power of acceptance unifies. Keep up the good work, WBC!

The cost of a US education

BY AMANDA THOMPSON
contributing writer

As I firmly plant my feet as a college freshman, I find myself stuck on a bridge deciding whether I should reach out for the education I deserve or be trapped in a lifetime of debt, forced to sell my soul to the college who holds my future in its hands.

The 12 stressful years of pointless testing and high school drama would all be for nothing if I quit now, so I'm forcing myself to dive head first and hope the college tuition waves will let me come up for air.

Eastern, my new home away from home, is already taking me into its arms. But following close behind are the loans that my parents and I must take out each year that force me back down to earth.

Being the only child in my

family to decide to go to college and having parents who make a comfortable income shoves me down into a hole where FAFSA won't even take a second look at me. Student loans can't wait to rain down on my parade six months after I graduate.

Education is the one thing Americans need these days, and the fact that the government wants us to pay for what we deserve seems all too familiar. No wonder millions of people are dying from lack of health insurance; they are forced to pay for what they have worked hard for, and that is life.

Being without a college education means no life to me, so I headed to Cheney, praying that the U.S. will decide to be like Sweden and send all their residents and nonresidents to school for free.

According to the International Business Times (IBS), America has the most expensive

college education in the world. Places such as France, Sweden and Ireland allow all residents and nonresidents to go to college for free.

"All colleges in France are publicly funded and none charge significant amounts of yearly tuition compared with American Universities," according to the IBS. The U.S. racks up an average of \$20,000 in tuition debt for each individual attending college, while Sweden rests easy knowing their future lies in the hands of well educated and debt free residents.

Sweden entitles all students access to "12 semester's worth of tuition from the Sweden National Board of Education" and any additional costs are waived by government funding. Countries throughout the world that offer college education to their residents generously fund schooling, and even if it is not

completely covered, the tuition prices are sufficiently lower than the US.

If the U.S. stopped bribing countries to be their friends with money, then hardworking citizens would be released from the stress of college tuition. Even the fear of a lack of health insurance would disappear.

The government needs to focus on the importance of education. They need to realize that future generations won't be intelligent enough to run a country because they couldn't afford a college education.

Lower the price of tuition. Get our money back from countries that don't need it. Stop spending money on a pointless war. Get the hardworking youth of America into the colleges.

I'm working hard to work for my country, so why can't it do the same for me?

GENIUS OF THE WEEK

Dr. Donna Beegle

Despite being homeless with two children and dropping out in the ninth grade, Donna Beegle earned her Ph.D. from the University of Portland over a 10-year period.

MORON OF THE WEEK

Dog detectives

After spending \$19 billion on developing new IED detectors, the Pentagon announced that the best detection devices are dogs, which have an 80 percent success rate compared to their robot counterpart's 50 percent.

"A Special Night — Parade and Bonfire Festival"

BY YUIHAO JIANG
contributing writer

Yuijiao Jiang, a visiting EWU student from China, arrived on campus Oct. 15. Jiang submitted this poem to *The Easterner* after attending the homecoming parade and bonfire activities. What he saw and experienced moved him so much that he felt he had to express his feelings with words.

Jiang also has a collection of poetry published in China.

*The campus and the streets put aside the quietness;
The northeastern corner the Parade pleases most,
Of Washington state with the band playing music in front,
In a most concordant mien and in the highest spirits,*

*And our hands holding the flags of our own nation,
In a most natural order 'n' various fashion.
Though faces are different, we present smiles, the same;
Though languages are different, we joy one word "home,"*

*Around the burning bonfire which goes straight through the darkness
Upwards the moon, thus, depriving her of her dominance
Over th' sky with gentleness that's, now, energized by flame,
And loneliness that's, now, enveloped by enthusiasm*

*From the Eagles from the World who settle down on th' Campus
Of EWU, a big Home where we share Fruits 'n' we enjoy Peace.*

Motorists flaunting rage a common problem

BY RYAN BURREY
contributing writer

While my over-achieving coworkers arrive ten minutes early, I'm lucky to clock in before the top of the hour.

Despite my do-everything-at-the-last-second track record, however, I would usually be on time to appointments if the car in front of me would drive at least the speed limit, if not 5 or 10 over.

Last Saturday night, for example, I was racing to something far more important than work — my boss' birthday dinner.

As usual, I was running behind. But optimism convinced me that I could still make it on time, barring any bored cops.

At the time, traffic wasn't that bad on Highway 904. I still had 15 minutes to spare. And I was going my usual 60 mph in a 55 zone.

But just outside of Cheney, a large pick-up towing a trailer with another truck on it was waiting to turn into my lane on the highway.

No cars were behind me for at least half a mile, so I logically thought to myself that this big bad Dodge Ram will wait until I've passed to turn onto the highway.

But, like usual, I assumed wrong.

Instead of waiting until all cars were past, this Ram-driving genius pulled his five-ton heap onto the highway right in front of me and another car, nearly causing a pile-up. My Toyota Corolla almost rear ended the Subaru Legacy in front of me.

The near death experience didn't irritate me, however. What irritated me most was that the driver who cut me off proceeded to drive 30 mph all the way to Four Lakes.

Instead of passing, I down-shifted to second gear, complained to myself, sent mental death rays to this selfish driver and just kept going.

When the crazy truck driver pulled off, the driver in front of me honked her horn raucously, and I yelled out a barrage of angry insults, laid on the horn, and was ready to flip this guy the bird.

But something stopped me. I was angry and with every right to be, but I didn't flip him off. It would have accomplished nothing.

This incident got me thinking. Why did I allow myself to get so angry? Who was really to blame for me being late?

The hemi-driving redneck wasn't to blame. I could only blame myself. If I would have been responsible and left a few minutes earlier, I would have been on time.

A guy cutting you off in traffic isn't the worst thing in life. So I walked away that night with a simple but good lesson: focus on the important things.

Whether it's driving to work, a tough class, a difficult job or a dead-end relationship, we face unexpected problems every day. The challenge is to not let them get the best of us.

Yes, I'm still a little annoyed at what happened. But I'm not bitter. And while I'm no angel on the road, I'm still a good driver.

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A RACE TO NOWHERE



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On a rainy Sunday night, I skimmed through my e-mail when the subject, "silent epidemic in our schools," caught my eye. The e-mail contained a brief press release of a concerned mother who decided to record a documentary on the high-pressure culture that has saturated schools. This heart-wrenching story ultimately reveals the stressed, disengaged and unprepared youth of today, resulting in the inspiring film, "Race to Nowhere."

The film depicts the disheartening aspects of education, highlighting the rampant cheating, depression, stress and increase of unpreparedness of college graduates upon entering the workplace. Featuring stories of young students and weary educators from a myriad of communities, "Race to Nowhere" paints a real portrait of the risks younger generations face in the education system.

"Race to Nowhere" calls for people everywhere to challenge the assumptions that the preparation we are giving our youth is fine. In reality, thousands of students are not acquiring the skills they need to be successful. Many are over-stressed, over-tested and sadly, just not interested in education.

This film has sparked the need for change in recent weeks. Hundreds of theaters, schools and organizations across the U.S. are providing screenings in corroboration with National Child Health Day from Oct. through Nov. 4. The Character Education Partnership (CEP), in addition to the screening, has initiated national dialogues on how to eradicate this "silent epidemic."

"As a mother, I experienced the stress firsthand and realized that no one was talking about it," said Vicki Abeles, the film's director and speaker at CEP's 17th National Forum on Character Education. "I saw kids who were anxious, depressed, physically ill, checking out, abusing drugs, and worst case, attempting suicide. I felt compelled to speak out about this crisis by making a film and giving voice to the students, teachers and parents. I wanted to expose a deeper truth about our education system. We are graduating a generation of robo-students, unable to think and work independently, creatively and collaboratively."

What this film stands for has really struck a chord with me. All too often have I felt stressed, disengaged and over-tested. Sadly, education seems to be focused more on performance rather than on meaningful learning. It seems we cram information into our skulls only to have the information evaporate the minute our teachers tell us to put down our pencils and turn in our exams.

So where is the real learning taking place?

In last week's column, I mentioned that universities nationwide are revamping courses to engage students using technology, a good start in today's culture. What concerns me, and what is highlighted often in the film is that education, has become as cold and lifeless as the technology we use in our classrooms. Students are feeling as inanimate as the tools they use. In the high-stress culture that plagues the education system, students are lacking a drive for knowledge.

We can change this, however, if only we incorporate a little warmth into the learning environment and returned back to the roots of education stemming from personal approaches. If we don't change today's generation will lack the warmth and inspiration that can come only from a person, not a computer screen.

For students interested in more information on the film or a list of future screenings visit the official website at www.racetonowhere.com

ROTC trains for challenge

Eastern's cadets learn leadership skills while white water rafting in Montana

BY DYLAN COIL
staff writer

Last week, EWU's ROTC Cadets built teamwork and leadership skills while blasting through white water currents in class two and three rapids in Montana.

According to cadet Jarod Cutchin, "building team cohesion" was one aspect of rafting trip along with "recruiting and retention." Because the year has just begun, the ROTC planned a trip that would be fun and exciting for those who are new to the program.

The ROTC is currently training for the annual Ranger Challenge Nov. 6 at Camp Adair in Corvallis, Ore. The competition gives cadets the opportunity to practice real combat scenarios while competing with other universities from the area.

"In addition to a written examination where cadets test their Army knowledge, there are physical fitness drills and field exercises. Battalions leave a Ranger Challenge with stronger bonds and sharper skills," according to armyrotc.com

Working as a team is essential for staying competitive during a Ranger Challenge. White water rafting trips, like the one the cadets participated in last weekend, molds leaders and trains cadets for events.

"The army does not do anything as an individual person. It's all a team effort ... you got to have somebody to watch your back at all times. You can't operate the equipment by yourself; you just can't do any of it by yourself," Cutchin said.

Some of the schools competing against



ROTC cadets train for the Ranger Challenge while rafting. Photo courtesy of Josette Rader

EWU are Oregon State University, Washington State University, Central Washington University and the University of Washington.

The Ranger Challenge is a timed event, and the first team to finish wins.

Challenges include a 5-mile combat run with cadets in full combat gear; a grenade assault run; a 125 foot rope bridge construction; a first aid event with simulated casualties; land navigation; and two unknown challenges: the commander's challenge and the comma dent challenge.

"[The Ranger Challenge] helps to promote technical proficiency in army equipment, and it also helps to promote thinking outside the box ... being able to react as soon as something happens," Cutchin said.

Winners of the challenge receive a school trophy.

Last weekend's rafting trip was an important step for the first- and second-year cadets. According to Cutchin, one of the main goals was teaching the newer cadets to "utilize personnel" and "delegate authority," both important for a victory at the Ranger Challenge.

The cadets have been training for a month and a half to for the challenge. Schools on a quarter system, like EWU, are at a disadvantage because a later start date gives them less time to train.

Nonetheless, EWU's new cadets this year provides more choice when deciding who will comprise the 10-person team.

KEWU offers a different "Perspective"

Former producer reflects on the opportunities provided during her employment

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

Denise Jennings did not grow up dreaming about being on the radio. In fact, she didn't have any radio experience until she enrolled at Eastern.

"I was a singer and I just decided that I wanted to go into radio. I knew I wanted to come out here to Eastern ... the plus of Eastern is that it has its own radio station," she said.

After speaking with Marvin Smith, the general manager of KEWU and an instructor in the film department, Jennings became an interdisciplinary studies major, splitting the credits between the film and journalism departments.

Jennings spent her first year in the film department and gained experience in filming and producing before asking Smith if she could intern at the radio station.

She then spent a quarter working with Angela Schwendiman, the director and producer of Perspectives at the time, learning how to edit interviews and put them on the air.

"Perspectives" is a program about people or events or any



Sam Stowers/Easterner Jennings hosts "Perspectives."

thing pertaining to Eastern Washington University, Cheney and the surrounding areas, including Spokane," Jennings said.

She then interned with Elizabeth Farris, the KEWU Program Director. After spending her next summer as an intern, Jennings was hired on as a disc jockey, which turned into another to produce "perspectives."

Jennings produced the show for a year, though she quickly realized that producing required more time than she could give to the station.

During her run as producer, Jennings managed to get several interviews on the air, including one with former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker and another with EWU graduate

and author Jess Walter.

She also produced a five-part series on Rockwood Clinic and health communication, which was a combined interview with communications professor Gary Krug. In addition she also interviewed her mother-in-law about her time as a Women Airforce Service Pilot in World War II.

Because of a malfunctioning transmitter, KEWU is now broadcasting at 100-watts instead of the usual 10,000-watts, which limits the signal's strength, but the station is broadcast online 24/7.

While "Perspectives" is not currently on the air, Jennings said that she is constantly brainstorming ideas for interviews and hopes to have the program back on soon.

KEWU is almost completely student run and has been on the air since 1950.

Though KEWU is broadcast from a college campus, Jennings says that the station's core audience is older than 50, most likely because of the station's focus on jazz music.

"We play jazz music because when the station went from transmitting at 100-watts

to transmitting at 10,000-watts in the '90s, we promised we wouldn't compete with stations in Spokane," said Jennings. "There were no big jazz stations, so we took up that market."

However, not every program on KEWU plays jazz music. Other programs include "Friday Blues," "World party" and the ambient-based "Nightfall," which Jennings said is most popular with college students.

KEWU is primarily funded by EWU, though Jennings and Farris say the station would not exist without the pledge drives the station holds. The pledge drives began in the '90s, at a time when KEWU was completely funded by Eastern.

"We wanted to see if we had an audience that would support us," Farris said.

According to Jennings a new transmitter has been ordered and should be in place on top of Krell Hill early in November. This new transmitter will allow the signal to reach Pullman, Ritzville and Spokane.

For more information on KEWU, go to ewu.edu/calculators/programs/gilm/kewu

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EPIC's 'The Grind' brings snowfall to Cheney

Contestants and spectators gather for tricks, awards and prizes at the fourth annual EPIC snowboard and ski competition



A contestant falls while attempting a board slide on the EPIC Adventures flat box during the competition.

BY DOUG AULT
senior reporter

EPIC Adventures heated up the chilly weekend weather with its fourth annual ski and snowboard Rail Jam, Oct. 24. The event was open to everyone and drew quite a crowd to the hill between the Science and Computer Engineering Buildings.

With snow yet to fall in Cheney, EPIC brought the mountain to campus. Contestants dropped in from a ramp perched at the top of the scaffolding, allowing them to pick up speed before hitting a variety of obstacles, including a declining rail, a flat box and a quarter-pipe section at the bottom. EPIC packed bags of snow into the event, grooming the powder between each round to give the contestants the best run possible.

Divisions included female riders, amateurs and pro classes. The open jam format allowed a flow of contestants to vie for the crowd's enjoyment. But no one caught the crowd's attention quite like Jacob Nelson, who won the Best Trick award.

"We were tired of making decisions about who was good and cool," said Nate Peck. "So, we took a poll of the crowd watching for best trick—pretty much hands-down, Jake Nelson. And the answer was 'because it made us laugh.'"

Nelson's winning stunt was a 50-50 board-slide on the flat box while reaching down and unclipping his bindings. When he reached the end of the box, he leapt from his board and ran into

"We took a poll of the crowd watching for best trick — pretty much hands-down, Jake Nelson."

— Nate Peck

the distance as it fell to the way-side. The act won the adulation of the crowd.

"I did that trick because I thought it would be fun," said Nelson after the challenge. "And I was really tired, and didn't want

to try anything else." Professional snowboarder Scott Stevens inspired the trick he said.

For his ingenuity, Nelson won a free beanie and popularity from the crowd. "It's all about the crowd," he said.

A larger prize was in store for the overall winners. They each received a cardboard snowboard cutout at the event, which they can redeem for a free board. Winners also received a gift box containing two free lift tickets and a slew of winter gear.

Dash Camp took gold for the pro division with a huge air-to-rail grind that nearly cleared the first rail. It was just one of many moves that excited the crowd, like the pair of back flips from different contestants.

Despite drizzly weather the day of the event, boarders and fans didn't let anything stand in their way of a great show.

It was a collection of talent, courage and creativity that capped off a long homecoming weekend.

To see footage of the event, visit www.easterneronline.com

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BED RACES



Students race downtown Cheney in the annual bed race competition.

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CAMPUS CRAWL



During the homecoming campus crawl, teams follow a list of clues in a scavenger hunt style contest.

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LaKeisha Jones and Robert Boreala are crowned during this year's Mr. and Ms. Eastern pageant.

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I love basketball with a passion greater than the passion you have for your significant other. That may be a bold statement, but it is true.

Now imagine how I must feel knowing that Kevin Durant will tip-off tonight against the Chicago Bulls, in Oklahoma City. It hurts almost as much as walking in on your fiancée having whoopee with someone else.

We all know the story of how the NBA commissioner David Stern and profound best friend Clay Bennett hijacked the Sonics. Bennett, according to e-mails he sent, was "a man possessed" when it came to taking the Sonics away from us.

Now the Zombie Sonics are playing in Sooner nation and are considered the main threat to stop the L.A. Lakers from winning the Western Conference again.

This summer, Durant led team USA to a gold medal at the FIBA World Championships, leading most people to ponder if the Durantula (terrible nickname, isn't it?) has taken the crown of NBA's best player away from Kobe or LeBron. Those thoughts are premature, but Durant is getting close to that status.

Along with Durant, the Zombies have Russell Westbrook. Westbrook has been a pleasant surprise since the Sonics drafted him fourth overall in 2008. He has shown glimpses of being the next Dwayne Wade, and his stats prove that.

The pain continues to pile up every time I see a Thunder jersey. I see a picture of Durant and instantly feel like I'm being stabbed in the back. I love basketball. Too bad I was forced to sign the divorce papers.



Brandon Kaufman celebrates with teammates after scoring the game-winning touchdown against Sacramento State.

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Undefeated at The Inferno

After leading 21-0 early, Eagles score last-second touchdown for 28-24 victory

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
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The Eagles capped off homecoming week with another come-from-behind victory at Roos Field, defeating the Sacramento State University (SSU) Hornets 28-24.

With just 33 seconds left in the game, wide receiver Brandon Kaufman hauled down a third-down pass for the game-winning score, spoiling Sacramento State's comeback from a 21-0 deficit.

"I thought they were going to load up the box again," said Head Coach Beau Baldwin. "I just felt like we had a good matchup. Anytime Kaufman is out there, he's got a shot to come down with it. We just felt like we had two big receivers out there, and we were going to take a shot."

It looked like everything was going the Hornets' way in the second half as they opened both the third and fourth quarters by blocking Eastern's punts. SSU returned the punt in the fourth quarter for a touchdown, narrowing the gap to 21-17.

After another empty EWU possession, SSU took the ball and immediately marched back down the field for a touchdown and their first lead of the game, as running

back Bryan Hilliard plunged over the goal line for his second score of the fourth quarter.

With the Hornets pinned deep in their own territory on their next drive, the EWU defense made three consecutive stops, culminating in a five-yard sack and a short punt that gave the offense the ball on the SSU 35-yard line.

"I feel like our assignments were good. The D-line was getting after them, like always ... As a defense, we played really good in the first half," said safety Matt Johnson, who set up the opening touchdown with a 42-yard interception return on the first drive of the game. "We kind of slacked in the third quarter, but when we had to make a stop, we did."

The EWU offense, which had mustered only three first downs in the second half to that point, came on the field knowing what they had to do.

"We just told ourselves to man up. We need to score, because this could be our season," Kaufman said.

Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who completed just two of his previous eight fourth quarter attempts for six yards, hit on all three attempts on the final drive, including two third-down conversions.

"I can always trust those guys to make plays. They're

huge players, great guys, and they always work hard," Mitchell said.

Baldwin wishes the games would be a little less thrilling.

"It's gut-wrenching. You just want so bad to put a team away, and we didn't do that," Baldwin said.

At halftime, it seemed as though the student section would have a lot to cheer about, as the Eagles led the Hornets 21-3 after turnovers and penalties doomed several Hornet drives.

The Eastern offense scored on its first drive in each of the first and second quarters with quick strikes off of turnovers. The first drive took two plays and was capped by Kaufman's first touchdown of the day, a 17-yard reception from Mitchell.

The second touchdown was all Taiwan Jones as he broke five tackles and took the first play of the drive 77 yards to the endzone. Jones finished with 145 yards on 17 carries, providing a spark in the backfield when EWU needed it.

"We won't always get away with [a win], but we found a way this week," said Baldwin.

The Eagles (6-2, 5-1 Big Sky) head to Portland next week to take on the Portland State Vikings.

Rugby club finds success after moving to Division I

Rugbers grab second place tournament victory after falling in finals to Central

BY SAM STOWERS
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The EWU football team shut out the University of Oregon (UO) 19-0, Oct. 10. No, not that football team. The shutout was courtesy of EWU's men's rugby football club.

Two weeks ago, the team placed second in the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference's (NCR) first seven-player tournament. The team defeated Clackamas County Community College, Western Oregon University, UO, and Central Washington University's (CWU) No. 2 team before falling to Central's squad in the cup final, 52-0.

"Eastern Washington played some outstanding rugby," said Editor-in-Chief of Rugby Magazine Alex Goff. "The skill level was higher than I expected. Coach Ian Martin has done a great job with the team on that front."

This was the team's first tournament since moving up to Division I. It was also the first tournament since the NCR established itself in August. The tournament featured new divisional opponents like the University of Washington, Washington State University, Oregon State University, UO and annual powerhouse CWU.

EWU rugger Eric Populous was the tournament's second highest scorer with 46 total points. He was awarded all-tournament team honors alongside Eastern second-year player Cameron Bowers.

"It was actually really surprising," said Bowers on the outcome of the tournament. "We put together a lot better team than the bigger D-1 schools in our league."

The commitment the club has put into their training, as well as their club infrastructure, is anything but recreational. This gives them the ability to compete with bigger schools.

The club began in 2003 and has since produced players who have gone on to join many club teams, such as the Spokane Razorbacks.

The team's 15-player league play doesn't actually start until spring. Still, players involved in the seven-player tournament began

weight training and conditioning in the summer. They have also been practicing five days a week.

"The majority of our players have never played rugby before coming to college," said club President Shawn Blaydes. "We attract quality players and train them in a quality manner. It's the commitment of our guys that has made the team successful."

This past weekend, the club attended a player development clinic in Seattle. They are planning on scheduling another clinic with the USA Rugby National Team in the early winter. Martin has also regimented practices and developed a system to track each player's stats to focus on individual weaknesses.

The club is discussing the possibility of creating recreational youth leagues to back up the sport at the collegiate level with sponsorships from Spokane Parks and Recreation, Fairchild Air Force Base Parks and Recreation, and Cheney Parks and Recreation.

"The only team that has given us competition in Division II

was Western Washington, who also moved up to Division I, and Western Oregon," said Blaydes. "That's just because they have high school teams in their local area that feed directly into their college."

The EWU ruggers have put the same devotion into their club's administration and reputation that they have into their training. The club is governed by an executive board that involves under- and upper-classmen. They also hold a number of fundraisers, including their Rent-A-Rugger fundraiser, where they auction off players to help people with yard work and chores.

This level of commitment to a fringe sport in the U.S. isn't uncommon for a smaller university like Eastern.

"Being a smaller school, I think it's even better," said Blaydes. "[Eastern has] a focus on NCAA sports, but there are a lot of students here that want to do something else besides that."

Goff agrees with Blaydes. "It's all about on campus culture, leading players and what athletes you can attract."

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No.1 singles player out for two months

Bampton to have surgery in November after MRI reveals cartilage floating above femur

BY MATT DAVIS
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Her dad started in high school, her mom in college, but EWU junior tennis player, Caitlin Bampton made her first appearance on a tennis court when she was just three years old.

"My dad took me out on the court and put a tennis ball in my hand and let me play around with it," she said.

Bampton's interest in tennis continued throughout her youth. When she was nine, she competed in a number of United States Tennis Association (USTA) junior tournaments.

"I played in an age division older than I was, and I did well," said Bampton. "I won matches. I won a few tournaments."

Bampton continued to play tennis at Kamiakin High School in Kennewick, Wash. And just months following her 2008 graduation, she made her first appearance on an EWU court. During her freshman campaign, Bampton compiled eight singles wins, four of which occurred in Big Sky Conference (BSC) play. Bampton and teammate Kasie King recorded a team-high nine doubles wins.

During the 2009-10 season, Bampton was bumped up to the No. 1 singles spot. She went 9-11 against the best the opposition had to offer and was undefeated in tiebreakers. She was named BSC Player of the Week March 16, and halfway through the season she moved up to the No. 1 doubles spot where she and teammate Kelsey Knight won 10 of their 13 matches.

"She has exceptional volleys and is really used to being on the doubles

court," said assistant head women's coach Dale Silha when asked what made Bampton excel in doubles.

Then, during a mid-August hike on Mt. Adams, everything changed.

"I was hiking with my dad and brother, and it was a steep uphill. I went to step over a rock or a log and I felt a pop [in my hip]. And as we went on, it got worse and worse," Bampton said.

Doctors first told Bampton that the injury to her hip was a muscle strain or possible tear. But an MRI revealed a piece of cartilage floating above her femur. One doctor diagnosed it as Osteochondral Dissecans, often referred to as OD or OCD. According to mayoclinic.com, OD is a joint condition in which a piece of cartilage, along with a thin layer of bone beneath it, comes loose from the end of the bone.

Bampton will undergo surgery in November. Bampton and Silha are unsure about an exact return date, but both peg late January and possibly early February as return dates.

"After the surgery, I'll probably be on crutches for a month. And another month after that is when I'll be able to start [playing] again," Bampton said.

Bampton has been working diligently for two months with trainer Kacey Skritez to ensure the best possible recovery.

"My time off has made me very, very hungry to come back and compete again when our season starts," said Bampton. "It makes me want to work so much harder when I can."

Once she makes her recovery and steps back onto the court, it may not



Caitlin Bampton was undefeated in tiebreakers last season as the women's No.1 singles player.

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be the physical aspect that proves most challenging.

"I am the type of person who, when they have an injury, thinks about it a lot. I'm going to try not to let it affect me, but I think it will always be in the back of my head when I'm playing," Bampton said.

Silha echoes similar sentiments about the team captain and says he expects her to be as strong, or stronger, when she returns.

"Mentally, it's getting used to moving and not being afraid that there is going to be pain. As she works through that, she'll be fine. I expect her to re-

cover pretty quickly and do well," Silha said.

Silha mentioned Bampton may not immediately return to the No. 1 role she occupied previous to her injury, adding that she will need some time to regain her confidence and raise her game to what she's capable of.

The tennis team is done competing for now, but they will continue to practice for the next month before taking a break shortly before Thanksgiving. They resume competitive play Jan. 23 against Whitman.

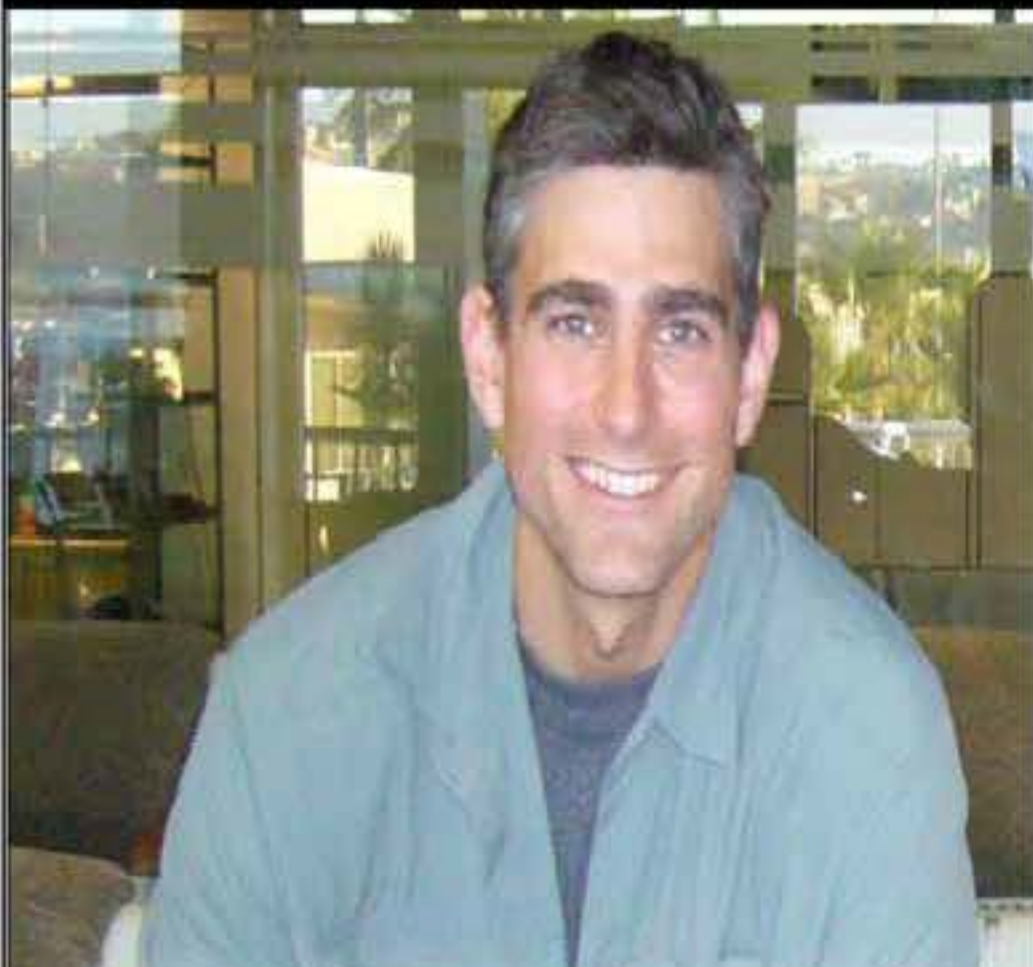
For Bampton, not being able to play has helped her realize how much

she loves tennis and how much she takes for granted.

"If I could give [my teammates] advice, I would tell them to be grateful that you are here, that you have your health and you're able to play Division I college tennis," said Bampton. "Work as hard as you possibly can while you're here, and make the most of it."

Bampton is a communication disorders major and hopes to get a doctorate and become a speech-language pathologist. She says she thinks tennis is a lifetime sport, and she would like to continue playing for as long as her body allows her.

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