### Eastern Washington University EWU Digital Commons

**Student Newspapers** 

Eastern Washington University Digital History
Collections

12-1-2010

### Easterner, Vol. 62, No. 10, December 1, 2010

Associated Students of Eastern Washington University

Follow this and additional works at: https://dc.ewu.edu/student newspapers

### Recommended Citation

Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, "Easterner, Vol. 62, No. 10, December 1, 2010" (2010). Student Newspapers. 711.

https://dc.ewu.edu/student\_newspapers/711

This Book is brought to you for free and open access by the Eastern Washington University Digital History Collections at EWU Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Student Newspapers by an authorized administrator of EWU Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jotto@ewu.edu.

### THE EASTERNER

Eastern Washington University

Online Exclusives at easterneronline.com



Westboro Baptist, a month later Page 4

NEWS Obscure scholarships revealed, Page 3 EAGLE LIFE Art exhibition moves in, Page 8 SPORTS The rules of fighting in hockey, Page 10

### Falling snow brings heightened parking enforcement

Two inches of snow activate Cheney's plows, requiring vehicles to leave public roads from midnight to 6 a.m.

BY DOUG AULT senior reporter

The fines from improperly parking this winter can bury students much deeper than the snowfall itself.

"You'll have to pay the ticket and the tow and the storage fee, so it can rack up pretty quickly," said Cheney Police Commander Rick Campbell about the consequences of parking on the street during snowfall. "The city ordinance requires that if there is two inches of accumulated snow on

the ground that has not been cleared by midnight, after midnight, vehicles need to be off the roadway for snow removal operations to commence."

Vehicle owners who fail to move their cars are subject to a \$50 fine and a tow. This policy is unwavering, and can even result in ticketing cars parked on streets that do not get plowed.

"Let's say all the snowplows are working in the north side of town. The officers can start writing tickets beginning on the west end of town," said Campbell. "So even if your street town, if there was two inches of snow on the ground, you're subject to cite

The strict nature of this policy can go both ways. If the street a car is parked on has been plowed and no tickets have been issued, vehicle owners can still be cited.

"[If] the north side of town has already been cleared, the officers are going to go up and start writing snow removal tickets there for the vehicles that have been plowed around because it's obvious that the vehicle had not moved. It had been plowed around during the two inches of snow, and so

doesn't get plowed on the west side of they're subject to tow and citation for failure to follow the snow removal ordinance," Campbell explained.

City code requires that all rental units provide their tenants with offstreet parking, so students renting apartments or houses for the year should check with their landlord if parking is available only on the street.

While the cut off for vehicles parking on the roadway is midnight, the ticketing and towing hours are generally between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., so there is a bit of extra time for the unprepared. This courtesy is further extended to main street businesses that are not subject to ticketing until 3 a.m.

"They give that extra hour for the bartenders and people who were working down there to leave, and then the snowplows can come through," Campbell said.

Last year, Cheney saw a relatively dry winter, but the two years before brought record amounts of snowfall. This resulted in numerous cars being towed and impounded because the city was in a state of emergency.

We used a tractor. We dug cars out. We hooked a tow truck up to them and we pulled them because we needed to keep the streets open for

**PARKING | PAGE 5** 

### Forecasted budget cuts near in next biennium

Hiring freeze and limited operating costs to continue

BY NICOLE ERICKSON news editor

In addition to the continuous budget cuts Washington has faced over the last year, Gov. Gregoire has asked Eastern to prepare for another 10 percent reduction in the next biennium beginning in June 2011.

President Rodolfo Arévalo delivered this harsh news at the Welcome Back Breakfast and explained that this cut would range from \$8 to \$10 million.

"It seems that we may also have to make up the \$5.5 million of Federal stimulus money that is in our current budget," said Arévalo at the breakfast. "To date, we have not received a clear picture on how this is going to be addressed."

These cuts mean that the hiring freeze and limited operating costs will continue into the next biennium. Arévalo said that he was unsure if these cuts meant job losses, but he assured listeners that was the last thing he wants.

Dave Meany, university media relations specialist, said that while everything is always on the table when it comes to looking to save money for the university, "It's premature to say that we are looking at cutting programs."

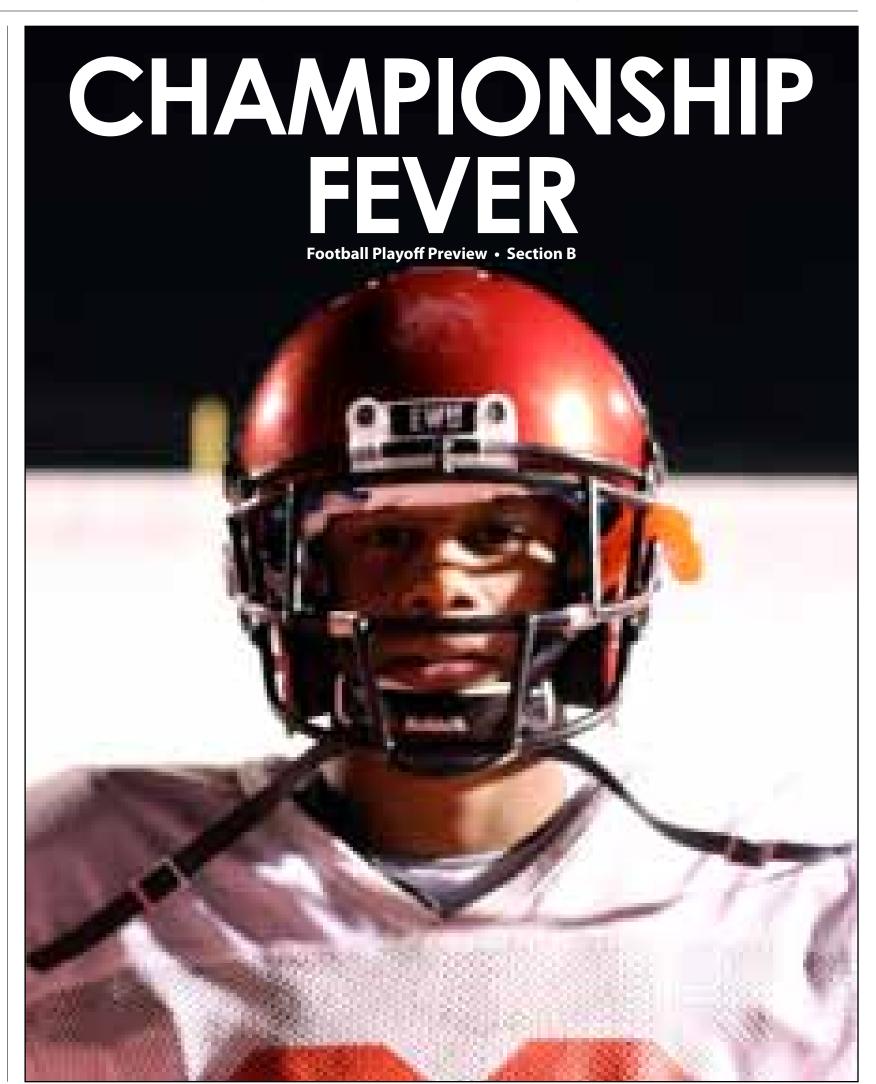
In a speech delivered in September, Arévalo said, "We will also look at reducing the number of degree programs," although he conceded that the university will try everything possible to avoid cutting those programs and positions.

"The budget cycle is just getting worse and worse, so we really don't know what is going to happen," Meany said.

While Meany said that he was unsure exactly how cuts will affect Eastern, he also said that Gregoire has mentioned that cuts for the state of Washington do not seem to be an effective mode of money saving.

Arévalo's main plan for combating recently announced budget cuts remains the same: develop a reserve to avoid specific cuts.

The biennium cuts will be effective June 2011.



### Remodel of PUB continues to develop

**Nearly 20 students attended forum** with 'positive attitudes' toward project

BY MATT DAVIS staff writer

Stacey Butler, executive vice president of the Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU), is stressing the importance of students voicing their opinions about the proposed plans to renovate the

Following an Oct. 8 presentation in front of the Board of Trustees, the ASEWU PUB Remodel Committee hosted two open forum meetings: one Nov. 16 at the Riverpoint campus in Spokane and the other Nov. 17 on the Cheney campus.

"In the process of doing things, we realized we really haven't included the Riverpoint campus, so we wanted to make sure that we went to see them

**REMODEL | PAGE 5** 



Photo Illustration by Megan Hopp

### FINDING A BRIGHT LIGHT: Working hard to stay safe in the dark

Police escorts can combat the uneasy feeling of walking alone at night

BY MATT DAVIS AND DYLAN COIL staff writers

EWU Police offer a number of services to ensure the safety of students, including selfdefense courses and police escorts for late night

scholars traveling through campus and Cheney. Self-defense courses are two hours long and are commonly held in resident halls, but can be requested by any student as long as a minimum

of ten people are willing to participate. However, with daylight savings causing the sun to set earlier during the winter months, some students fear that a lack of proper lighting on campus and in university parking lots creates

situations for assault to occur. Tanya Barton, a senior at Eastern, said she has numerous night courses on the Riverpoint campus, including her senior capstone class that ends at 9:40 p.m.

"I feel the least safe when I am walking out to my car," said Barton. "I park in the farthest red zone parking lot and there is not much lighting. Most of the lighting is in the yellow parking zone and by the railroad tracks."

Barton has never had a direct run-in with an assailant, but said that she takes precautions into account as she makes her way to her vehicle.

"I always have my keys out so they are ready. My mace can has a safety and I always [flip the safety off] when I am walking. I heard a horror story about someone hiding under cars and grabbing them, so I always look in the distance to make sure no one is [under the car]," she said.

**SAFETY | PAGE 3** 



### **Computer literacy** benefits students

Instructors say CPLA courses lead to successful futures; student attendance still below average

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY staff writer

As future careers require more computer knowledge, EWU will continue to require its students to be computer literate upon graduation through completion of the CPLA

Some students may feel computer literacy is a waste of time, others think it is a helpful tool for success.

"I've actually used [what I've learned] to make a budget. I'd never used Excel before," freshman Olivia Lennick said.

Fellow freshman Lynn Gray added, "It is kind of helpful. If I would've taken the lit exam without taking the class, then I wouldn't know how to do any of the stuff that's really on the

The test is broken into two sections. The test as a whole covers computer knowledge from basics like starting the machine and opening programs to using Microsoft Office programs like Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

There are "students in computer literacy that think they already know the material," said Department Chair Paul Schimpf. "In that case, I wonder if they know that they can challenge the course with a test, as opposed to taking it for credit."

Computer literacy classes can also be an easy course to help relieve the stress placed on students by more demanding classes. This often results in minimal attendance.

While Gray estimates attendance during lecture periods at roughly 90 to 95 percent, Lennick said that only about 30 percent of students show up to lab. Gray doesn't attend labs herself and had no idea what the numbers

"If you can do your work in your room at your own computer, then you don't have to go to lab. So a lot of people don't show up for that," Gray said. Schimpf doesn't see low lab atten-

dance as much of an issue.

Why do students skip any courses? I think the answer varies," said Schimpf. "In some courses, students tell me they can get the work done without actually going to lecture. That may or may not be true. For most courses, it's up to the instructor to decide whether attendance is required."

CPLA courses on campus are taught by two full-time faculty members and eight to 10 graduate assis-

According to Schimpf, fewer people register for the courses because more students come in with more advanced computer knowledge and test out of the class.

Professor Rob Lemelin had a matter-of-fact attitude regarding student participation in class.

"If they can get the work done without coming to lecture, then more power to them," said Lemelin. "But I can't help them if they're not there."



### ACCURACY CHECK

- In last week's recycling article, there was a misprint of a 40-yard dumpster. The dumpster is only four-yards long.
- In the same article, Jeff Hubbard was listed as the facility service's lone truck driver. He is actually the lone full-time recycling truck driver.
- The headline of the recycling article said "after summer." It should be clarified that this happened two years ago, not
- Last week's "Moron of the Week" should have read "German Shepherd," not just "German."
- If you find any errors in your paper, please contact our news editor at easterner.news@gmail.com.

### THE EASTERNER

Eastern Washington University's Student Newspaper

### **WRITERS' MEETINGS:**

The Easterner is open for any EWU student or faculty wishing to write stories that could be published in the newspaper. Writers' meetings are Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in Isle Hall, room 102.

The newspaper is also open for anyone wishing to copy-edit. Editing nights are on

If you have an idea for a story, or are part of a campus club or organization that is holding an event, please call The Easterner tip line at (509) 359-6270.

Also, if you have a comment about a story or a suggestion for the newspaper, please feel free to voice your opinion on the tip line as well.

### **ABOUT YOUR PAPER:**

All content in The Easterner is either produced or chosen by students from Eastern Washington University. Our goal as employees of *The Easterner* is to provide interesting and relevant information to the students, faculty, staff and residents of EWU and the surrounding community of Cheney and Spokane.

The Easterner publishes a weekly electronic version of the paper at http://www. easterneronline.com.

### **ADDRESS:**

The Easterner is located in Isle Hall, room 102.

The Easterner EWU, Isle Hall 102 Cheney, WA 99004

### **CIRCULATION:**

The Easterner is distributed throughout the Cheney campus, Cheney business district, the Spokane Center, Riverpoint and at various Spokane businesses. If you would like The Easterner to be distributed to your business or if you would like to start a subscription call the Advertising Department at 359-7010.

If you have a news tip, letter to the editor or press release, please call the newsroom at 359-6270 or the Editor-in-Chief at 359-6737. You can also contact The Easterner staff by e-mail or FAX at 359-4319.

### **ADVERTISING:**

If you would like to place an ad or classified ad call 359-7010, FAX 359-4319 or send an e-mail to advertising@theeasterner.info.

### ADVERTISING STAFF

michelle portrey, manager

Advertisements in The Easterner do not necessarily reflect the opinions of either The Easterner or EWU.

### 2010-2011 STAFF:

### **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF** james eik

easterner.editor@gmail.com 509.359.6737

### MANAGING/SPORTS EDITOR dustin toms

easterner.sports@gmail.com

### **NEWS EDITOR** nicole erickson

easterner.news@gmail.com 509.359.6270

### EAGLE LIFE EDITOR

brittany waxman easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com

509.359.6270 PHOTO EDITOR

### easterner.photo@gmail.com 509.359.4318

megan hopp

DAILY ONLINE EDITOR matt olsen

### easterner.online@gmail.com 509.359.4318

CHIEF COPY EDITOR sara io barrett

### easterner.copyeditor@gmail.com 509.359.6270

**GRAPHICS EDITOR** sophie benson

### 509.359.4318

easterner.graphics@gmail.com SENIOR REPORTER

### doug ault STAFF WRITERS

colin ancel brian beaudry dylan coil azaria podplesky

### matt davis ryan burkey

COLUMNIST bryce henderson

### COPY DESK lauren johnson

joseph schilter cassandra thompson

### **PHOTOGRAPHERS**

zach hallum aaron malmoe

### kayla mcallister

**GRAPHIC DESIGNER** michael cox

### DISTRIBUTOR

joseph schilter CARTOONIST

### michael cox STAFF ADVISER

jamie neely

### New evaluations speed up feedback

### Departments rely on student responses to improve teaching each quarter

BY DYLAN COIL staff writer

Starting winter quarter, professor evaluations, which aim to improve teaching techniques at the university, will be more conveniently distributed in a more timely manner because, according to Linda Kieffer, Vice Provost of Academic Administration, instructors are not receiving responses fast enough to make appropriate changes to their

After years of requiring multiple shipping routes to and from a company based in Kansas, Academic Affairs will now employ a new system.

With the current system, "If you teach the same course two quarters in a row, before you teach it the second time you would like the information from the first quarter. If there's something you want to change based on those responses, you want those responses back timely," Kieffer

The new evaluation forms will be created on campus using Symbolic Network Analysis Program software. This self-feeding scanner will be compatible with the new forms and outfitted for each department.

The day after [a student] completes an evaluation, they could be processed. Now, obviously the faculty cannot get the responses until grades are turned in, but immediately when grades are turned in, a unit could have the responses ready," Kieffer said.

In the new system, processing evaluation forms occurs in individual departments. The speed of the new system will allow professors to spend more time reading responses and making necessary changes to improve their course ma-

The new process also allows instructors to personalize their evaluations with additional questions or have the students complete them electronically.

In addition to providing instructors with student feedback, the scores from evaluations are a factor in deciding whether or not a professor will be given tenure or receive a

According to Keiffer, if an instructor continuously receives negative ratings, the Chair or Dean of their department will sit down with the professor and come up with an improvement plan. "Most of our professors want to be really good teachers,

and they want to know if something isn't working. So they really appreciate when the students take the time to really thoughtfully fill out these evaluations," Keiffer said. Despite what some students may think, Kieffer said

that faculty take these evaluations very seriously so students

"Even if [instructors] have been teaching the same course for 10 years, students change. It is a way that the faculty can really make sure they're reaching the students, that they're doing a good job and that they're changing with the times," she said.

### from staff reports

### Q2S debate continues

After two years of discussion, EWU has not made a decision on the proposed switch from quarters to

Open forums, which give students and faculty a chance to voice their opinions about the switch were held last month.

Since the forums ended, a draft of the Quarters to Semesters (Q2S) proposal has been submitted to the Faculty Senate and the Faculty Organization. Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU) Academic Affairs Representative Clem Bustamante said once the draft is reviewed by the ASEWU, the Q2S Committee will update it before they submit it to the Board of Trustees.

Gary Pratt, the university's chief information officer and chair of the O2S Conversion Research Committee, said the transition would take anywhere from three to four years.

He said that everything from curriculum to academic advising would need to be altered if the change takes

### GREEN DOT SPOT

### commentary by victim advocate Karen Wanjico

Some green dots are reactive. You see a situation and something tells you it isn't going to turn out right. Here is something you might observe, that could potentially lead to sexual

A person your friend just met is giving her a lot of attention. He seems like a nice enough guy, but you notice that when she tries to decline a drink, he pressures her to have it anyway. He also is asking her some very personal questions, and already has his hand on her thigh. This reminds you of what you learned about how repeat rapists

What should you do? You don't want to look like a fool. Maybe she wants to hook up. Maybe it's all innocent and he is not planning to sexually assault her. You might decide to talk with another friend and ask him or her, "I read about how men set women up for a sexual assault. What do you think of this?" The two of you might decide to hang out with her so

the guy cannot isolate her. You might decide to cause a

distraction by asking your friend, "I need some air, come with me?" Outside and away from the guy, you can ask, ""I notice he is all over you. Are you okay with that?" If she's okay and sober, then maybe she just wants to hook up. You can tell her, "Just give me a signal if he makes you uncomfortable or if you change your mind."

If you decide to directly confront him you might say, "I am not letting her go home with you. She is too drunk and I promised her I would make sure she got home safely."

If taking direct action is not your style, you might delegate the task to someone else. For example ask a friend, "That guy is pushing too hard. Will you tell him to leave her alone because she is too drunk?"

These three methods distract, direct, and delegate, are green dot strategies bystander can use. To learn more, call the victim advocate at 359.6429.





### The new going rate for a given human life: \$20

I can't think of anything more trivial than waking up at 3 a.m. the day after consuming outrageous amounts of food to beat fellow citizens to the "sales of the year."

Many claim they go out in the rat race to shop for others out of the kindness of their hearts. Cleveland. com, however, deems this claim untrue by stating that 66 percent of shoppers report actually shopping for themselves.

It's quite pathetic to see the lines of people wrapping around stores waiting to save \$100 on a video game console that their children will use for a month or a pair of jeans that will be forgotten in six months.

Not only is Black Friday trivial, it's dangerous. As people scramble to save every last penny, they receive bumps, bruises and even death.

*Ranker.com* lists the top 13 most brutal deaths and injuries ever recorded on Black Friday.

One incident includes a deadly Wal-Mart stampede. In an attempt to slow the human stampede of more than 2,000 people who rushed the doors of a Long Island Wal-Mart, workers formed a chain that proved ineffective. The mob trampled a 34-year-old employee to death to save \$20 on a PS3.

Apparently, the going rate for a human life is \$20.

On the same day as the Wal-Mart stampede in a Palm Springs Toys R Us, two women engaged in a bloody brawl, forcing their husbands to pull guns, ending in the bloody death of both fathers. All this took place in front of their children.

If Wal-Mart constantly prides themselves on "every day low prices," why do people try so hard on one day out of the year to get their treasures?

Black Friday accentuates the lack of common sense I talk about every week in this

Quit being so cheap and stupid America; low prices are not worth the price of human lives.

The views expressed here do not directly reflect the views of The Easterner. The writer can be contacted at easterner. news@gmail.com.

### Scholarships fund Eastern's most unique students for outstanding achievements

Higher education money awarded for more than just above average classroom performance

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY staff writer

Most students are unaware that their GPA is not the only factor scholarship selection committees consider when reviewing applications.

major, hobbies, volunteer activities and participation in Running Start.

"[Scholarship selection committees] know that a lot of people have other commitments, and if they see your grades aren't perfect, they will also see you are

Students can receive scholarships based on their multitasking with your love of community outreach and working to support yourself," scholarship recipient Laura Baump said.

For more information on the scholarships offered at EWU, visit the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

### BREAKDOWN OF EWU SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship & Requirements	Amount	Application	Awarded to	Deadline
EWU High Demand Tuition Reduction  Applicants must be full-time students with a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA in a following major: engineering/engineering technology; health and life sciences; secondary education in math, science, or Spanish; computer science; or mathematics.	\$2,000	Applicable students will automatically be considered for this award	More than 140 students each year	Not listed
Associated Industries Bright Promise Program  Applicants must be a Community College of Spokane student transferring to EWU, majoring in one of the following areas: health sciences, business, technology or manufacturing technology.	50 percent of one year's typical tuition	Applicable students will automatically be considered for this award	Up to 19 students	Not listed
US Army ROTC Scholarships  Applicants must be U.S. citizens between the ages of 17 and 30, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (2.8 for nursing majors), have no civil convictions, and pass the physical exam and the Army and Presidential Physical Fitness Test.	Full tuition, fees, \$1,200 annual allowance for books, supplies and equipment. A tax-free stipend of \$300-\$500 is also given to contracted scholarship winners.	See Military Science Department	Not listed	Not listed
University Honors Program Scholarship  Applicants must be new freshmen or transfer students. Freshmen applicants must have a minimum  3.6 cumulative high school GPA with "superior" SAT reading and math scores. Transfer applicants must have an associates degree and a minimum 3.7 cumulative GPA.	\$3,000 to \$6,000 per year	See University Honors department	Amount of scholarships given varies by year	Not listed
Presidential Scholarship Applicants must be new freshmen and Washington residents.	\$2,500 per year (renewable)	Application to EWU qualifies as this scholarship's application	Not listed	February 15
Eastern Advantage Scholarship  Applicants must be freshmen, a first generation college student (meaning neither parent holds a four year degree), a Washington resident and a U.S. or eligible non-citizen.	\$1,500	See Eastern Advantage Program http://access.ewu. edu/oti/eastern- advantage.xml	Up to 250 students	Not listed
EWU First Scholars  Applicants must be freshmen who have participated in a FIRST Tech Challenge, a FIRST Robotics  Competition or Project Lead the Way during high school and plan to major in engineering, technology, mathematics or computer science.	\$2,000 (renewable)	Submit verification of FIRST or Project Lead the Way participation to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office	15 students each year	Not listed
Running Start Scholars  Applicants must have completed at least 30 EWU unning start credits with a 3.3 or higher cumulative GPA.	\$1,500	General EWU Scholarship Application	30 students each year	February 15

### SAFETY

from front page

Jessica Cole, another Eastern student, is enrolled in the same senior capstone course and echoes similar sentiments to those of Barton.

"It's dark out and I don't know who is outside and there is usually nobody else walking around. I never walk close to bushes or trees and try to walk out in the open," said Cole. "I always keep my

cell phone and keys in hand so I am not ruffling through my purse when I get to

According to Deputy Chief of Campus Police Gary Gasseling, "[Students] shouldn't put themselves in a position where they are walking alone. It is easier for us to drive over and provide an escort rather than deal with an assault charge."

To combat these fears, EWU recently started the Dark Sky Initiative, a program that replaces the old lighting fixtures on campus with ones that provide more direct lighting on walkways and parking lots.

Better lighting would make me feel better," said Barton. "The back parking lot is really desolate, and it's in a bad area

of town. It's right by the railroad tracks, and there is a barbed wire fence right next to it. It gives off an eerie vibe."

Replacement of campus lighting has already began and will be completed later this year. For more information on self-defense courses or police escorts, contact the EWU Police at (509) 535-

Parking will begin selling Winter Quarter parking permits on Friday December 3rd, 2010. All permits are sold first come first serve. To purchase a permit please come to 131 Tawanka, office hours are 8 AM to 4:45 PM Monday thru Friday. Please remember to make sure all parking infractions are satisfied, or you will not be able to purchase a permit. Only ONE campus permit per person is allowed. Please call Parking Services at 359-7275 for further information.



509.624.1252

9621 E. Sprague Ave 509.926.1881

Fees vary by donor

www.cslplasma.com



### Board adds new members

Members make themselves available to EWU campus

BY DOUG AULT senior reporter

The Board of Trustees added two new members last month with the induction of Chair of the Board Bertha Ortega and Student Trustee Amanda Zeller.

"I'm looking forward to trying to make a difference," said Zeller. "Higher education is something that's always been hit hard [by the economy]. To be on the board and to have the impact possibly to make life at Eastern more positive, bigger and brighter, stronger — that's something I'm really looking forward to."

"When we commit to serve on the board, it's a commitment we take very seriously. We're changing lives and policies for everyone, not just students."

- Bertha Ortega

recommended for the position by former Associated Student of EWU president Ryan Eucker last year. After several interviews and a review by the state governor's office, Gov. Gregoire officially appointed Zeller to the position in October.

Zeller was

Bertha Ortega, who had been vice chair for the previous two years, joins Zeller in gaining a new role this year. Having someone else step into a new position eases a bit of the tension.

"It's a little less intimidating to have somebody who is kind of learning a new role within the board, as I'm learning my role as I go," Zeller

Zeller considers herself lucky to be supported by a group of approachable trustees that are happy to help with clarification about policies, procedures and other topics of discussion. Having served on the board since 2002, Ortega is familiar with what other board members bring to the table.

"We have a really good group of trustees that are working well together," said Ortega. "We have a group of trustees that are very caring. It's not something we take lightly; we're not a rubber stamp board. We work closely with administrators to make sure we do the job best as we can."

Ortega was considered for the role of chair last year, but declined due to scheduling conflicts at Heritage University in Toppenish, Wash., of which she was a founding member. Last year, her duties included serving on a board that appointed the president of the university. That process took several months and included numerous applicants. Now that a president has been selected, Ortega looks forward to making an impact at Eastern.

"To hear the students voices is really important; it's why we're there at Eastern," said Ortega. "We take it pretty serious. We want to hear student voices."

Zeller shares Ortega's view on the importance of hearing the voice of the student body. She encourages students to contact her with any input they might have by e-mailing her at *studenttrustee@ewu.edu*.

"I hope if any student has any questions or concerns, they can feel free to come to me," said Zeller. "Without them, I wouldn't know how they're feeling or what they seek when they come to campus. If I don't know how they feel, I'm going to go off what I feel. I love that extra input."

Both members plan to treat the responsibility of listening to students and implementing ways to improve the university with the appropriate gravity. Ortega, for example, drives three hours each way from her home in Zillah to attend the monthly board meetings.

"When we commit to serve on board, it's a commitment we take very seriously," said Ortega. "We're changing lives and policies for everyone, not just students."

In addition to serving on the board, Zeller is pursuing her degree in government with a pre-law option and plans to continue at Eastern for grad school to earn her masters in public administration. While Zeller knows the combination of schoolwork and serving on the board will keep her busy, she is extremely excited about the opportunity presented to her.

"It's going to be a very useful experience. It will help me grow as a person and grow professionally. I consider it a very huge honor to represent my school, to represent the entire campus community. I'm just one girl, but I can make that difference."

### Student musicians bring in revenue

Annual jazz events include competitions and performances to provide learning opportunities and small monetary profit

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY staff writer

ach year, the EWU jazz program holds several different festivals and events. While they raise a lot of money, each festival costs the program as well.

Nearly a dozen jazz events are held yearly, including two summer jazz camps; a fall jazz festival; festivals in the region; three to four residencies with nationally recognized musicians, composers and educators; outreach concerts at schools; and performances at local venues like Gatto's Pizzeria and Ichiban Sushi Lounge.

According to Rob Tapper, professor of trombone and jazz studies, each event requires a lot of financial support.

"Everything from marketing and mailings to paying for guest artist travel and hotel rooms and promotional Tshirts is part of each [event's] specific budget," he said in an e-mail.

To put on these events and festivals, the jazz program uses funds from the Associated Students of EWU and the College of Arts, Letters and Education.

"Without these sources, we could not give the students, the university and community these marvelous opportunities," Tapper said.

While the exact amount of money made from each event is unknown, Tapper says that one of the main goals of each festival is to make money.



Jazz festivals aim to bring revenue to campus.

flickr.com

"The goal of everything we do is to not lose money. That is impossible in every case, but some events realize this ideal."

Any money made from the events is given back to the students in the form of financial support for the music department.

Though making money is a focus of each festival, Tapper said that educating each student and giving them opportunities to perform is the main objective.

New and experienced student musicians perform in events specific to their levels of experience.

The less experienced musicians have the opportunity to perform at local venues and during Jazz Residencies and guest clinicians.

The more experienced musicians perform as the featured artists at various festivals and as the evening entertainment during EWU's fall festival.

"The goal [is] to have all of our students experience what it takes to prepare, relate and perform as a professional," said Tapper. "Some events are higher profile so the top groups perform and some are geared especially for our younger, less experienced students."

If you've attended a music festival, we want to know what you thought.

Let us know at easterneronline.com.





### Meal Count Extravaganza December 1st - December 10th

### Baldy's & Swoop's

Meal Counts will be accepted with a purchase value of \$7.00 Extravaganza does not include prepackaged items Watch for daily specials

Eagle Express Market, Morris Street Market, PUB Eagle Espresso, Thirsty Minds (JFK), Tawanka Beverage, Bakery & Bistro and The Roost

Meal Counts will be accepted with a purchase value of \$5.00

Purchases over the value of 1 Meal Count will require an additional Meal Count or Ala Carte points

Multiple Meal Counts can be used at one time

Meal Counts will expire End of Day on December 10th

Enjoy your counts and spend them wisely





### Cheney, campus officials proud of counter picketers

More than a month after the Westboro Baptist Church visited the corner of Elm and Washington Streets, police are impressed by how students and local residents behaved

BY NICOLE ERICKSON news editor

ride seems to be the only lasting impression after the Westboro Baptist Church (WBC) picket held in Cheney just over a month ago.

"I have to admire the way the students handled themselves, the preparation that all the different groups put in to making sure it was a controlled environment ... allowed them to express themselves," EWU Deputy Chief Gary Gasseling said.

The WBC is a church from Kansas with roughly 100 members, 80 percent of which are directly related to founder and preacher Fred Phelps. The church sends members across the country to picket soldiers' funerals and spread what they deem "the word of God" to schools. They brought their message to Eastern Oct. 21.

'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 said at the

Eastern police estimated a that crowd of more than 1,000 students and Cheney residents counter-picketed the WBC group of fewer than 10. While rival and stated that they would

**WINNER 8 2007 TONY AWARDS** 

the event was loud and passionate on both sides, Eastern and Cheney police said that aside from a couple minor exceptions, everyone behaved them-

The first incident, described by Cheney Police Lieutenant Dave Mather, was a student bringing water balloons filled with Tabasco sauce. When asked about them, Mather said, "the student just gave them up, so no arrest was made."

"I am really proud of the students, the Eagles, and how they handled this messare of hate."

Dave Mather

The second incident involved a student running through a Cheney resident's house in an attempt to get to the WBC to read scripture.

"The student was arrested on charges of burglary because he entered the house," Mather said. "I am really proud of the students, the Eagles, and how they handled this message of

Preparation for the picket was no easy task. The WBC contacted the City of Cheney about a month prior to their arlike a safe place to picket and cooperation from local police.

"It was our job to see how we could make it as easy as possible for them to protest," said Mather. "They actually sent us a thank you letter after the

According to the Eagle Pride Center, The Social Justice League at EWU also wrote a thank you letter, but Jordan Keithley, president of the club, was unavailable for comment.

In addition to this letter, Eagle Pride had students sign papers for the WBC saying Thanks for bringing our campus together.'

Stacy Butler and Justin Terry of the Associated Students of EWU agreed that the WBC coming to Cheney had a positive effect.

"AS[EWU] set up a booth at the beginning and there were a couple kids there, and I was like, 'Oh, there won't be that many.' And then all of the sudden the whole Dressler basketball court was full, and I was like, 'Woah.' I didn't expect that many students to be there, so I thought it went really well," Butler said.

In addition to pride throughout Cheney, students have felt a broader sense of acceptance.

"I feel free to be myself seeing how many people came out and supported us," Eastern student Evan Dornfeld said.

The counter picket had the biggest turn out in Eastern Washington, which further



Students maintain peaceful composure throughout the half-hour long picket.

united Eastern's campus.

'Several Eagle Pride members have come together," said Sandra Williams, the Pride Center coordinator. "This was one of the first times they felt celebrated on campus, and it really meant a lot."

In response to Eastern's massive crowd, Shirley Phelps-Roper of the WBC said in an

e-mail, "If you want to know how what we think about the counter pickets, we love them (sic)!" The WBC maintained their platform of spreading the word of God and said that each counter picketer is their target audience.

"How good is that?!" she wrote. "It makes is so much easier to deliver the message when was really reaffirming to see."

the get out there and lay their eyes on the signs (sic)."

Eastern shared the appreciation for the event as well.

"It went off really well. It was fun to see all the people out there, all the bright colors, all the 'Gay? Fine by me' shirts," said Steve Bertram, manager of residential life operations. "It

### **REMODEL** from front page

and gain their aspect of everything," Butler said. Butler, who also serves as committee chair, added that about 20 students turned out for the open forum in Cheney with positive attitudes.

The proposed project would add more space for clubs, increase food variety, and upgrade the student lounge and movie theater. It could cost anywhere from \$25 to \$50 million.

"Nothing we have is definite," said Butler. "Costs vary on different things, depending on the information we get everyday from students."

Ultimately, students will decide what is added. Butler said the PUB board is looking at either a low-end quarterly fee of \$55 per quarter

or a high-end fee of \$100 per quarter. Estimates are subject to change based on a student vote that is expected to happen sometime next year.

More forums will be held in January and Butler encourages all students to voice their opinion. For those who cannot attend, Butler asked that students feel free to make an appointment with her to address their questions and concerns. She can be contacted at (509) 359-

'There are so many options and the students really hold all [of] the power here. It's their building," said Butler. "But I want to reiterate that nothing is concrete."



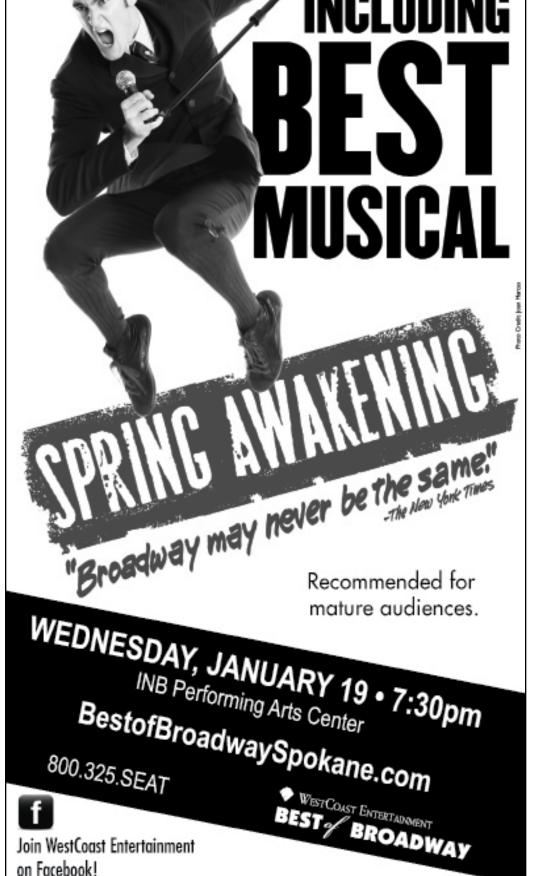
from front page

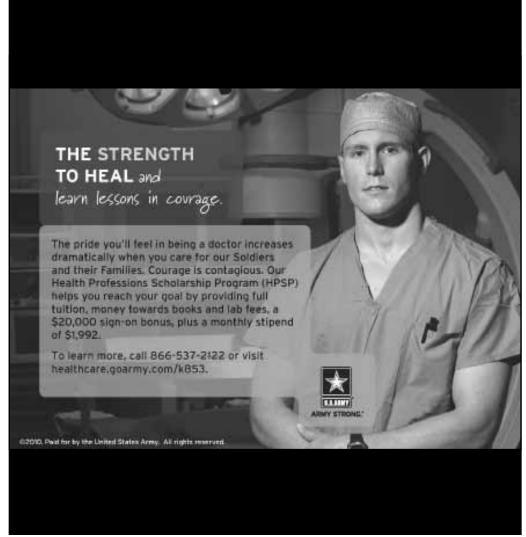
emergency vehicles like fire trucks and ambulances to make it down the road," said Campbell. "In that situation, though we issued parking tickets, we did not charge the tow bill; the city paid the tow bill. We did charge the storage

fee because we were incurring those costs on a daily basis, and that encouraged people to come get their cars so we're not just storing them for the winter. That is a rare occasion."

Campbell does not expect towing bills to be waived again

unless snowfall is as rapid and heavy as it was in previous years. If there is a steady but manageable snowfall, instead of receiving the city's courtesy, violators of the snow policy can only look forward to a slew of fines.





### When cows go moo:

Humans benefit from the PMS-fighting, bonefortifying, Oreo-deliciousizing hero that is milk

BY CASSANDRATHOMPSON copy editor

Without milk, babies would be underweight and Oreo cookies would forever go undipped. Nature creates this beneficial beverage to nourish the young and delight the old. Good for the body and soul, milk is a staple in many houses.

Gotmilk.com offers many reasons why we should love milk. Surprisingly the Oreo, milk's favorite cookie, does not top the list. Milk is good for hair, nails, skin and muscles. It contains casein and whey, which help rebuild muscles after a workout, and minerals to prevent cramping. Want to slow bone loss, maintain bone density and reduce your risk of bone disease and fractures? Reach for a glass of milk. Think you can get those benefits from other drinks? Research says that 75 percent of calcium added to popular beverages gets left at the bottom of the carton.

Milk contains calcium, antibacterials and proteins proven to promote oral health. It also has enzymes proven to aid sleep. As far back as 1500 B.C., the prescribed remedy for sleep deprivation was a glass of milk. If you still aren't convinced, here is another reason to appreciate the effects of milk: research has proven a diet rich in

high calcium foods, like milk, can cut the symptoms of PMS

Not only does a cold glass of milk taste delicious, but it is also tremendously beneficial. Not a fan of the taste? Worry not. Enjoying hot chocolate, a blended holiday beverage, a milkshake or a bowl of ice cream can give you the same benefits of regular milk. To start on the calcium ridden path to a healthy mind, body and soul, visit http://www.gotmilk.com/#/recipes. There you will find recipes for a peppermint mocha martini, holiday frozen chocolate and even an orange dreamsicle and a cold, calm and collected smoothie.

Humans must suffer the "cow juice" that haunts the palette with freaky taste and bovine origins

BY LAUREN JOHNSON copy editor

There is no good reason for humans to drink cow milk. If you say we drink milk because it tastes good, then you are just crazy. Milk is one of the lowest options on my list of "Tasty Beverages." I don't remember a time when milk tasted good: not with my cereal, not with hot chocolate, not even with my Oreos. Every time I think that it might just taste good with my snack, I am reminded that it tastes bitter and watered down. It doesn't matter if it is vitamin D, whole, or 2 percent, they

all taste pretty gross.

On top of my overall dislike of the taste, why would I want to drink the milk from another animal? Most people would not be comfortable with drinking walrus or giraffe milk. Why is it okay to drink from a cow or a goat? It is probably just a cultural norm to drink this fat-packed liquid from these animals, but it seems weird. The whole reason mammals produce milk is to fatten up their babies and help them survive. Most adult humans do not need to fatten up to survive, so why drink it?

Another reason people may rationalize drinking milk is to "get more calcium." Contrary to popular thought, milk isn't the best source of calcium you can get. Some calcium-fortified orange juice has more calcium than milk, and I know the juice of an orange tastes a lot better than the juice of a cow. Even some types of sardines have more calcium than milk.

The milk we drink is made for newborn cows so they can get nice and fat. It doesn't have as much calcium as you think, and it tastes gross.

I haven't even mentioned what hormones they give to the cows and how they are treated just so we can drink their milk.

With all of this, why do we keep drinking it?

# GENIIS



Using government funding, Boston University has developed a new kind of artificial intelligence capable of reasoning with intuition and negotiating ambiguity.

# OF THE WEEK



Donna Simpson of New Jersey plans to set a world record for being the fattest woman at 1,000 pounds. So far, she is 400 pounds from her goal and plans on consuming more than 1,200 calories a day to reach her target.

### P.



### Terrorists are depleting US funds

BY DYLAN CON

Anyone keeping an eye on national news during their holiday festivities may have noticed continuing reports of increased airport security and accusations of molestation by Transportation Security

Administration (TSA) employees.

These security measures, fueled by two printer-bombs planted on cargo planes and other terrorist threats, were enacted to protect Americans and cease in-air terrorist activities. These threats, designed to put a damper on the goals of an anti-western agenda, may be exactly what Muslim extremists wanted from the U.S. govern-

An article published in a special edition of Inspire, an English language magazine published by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, outlined a plan that would be carried out with the intent of raising government funding of airport security. With our economy in shambles, these extra costs have come at the worst possible time.

ABC news published the article "Al Queda Promises U.S. Death By A "Thousand Cuts" on their online source, The Blotter. ABC cited the article published by al-Quida as saying the attack was meant to "force the U.S. government to spend billions of dollars on preventive security screening measures."

Since these new screening measures have been implemented, several incidents have occurred. A Michigan traveler and "Not only have these terrorist threats caused the U.S. to waste billions of national funds, but they have also directly caused an increase in anti-government sentiment."

Dylan Coil

bladder cancer survivor was left covered in urine after being groped by a security officer. In North Carolina, a flight attendant had to remove her prosthetic breast during a pat-down, leaving her humiliated.

Not only have these terrorist threats caused the U.S. to waste billions of national funds, but they have also directly caused an increase in anti-government sentiment among Americans. It seems very obvious these extreme security measures are doing more harm than good.

I am not arguing for a decrease in national security, but when the government is giving terrorists the exact outcome they wish for, we need to ask ourselves to what end these new regulations are serving U.S.

While Washington airports are using body scanners, no formal charges have been reported. The possibility still exists and TSA employees reserve the right to thoroughly search anyone they choose. If Washingtonians don't stand up for their inherent freedoms, they will soon be taken away for the sake of homeland security.

Freedom can be jeopardized to keep our home-front safe, but only to a certain extent. Being groped and molested by strangers is crossing the line. In the case of the woman from Charlotte, North Carolina, she worked for an airline and took pride in her job. A cancer survivor and a dedicated employee, she was the last person who deserved to have her civil liberties

What is comical about this whole situation is that al-Qaida spent a total of \$4,200 purchasing HP printers and Nokia cell phones to use in their plan known as "Operation Hemorrhage." Compared to billions the U.S. has spent on the war on terror and beefing up airport security, it is pathetic that our country is still on the losing end of this battle.

Violence and massive death tolls are not the only consequences of terrorist acts the U.S. should worry about. The goal of terrorism is to weaken Western powers from the inside while depleting our national funds and reputation. They have succeeded in these aims and many others. Chaos and destruction are often bi-products.

As a country, we need to give our enemies more credit and realize they are worthy opponent with strategic military planning. Until we are disillusioned, our government will continue to chase its tail in the war on terror and a successful outcome will never be reached.

### Exploiting the vampire craze in primetime TV

BY WOO KIM contributing writer

I once wrote an opinion piece about remakes of the '80s North American movies and television series and how some of the public overreacted in their disdain that these television series and movies were being remade. At the time, I thought they were overreacting. Now, I tend to agree that some things were meant to stay in the past.

in the past. Last weekend, I changed my mind as I logged onto E! Online and read that Warner Bros. was going to relaunch the '90s TV series and film Buffy The Vampire Slayer into a new film franchise. This surprised me a little because the TV series hasn't even been off the air 10 years. But what really disappointed me was the news that Buffy The Vampire Slayer creator Joss Whedon wouldn't be involved in the relaunch. I found this very disrespectful and pointless.

However, just the idea that Warner Bros. doesn't feel the need to involve the man who did something like taking a failed movie from 1992, also remade in 1997, and reviving it for seven seasons is wrong

From the point of view of Warner Bros., I have to think

that they feel nostalgic. Their television series "The Vampire Diaries" is doing well on The CW network, and unless one has been cut off from all communication, everyone realizes that stories that have anything to do with vampires are going to generate big cash returns.

From a business point of view, I understand their move, but as a fan, I don't enjoy or understand the relaunch. Most of the performers, if not all of the performers from the TV series, are still in show business, and many of them are doing well such as Alyson Hannigan on the TV sitcom "How I Met Your Mother,' Seth Green on the series "Family Guy" and "Robot Chicken" and David Boreanaz on the TV series "Bones." From what I hear, none of the original actors will be in this new project.

Joss Whedon said in a statement from E! Online, "I have strong, mixed emotions." Well, I have strong emotions but they are not mixed. I am not against relaunching old ideas, but when it hasn't even been 10 years since something ended and the only reason to revive it is to make cash, regardless whether they have a compelling new way to tell a story. No pun intended, but let the dead stay dead.

### MASTHEAD

The Easterner strives to provide EWU students and staff with the opportunity to comment or express their opinions and/or views on any topic relevant to our readers. We encourage the campus community to submit letters and opinion pieces that conform to the requirements listed below. Opinion articles and letters to the editor do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Easterner, its staff members or Eastern Washington University.

### THE EASTERNER EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor-in-chief james eik easterner.editor@gmail.com

Managing/sports editor dustin toms easterner.sports@gnail.com

News editor nicole regisson easterner.news@gmail.com

Eagle life editor erittant walman easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com

Chief copt editor Sara jo ballett Easterner.copteditor@gmail.com LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ADDRESS: The Easterner, Room 102 EWU, Isle Hall Chency, MA 9004 sartener, original com-

REQUIREMENTS

 Letters should be 300 words or less, and typed or hand-written legibly.
 Include your full name, signature,

telephone number and e-mail address for verification.

We reserve the right not to pub-

lish letters; furthermore, all letters are subject to editing. - Letters must be received by no later than Monday at 3 p.m. in or-

der to be considered for publication the following Wednesday.

If your letter is in response to a

 If your setter is in response to a specific article, please list the title and date of the article.



Bryce Henderson

### Winter driving: no reason to panic

BY BRYCE HENDERSON

Well-known methods to study humans include separating humankind based on race, religion, gender, sexuality, political status and whether they like their toilet paper roll over or under.

But categorization is best left to social and cultural studies courses. What I want to talk about today is far more important: There are basically two types of people in the world: those who can drive in the snow and those who can't.

The weather has already dumped payloads on us, and with winter break approaching, it can easily be said that one's worth is measured, at least partially, by how well they drive in the snow.

Let's be clear: It's just snow, people!

I'm talking to you, Seattle. From what I hear, the few inches that fell on the west side left a near ghost town. The streets were so deserted that even the criminals were too afraid to go out and steal TVs. One would think it was a nuclear apocalypse and everybody went to hide in the half dozen west side Republican bomb shelters.

Shape up. You're not allowed to act like "The Day After Tomorrow" is coming true unless the snow is at least blocking the door. Buy some warmer clothes, studded tires and don't always expect school to be canceled.

That's one extreme of people's stupidity about snow. And it's not completely their fault since, honestly, they just aren't accustomed to having to deal with the stuff. The other extreme of snow stupidity is easy for even the best of us to fall into. All that needs to be said for it, however, is that just because you're driving a truck does not mean you are immune to skidding off the road into a ditch.

### Test deters online drunk posts

Spokane web security firm creates prevention software for social media sites

Students no longer have to worry about waking up to see embarrassing wall posts, tweets or comments from the night before thanks to 14Four, an online development agency based in Spokane.

14Four, along with Webroot, a web security firm based in Boulder, Colo., and TDA, an ad agency also based in Boulder, has created the Social Media Sobriety Test. This software prevents users from posting updates to sites like Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and Youtube while they

Webroot and TDA came up with the idea for the Social Media Sobriety Test and contacted 14Four, with whom they had worked on several projects in the past. It took the agencies two months to brainstorm and create the sobriety test.

"Webroot and TDA wanted to protect people online in a fun way," said Ryan Moede, director of client strategy at 14Four. "From a technical perspective, the Social Media Sobriety Test would provide support and block users from updating Facebook and Twitter when they are most likely to be intoxicated."

The Social Media Sobriety Test allows users to specify what times they would like websites to require a test before they are allowed to post something. Every time a user logs on to Facebook during the predetermined time range, they will have to complete one of seven randomly generated tests before they can update their status or leave a comment on a friend's page.

"The tests are pretty simple. You may have to draw a straight line with the mouse



or keep the mouse in a moving circle," said Moede. "The tests are just to make sure you are in your right mind and that you are thinking properly."

Currently, users are only able to download software extensions for web browsers like Firefox and Internet Explorer, though Webroot could potentially expand the sobriety test to mobile devices, 14Four producer Molly Enkema told The Spokesman-

Freshman Cindy Chen says that while she thinks the test is a good idea, its effectiveness will depend on the individual.

"If a person cares about whether or not they are embarrassed online, then they will

probably download and use the test," she said. "If they don't care about what they post, then they probably won't download the test at all."

Despite the test's questionable effectiveness, Moede believes that the sobriety test is a positive change for social media.

"Everyone realizes that the Social Media Sobriety Test is a fun thing. It is a change from the bland and boring brand of Internet security we have had in the past," he said.

For those interested in obtaining a free download version of The Social Media Sobriety Test sofware, vist the 14four website at socialmediasobrietytest.com.



### Holiday guide for shopping on a budget

The holiday shopping season can be intimidating, especially for college students on a budget; however, you don't have to be a self proclaimed "professional shopper" to bypass those holiday headaches and find great

Whether you were one of the brave and savvy shoppers who endured Black Friday or not, the thought of holiday shopping can be as daunting as those lines of eager women congregating around the department store entrance.

But never fear, you budding fashionistas. Great deals can be found without enduring endless lines and hours of mall trekking. Using some simple tips, you can stretch your college budget. But before you start burning through that plastic, set time aside to compose a holiday budget. By giving yourself a number to stick to, spending money you don't have can be avoided. Also, try composing a list of people you plan on purchasing items for and stick to it.

### Go big or go home:

Although tiny boutiques and thrift stores are good for browsing and personal gifts, you're more likely to find discounts at larger stores. Bigger chains often will hold more merchandise, resulting in a higher turnover rate. To move their stagnant products, stores offer discounts, especially during the holiday season.

### Super saver shipping: bypass the shipping fee

Good deals can be found online, but, more often than not, those "deals" lose their luster after additional shipping and taxes. Sidestep those pesky shipping fees by visiting your nearest store location. Even if they are out of your particular item, a store representative can often find the product at a partner location. At this point stores will often waive the shipping

### Rags to riches: exchange old gift cards for things you want

Most likely you have received those odd or sometimes impersonal gift cards. If they somehow manage to survive the black hole that is your purse or wallet, your cards can be exchanged for a more personal or suitable item(s). Use websites such as plasticjungle.com or swapagift.com for exchanges or 60 percent of the cards values in cold hard cash.

### Paper trail: hold on to those receipts

Most department stores do price adjustments every 14 days. Keep your receipts and check in with the store once a week, with a little persistence you can snag some hot deals.

The views expressed here do not directly reflect the views of The Easterner. The writer can be contacted at easterner. eaglelife@gmail.com.

### "No-shave November" feeds families

URC staff boycotts shaving to help less fortunate in EWU's annual fundraiser

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY

For the last month, the men of the URC competed in "No-shave November" as a fundraiser for Cheney's Second Har-

Each employee encouraged URC visitors to fill banana-box treasure chests with

"We try to get competitive between employees and members. When you're in here working every day at the same time, you get to know the people that are on your shift. So you try to recruit them for your team, and they bring in food," trainer Mike Mosier said.

Despite the competition, however, this year's haul was not as fruitful as previous years for the URC. By Nov. 29, just two boxes were full of non-perishable foods.

Even though the URC staff wasn't able to collect as much as last year, they still have the opportunity to cash in on their beards. A number of prizes will be given in December for beards that excelled in a variety of categories.

"At the end of the month, we're going to have a competition to see who has the grossest or most rugged one," said Mosier. "Most of the guys are keeping them trimmed up. Unfortunately, I can't grow enough facial hair. But if I could, I definitely would not keep it trimmed up."

A month's worth of face fur wore some

"[It's been] stressful and itchy, too. I kind of cheat and line myself up," Albert girlfriend doesn't have a problem with the Khandzhayan said, a customer service rep-

Supervisor Eric Gaulden participated in last year's effort. While pleased with the food drive results last year, Gaulden was not a fan of the fuzz.

"I hated it. That's kind of why I'm not participating in it this year ... I can't grow a beard," said Gaulden. "But [last year] I did it, and it was dirty. My girlfriend at the time didn't really like it. I wasn't a fan. When it comes in all patchy, it's not fun."

Scott Woolley's girlfriend "hates" his beard, too. He and fellow skate desk employee Herb Sandhu, however, enjoy the positives of avoiding the razor for a month. "I like it. It gets itchy every once in a

while, but ..." said Sandhu, pausing. "It's nothing your fingers can't tickle,"

Woolley finished. "I save a lot of money on shaving

cream ... and it definitely keeps you warm during the winter," Sandhu said. It's easier for Mosier to maintain a

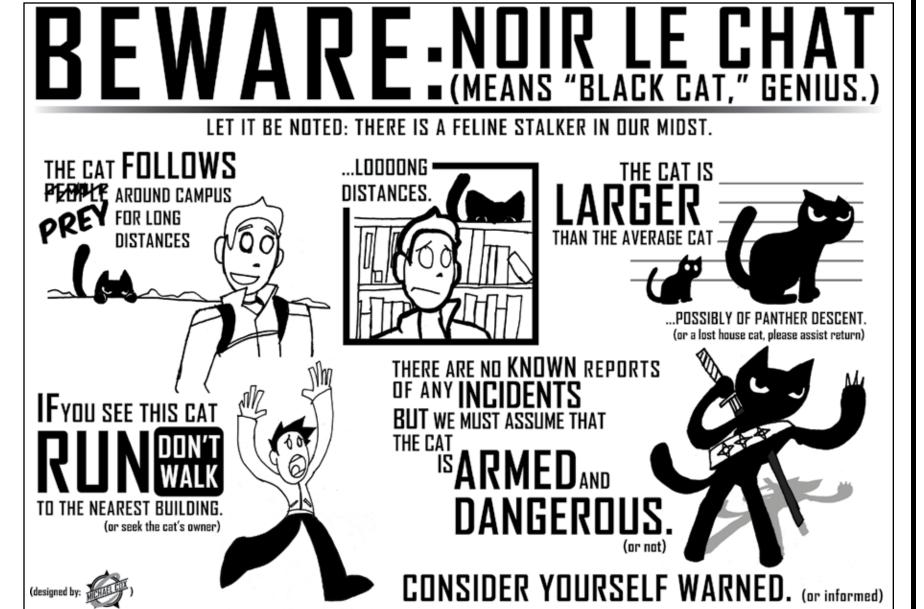
positive outlook on the month — his

"She doesn't mind it at all," said Mosier. "She thinks it's cool because we're trying to get food to help the food bank."

With this year's haul for charity lacking, the staff still hoped for a strong finish.

"I ask people every day, 'Hey, next time you come in, bring some food and put it in our box," said Kristine Siler, an assistant director of the URC. "We just want to get as much food as we can. We don't really have a set goal, but we'd like everyone to fill up their boxes, at least."

Lucky for Cheney, these men are willing to sacrifice a smooth face for charity.





### 'Dazed and Confused' returns to theaters

Eastern professor Tom Mullin analyzes iconic '70s film during 13th annual Spokane film festival

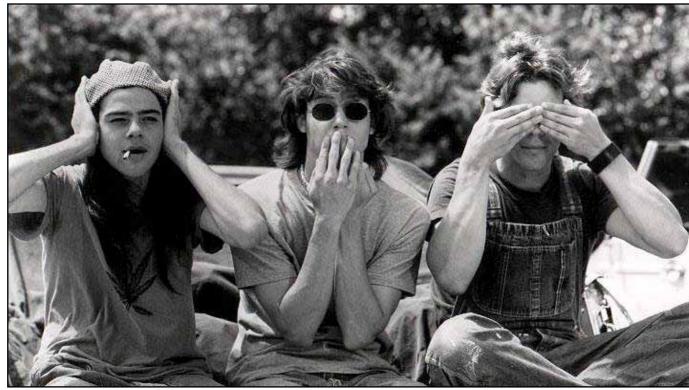
BY DOUG AULT senior reporter

"Dazed and Confused" graced the big screen in Spokane for the first time in years during EWU film professor Tom Mullin's presentation for the Fall Professor Series.

The viewing was one of the fall special events hosted by the Spokane International Film Festival. The event will present its thirteenth annual showcase of domestic and foreign films from Feb. 3 through 13. The fall events served as an attention grabber for those unfamiliar to the festival.

Mullin was one of five local professors to host a screening at the Magic Lantern Theatre in Spokane. Previous weeks saw appearances by Gonzaga, Whitworth, and Spokane Falls professors screening films of their choice ranging from "Dr. Strangelove" to "Children of Men." Each film was introduced with background information from the featured professor about what to look for and concluded with an audience-involved discussion. Rather than talk too much about the film, Mullin chose to keep it brief.

"I've never seen this in theaters before, and I wanted to see where people laugh," Mullin said. Though he has seen the 1993 Richard Linklater coming of age tale an estimated 15



Rory Cochrane as "Slater," Jason London as "Randal 'Pink' Floyd" and Sasha Jenson as "Don Dawson" in "Dazed and Confused." Google.com

times, he had never seen it on the big screen.

After the screening, Mullin discussed the problems involved with nostalgic flicks. He mentioned that the electrifying soundtrack in "Dazed and Confused" might be an act of damage control. The music, he argued, works to evoke feelings that are not there in the visuals.

"You have to be careful about nostalgia and why it works for you," Mullin said.

Pete Porter, Eastern film professor and director of the festival, joined Mullin as they

discussed the passivity and androgyny of the main character, conflicted teenage soul Randall "Pink" Floyd. Mullin described Floyd's passivity as "anti-[John] Wayne" and commented on his looks by concluding, "Pink might be the prettiest person in the movie."

Porter discussed how "blankness works" and Floyd's passivity allows the viewer to project what they want to see in the character.

As a very likeable and wildly popular person, Floyd serves as a navigator through the various groups in the film, Porter said. Mullin and Porter went on to talk about how the film, though considered a comedy, actually features some pretty serious subject matter like fear about the future, discontent and rituals of violence and submission.

"It's very heavy handed, gloomy about the problems of the future," Mullin said. "The heavy handedness is taken as 'feel good.'"

Mullin did have great things to say about the film's editing, directing and rhythm,

calling them "energetic" and "terrific."

"For a young director, he handles a large cast beautifully," Mullin said.

Porter is excited about the festival line-up, including "Kings of Pastry," a documentary taking a look at a dessert cookoff; "Kawasaki Rose," winner of Best Foreign Language Film from the Czech Republic; and "Matchmaker," a romantic comedy. With these films being played in Spokane for the first time, the festival crew look forward to the annual event.

# Humpday

### Sex toy talk opens taboos for discussion

BY AMANDA THOMPSON contributing writer

Sex is a three letter word often followed closely by some form of confusion or nervous excitement. Deep down, many of us deal with this natural experience in our own way but by being open about the subject, we can make "sex talks" less unnerving.

When it comes to sexual enlightenment, Laurel Kelly, Eastern's health education coordinator, is our campus guru of health and wellness. Kelly holds a key insight to sex education, which can come in handy for the 70 percent of EWU students who claimed to be sexually active on the ACHA survey taken every two years at Eastern.

Coordinating "sex talks" for more than 10 years, Kelly and her Health and Wellness Team (H.A.W.T) aim to fight unsafe sex and common misconceptions through on campus programs that occur throughout the year.

When I heard that one of the H.A.W.T's events, "Sex Toys: A box of toys you won't get bored of," was going on at my residence hall, I signed up faster than you could say con-

As I walked into Streeter Hall, I couldn't help but notice the display of sex-related products set out for all 30 in attendance.

As we settled into our seats for the evening, the nerves were instantly put to bed, so to speak, as an ice breaker began. Penis and vagina were written plainly on a piece of poster board and we all shouted out possible slang terms for each body part.

"The introduction of the words penis and vagina brought everyone out of their comfort zones," Kelly said.

"Getting people comfortable and out of their boxes allows us to get away from the traditional ways of thinking about sex."

As the night went on, we discussed the contraceptive timeline, explored the kinky world of sex toys which involved receiving a bag of pleasuring devices that were discussed within small groups, and reviewed the always important condom on a banana experiment.

Interesting statistics came up when Kelly shared that college students are particularly at risk for sexual diseases or infections, often attributed to unsafe sexual practices.

"The three commonly used methods of contraception for college students are birth control, condoms and 'pulling out," Kelly said. With a clever end to the

night, banana splits were handed out and free condoms (both male and female) were offered. As I grabbed my banana

split and a condom with the mug of Marilyn Monroe on the package, I left feeling informed and entertained. If your residence hall has yet to have a sex toy talk,

stop by the Health and Wellness office in the URC for event information. Sex toy programs are offered yearly in all residence

check with the main office or

2010 exhibition features EWU faculty talent

Featured speaker and artist Jamie Hahn lectures on photography at annual campus exposition

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY staff writer

After helping students prepare artwork for exhibition, the faculty will showcase their talent in the 2010 Faculty Exhibition.

"The idea behind the Faculty Exhibition is to show the students and the campus community some of the current research and works being created by the art faculty," said Chris Tyllia, the interim gallery director, in an e-mail. "It is important for the students to see a glimpse of their teacher's practice outside the classroom since we are not only full-time instructors, but also working artists. The goal is to educate. It lets the students see the different voices and points of view that each of the faculty have."

The EWU Gallery of Art will be exhibiting works created by nearly a dozen faculty members. Participation in the Exhi-



Featured staff art in 2010 exhibit.

Photo courtesy of Adrian Freuen

bition is not required of faculty, but it is highly encouraged.

This year's exhibition features work by Tom Askman,

Mindy Breen, Greg Dumonthier, Adrian Freuen, Jamie Hahn, Kristine Hwang, Jenny Hyde, Lisa Nappa, Roger

Ralston, James Scarcello, Garric Simonsen and Chris Tyllia.

The Faculty Exhibition is an annual event. This year, the exhibition featured a gallery talk from Jamie Hahn, a lecturer in photography first employed by Eastern in September.

Hahn is a photographer, painter and digital artist but is currently focused on photography in the form of artist books and prints.

She became interested in photography and painting as a young girl and cites the environment as an early inspira-

"I focused on making work as an undergrad and then much more so after graduating, which eventually led to graduate study," Hahn said in an e-

Hahn has always believed in the power of hard work, noting its role in getting her where she is today.

"[The road I've taken] is a

road of a lot of research and hard work, setting goals and meeting them and always aiming higher for the next challenge," she said.

She believes that, while anyone can be creative and make something expressive, it takes a special kind of person to be an artist. According to Hahn, becoming an artist takes a lot of focused study on learning how to actually make works of art.

Like many artists, Hahn, leaves her work up to viewer's interpretations.

"The work I make is directed at the viewer to create an internal response of some kind. Anything that happens is what I want someone to feel," she said. "I'm interested in the psychology of self-awareness; the work is evident of that happening."

The exhibition will run through Jan. 13, though will be closed Dec. 11 to Jan. 2.





### Boise State, Brotzman kill playoff dream

Boise State is having a ter-

It all started off great. They had the highest preseason ranking in school history with hopes of being the first non-Bowl Championship Series (BCS) school to win a national championship, an invitation to the Mountain West Conference with strong teams such as Brigham Young University (BYU), Texas-Christian University (TCU) and the University of Utah.

Those days are long gone. Utah has accepted an invitation to the Pac-10, BYU has opted to become an Independent. And TCU just announced they're moving to the Big East. And those national championship hopes? Those are gone. This is thanks to Kyle Brotzman, Boise's field goal kicker, who missed two short field goal attempts against Nevada, ultimately costing them the game and their aspirations.

Brotzman single handedly squandered hopes causing BCS chaos. It may sound harsh, but that leg caused more damage than



could imagine. All season, Boise has had support from fans and coaches alike, but with those two shanked kicks, Boise is back where it belongs - outside the BCS.

Sure, TCU is still third in the rankings and has a real shot at making the title game if Oregon or Auburn stumbles, but will it really matter? Too many times the BCS has found a way to bail themselves out by making sure the right teams are playing for the title.

Regardless of what happens with TCU, Boise was still the face of the BCS crusher. They were part of the greatest upset in college football history nearly four years ago when they pulled off a win over Oklahoma using trick plays. Since then, glory has resonated from the Bronco's blue turf. But they never managed to make it to the national championship they never had the chance.

That chance won't be possible for quite awhile. The loss to Nevada solidified all schools outside of the power conferences as mere mortals. Brotzman didn't only ruin history for his school, he also took away the chance that 300 other schools wanted.

He kicked away the dream of a college football playoff.

Views expressed in this column do not reflect the views of The Easterner to contact the switer e-mail easterner.sports@gmail.



### Zags go off beyond arc

### Game brings Eagle's losing streak to three games

STORIES BY BRIAN BEAUDRY AND MATT DAVIS

The Eagles made the short trip to Gonzaga University, losing for the 23rd straight time against the county

The Eagles started poorly with two back-to-back turnovers before crossing half court. The Bulldogs scored on their next four possessions and the Eagles suddenly found themselves behind 10-2 within the first two and a half minutes of the game.

The rest of the first half wasn't much better. The Eagles turned over the ball 12 times while shooting 30.8 percent from the field, placing them in a 29-point halftime deficit, 49-20.

"I was disappointed that we weren't tougher with the ball. We let them take the ball out of our hands — just take it from us five, I think, six times in the second half. We had some ill-advised drives that led to turnovers," Head Coach Kirk Earlywine said.

Guard Jeffrey Forbes was the lone bright spot for the Eagles, scoring the first five points of the game for EWU. He finished as the team's high scorer, putting up 18 points, making 7 of 14 shots.

Kevin Winford followed up his school record of eight 3-pointers against Idaho with three against the Bulldogs, en route to 11 points.

However, Gonzaga's Steven Gray was better, connecting on six 3-pointers in the first half and helping the Bulldogs build their halftime lead. It wasn't just Gray, though, as freshman forward Mathis Manninghoff hit both of his 3-point attempts against the EWU zone defense when Gray left the floor at the end of the

"It would've been uglier if we would have tried to play man-to-man with eight guys," said Earlywine. "You've got to give credit to [Gray]. Even though we made a mistake, you've still got to make the shot.'

After Laron Griffin fouled out with roughly three minutes remaining in the game, EWU was down to

EWU freshman forward Jaylen Henry saw his first significant time of the season in the game, picking up minutes as the rest of the EWU big men were in foul trouble attempting to contain the Bulldogs' 7-foot Robert Sacre. Sacre put up 13 points and collected seven rebounds in 19 minutes. Henry picked up three early fouls but contributed in the Eagles' late run with his first points of the season.

"When we were playing Washington, they presented us problems in terms of their speed and quickness. We're 200, 205, 215 on the front line. [Gonzaga has] got Sacre out there at 350 or whatever the hell he is. I knew we were going to be in foul trouble on the front

With the game out of hand late in the second half, the Eagles began to score against the Gonzaga reserves, putting up a 9-0 run as forward Tremayne Johnson came alive. Johnson finished the game with nine points and five rebounds in just 19 minutes.

The 1-5 Eagles will take on New Hope Christian College (Ore.) Dec. 4 on Reese Court.

Winford hits three 3-pointers in Idaho loss

Down 17 points to the University of Idaho (2-3) in the second half, the EWU men's basketball team (1-4) seemed to have just one weapon left: the shooting hand of guard Kevin Winford.

Winford kept firing Nov. 27, setting a new school record with eight 3-pointers in a game and finishing with 28 points. The Eagles tied up the game only to go scoreless for the final five minutes with Idaho holding on for a 70-60 win on Reese Court.

"We started to figure out how to get a shot for Kevin," said Head Coach Kirk Earlywine. "They figured out he had the hot hand and was making shots."

After teammate Jeffrey Forbes hit the game tying three-pointer, the Vandals' sharpshooters fired back, hitting their own threes on consecutive possessions to take back the lead for good.

The Eagles' bounced back after they started protecting the ball, committing just four turnovers in the second half with only two during the twelve-minute comeback run. The Eagles dominated that stretch despite playing without a point guard.

"I was really happy and proud of our players," said Earlywine. "We were guarding, rebounding and making smart adjustments in our zone on the fly. Our guys were doing that on the floor without direction from the bench. That was encouraging."



Kevin Winford now owns the record for 3-pointers.

To lead the Vandals' charge, Idaho's guards matched Winford and Forbes in production as Deremy Geiger and Jeff Ledbetter had 24 and 15 points, respectively.

### Broncos defeat Eags behind Arnold's 26

The Eagle, men's bnasketball team (1-3) went to Boise with their first victory of the season, a 96-87 win over Northwest (Wash.) University. But the Boise State University Broncos (4-0) put a quick end to any thoughts of a repeat performance, getting out to a quick 7-0 lead that they did not relinquish.

Boise State forward Robert Arnold torched EWU with 26 points on 8 for 9 shooting, including a perfect 4 of 4 from beyond the arc. Zack Moritz picked up where Arnold left off, chipping in 18 off the bench.

The Broncos bench outscored the Eagles' bench, 39-

Laron Griffin led the EWU attack with 13 points, but only picked up three rebounds, part of an underwhelming effort off the glass for the Eagles as a whole, as they were out rebounded by Boise State, 34-19.

"We felt like we were a pretty good rebounding team. Boise is a good rebounding team, and tonight they showed us who is better at this point," said Head Coach Kirk Earlywine. "I thought Boise State physically competed harder than we did, and we have to

The only other Eagle to score in double digits was Cliff Ederaine, who scored 11 points.

"Cliff Ederaine played with energy, heart and toughness," said Earlywine. "But he's still adjusting to the amount of contact that occurs at Division I.2

"The two underlying themes for us for a few games have been bad fouls and turnovers. I think we're averaging 20 turnovers right now, and part of that can be attributed to point guard play. We played 21 minutes tonight without a point guard. Regardless, we have to start taking pride in taking care of the ball," Earlywine

### Dean to be re-evaluated Dec. 6

Six games into the regular season, the EWU men's basketball team has yet to conduct a full team practice, and nine of the team's 15 players have missed at least one practice or one game.

Last year's Big Sky Freshman of the Year Glen Dean suffered a stress fracture in his foot during the team's

"We were going through a drill, and I came down on the side of my foot and landed wrong," said Dean. "It just didn't feel right, and it was bruised."

The next day in practice, Dean took a step back and landed on another teammate's foot.

"I pretty much felt instant pain and hit the ground," Dean said. Dean's return was estimated to be about four to six

weeks, and his status is now day-to-day. He will return when trainer Donald Sims clears him to play.

"My foot feels a lot better," said Dean. "I'm able to walk normally now. Before, it was kind of tender, and I was favoring it a bit. But now, it feels good."

Dean will be re-evaluated Dec. 6. Guard/forward Geoffrey Allen also suffered an in-

jury in practice when he attempted to dunk on teammate Kevin Winford. A second MRI showed that Allen only had a bone

bruise on his shooting wrist. He has played in the past Unfortunately for the Eagles, the injuries did not

stop with guards Dean and Allen. Sophomore guard Jeffrey Forbes missed 10 days with a strained MCL in his knee. Fellow guard Cliff Colimon also missed time with a severely sprained ankle, but has since averaged 20 minutes a game in the past three contests. And freshman guard Sean Pischer will miss at least month with a torn shoulder labrum.

"It's been an unimaginable run of injuries we've sustained here in the first month," Earlywine said.



DISCOUNT AVAILABLE WITH STUDENT ID

FRIDAY 12/3 VS. MEDICINE HAT TIGERS

**FOOD DRIV€ NIGHT** For every 2 cans of food you bring to the game you get 1 scratch ticket (limit 10 tickets).



*SATURDAY 12/4* VS. PORTLAND WINTERHAWKS

TEDDY BEAR TOSS NIGHT

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW





### Brawling gives strategic advantage on ice



### THREE RULES OF HOCKEY FIGHTING:

- 1. PICK AND CHOOSE YOUR FIGHTS WISELY.
- 2. PROTECT YOUR TEAMMATES.
- 3. NO FIGHTING AT EASTERN.



### Though Hockey club shouldn't fight, they still know how to throw it down

BY MATT DAVIS

In what seemed like his best Tyler Durden Impression, EWU forward and defenseman Cameron Sargent said, "The first rule of fighting in hockey is to pick and choose your fights wisely

The EWU hockey club is part of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), which abides by NCAA rules. According to section 17, part A of the NCAA rulebook, "A player shall not fight an opponent or participate in a fight, on or off the playing surface. A punch thrown may be considered fighting."

Should a player participate in a fight, the penalty is an automatic disqualification and suspension of one game. The player's next fight will result in a two-game suspension, and the third offense results in Butler said. three. It goes up from there.

"Not being able to fight is a problem we run into at Eastern. Players are skating around knocking people's heads off and never have any consequences for it," Sargent said.

Now in his 17th year of playing hockey, Sargent knows that the size of an opponent determines how he

will approach a fight.

"When you're fighting a guy your own size, you're gonna get hit, and you're gonna get hit a lot," said Sargent. "If he's bigger than you, go in there and put your head in his chest so he can't hit you real hard and just you, hopefully you'll be airight."

Generally, hockey fights are a great way to garner team momentum, but cheap shots can also spark an altercation. Either way, each fight serves a purpose.

"A hockey fight can regulate the game," said Sargent. "If somebody heads out there and tries to take

out your star goal scorer, he knows es and have some guy come out State Long Beach in the URC.

there and fight him."

Defenseman Justin Crosby said, "When you go out and fight, you're either sticking up for a teammate or you just need to go out there and fight to get the team going."

Whether it's for momentum or retallatory reasons, most fights begin with a simple request.

"You basically ask somebody to fight, and If they say yes, it's on," said forward Brandon Butler. "Or you can just jump somebody."

Once the sticks are dropped and the gloves are resting on the ice, the strategic battle begins.

"You want to get an initial grip on your opponent. You want to grab their shoulder pads, not their jersey, preferably on their throwing arm. [You need] good footing, good balance. And then keep your chin down, and just throw punches,"

Although most fights involve just two players, there are also line brawls and bench clearing brawls.

"A line brawl usually happens when someone is injured badly or needs to be jumped," said Crosby. "All five guys, and maybe the goal-ies, all line up, drop their gloves and pick someone [to fight]. A bench brawl is very rare and includes everyone, and pretty much anything

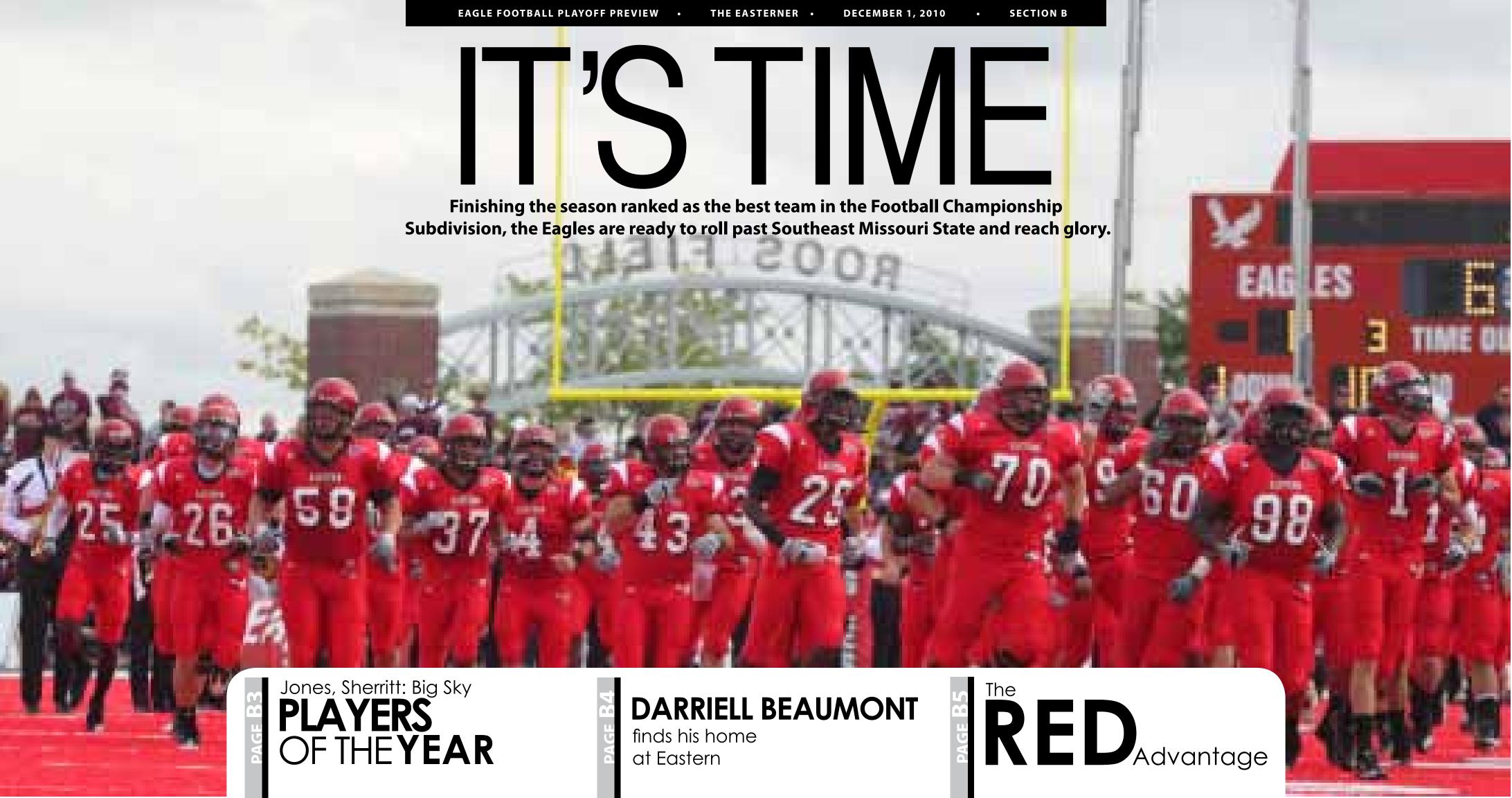
According to Crosby, during a line brawl in the NHL and other leagues, the instigator of the fight, or the "first man in," normally gets throw punches. If he's smaller than a five minute penalty. The second man to engage usually receives a larger penalty and is often kicked out. The same goes for all subsequent fighters.

Fights end when a player hits the ice. Referees will then step in, separate the fighters, and hand out appropriate penalties are handed out.

Beginning Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m., he Eagle hockey dub will begin an he's gonna have some consequenc- eight game home stand against Cal



Not Valid during Holidays spokaneriverfrontpark.com





The Eagles take on the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks in the second round of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs in their first home playoff game since 2004.

The Redhawks earned their first playoff berth in the 104year history of the football program by winning the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) title. No team from the OVC has made it past the first round since Western Kentucky in 2000.

The Eagles, however, have been more consistent, having earned playoff trips in five of the past seven seasons ('04, '05, '07, '09, '10).

The Redhawks went through their Football Championship Subdivision schedule nearly unscathed — a touchdown by Jacksonville State with 11 seconds left in their final game of the regular season ended their year on a sour note. The Eagles are riding high, coming into the playoffs as the No. 1 team in the nation on the strength of a seven-game win streak.

"We found ways to win close games and grind out victories," Head Coach Beau Baldwin told *goeags.com*. "A lot of the 20 teams in the playoffs did that same thing. We're riding a seven-game winning streak and our players have earned that. I'm proud of what they've accomplished this season."

Both the Redhawks and the Eagles are led by Walter Payton Award nominated at running back. The Eagles bring in Taiwan Jones, who has piled up 1,344 yards on just 176 carries, 11 of which ended in touchdowns.

The Redhawks will counter

with Henry Harris, whose 1,627 yards are second in the nation. Harris has put the ball in the end zone 17 times this season.

Adding another dimension to Missouri's rushing attack is quarterback Matt Scheible's mobility. While Scheible only has 1,177 passing yards on the season, he has added 911 rushing yards, helping make the Redhawks the fourth-best rushing attack in the FCS in 2010.

"He's a very good running back. He's not huge, but he runs tough, and he gets a lot of carries," said Baldwin on Harris. "He can carry the load and he's also able to break a big one on you. He's the whole package."

The Eagles will enjoy a significant advantage in the air, as sophomore wide receiver Brandon Kaufman has nearly as many yards (922) as the top

four Redhawks receivers for the season (936). Each of the other EWU starting receivers, Ashton Gant (321) and Nicholas Edwards (333), have posted more yards than any receiver for the Redhawks as well.

EWU will have to mind the turnover battle — with the Redhawks' limited passing, they don't turn the ball over much; this season, Scheible threw just one interception. When their defense forces turnovers, it gives their methodical offense the opportunity to grind away the game. The Redhawks managed to keep the ball five minutes longer per game than their opponents for the season, helping to keep their defense rested.

Southeast Missouri State is 7-1 when winning the turnover battle, EWU is 6-0 when they do.

"They really grind it in terms

of how they run the football," Baldwin told *goeags.com*. "They don't turn it over and they find ways to force turnovers. In close games, they find ways to be on top at the end. They have a workman-like attitude to their approach and style of play. They aren't going to do anything to beat themselves. They stay patient and they find a way to be the better team in the fourth quarter and win."

Don't be surprised if special teams play becomes a factor. EWU has blocked four kicks this year, while Southeast Missouri State hasn't blocked any. The Eagles have also only missed one extra point this season, while the Redhawks have missed five. In a close game, an occasional missed point can be the difference between winning and the end of a season.

### Small successes serve as catalyst for triumph

BY DUSTIN TOMS managing/sports editor

With great power comes great responsibility.

For EWU football, that power is in the form of a No. 1 national ranking, a home playoff game and a very talented running back named Taiwan Jones.

A national championship is still four games away. Without it, the season is only a pipe dream. They may be ranked No.1, but work still needs to be done. And Eastern's reputation rests on the shoulders of Jones, the Big Sky Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Jones ran for 1392 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. He is a candidate for the Payton Award, something EWU has not won since 2005, when Erik Meyer received the honor.

Breaking long runs was part

of Jones' success this season.

His longest runs were 73, 74 and 77 yards. Most were early in the game, giving Eastern control from the very start. If Jones can break one open in the first quarter this weekend, Eastern should find it smooth sailing.

Another key component for this season's success is transfer quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell settling into a new offense. In his first five games as the starting signal caller against non-Division I teams, Mitchell threw seven interceptions and 11 touchdowns, compared to four interceptions and 12 touchdowns in his last five games. His pocket presence has significantly improved and he is making smarter decisions. If he keeps playing at this level, the Eagles might be playing late into December.

Not only has the offense

been shining this season, but EWU's defense has been vastly underrated. Led by Bowl Championship Series Defensive Player of the Year J.C. Sherritt, the Eagles have held their opponents to a 42 percent conversion rate on third downs.

Sherritt leads the team with 64 tackles and is only 19 tackles away from the school record of 399, held by Greg Belzer.

Another defensive standout is safety Matt Johnson. He has intercepted six passes on the season, keeping him just four away of the school's all time record of 16, held by Mike Richter.

If these four players contribute how they have all season, Sherritt and Johnson will get their records, Mitchell will earn even more respect and Jones will be holding up the Payton Award along with the national championship.



Bo Levi Mitchell and the Eagles will need to rely on each team member's strength in order to continue in the playoffs.

### Serious injury brings twins, team closer

### Matt Johnson wore brother Zach's jersey to show support

**BY MATT DAVIS** staff writer

Combining high levels of respect and dedication, the Johnson twins are inspiring more than just themselves, both on and off the football field.

Matt and Zach Johnson graduated in 2007 from Tumwater High School in Tumwater, Wash., where they shared the role of team captain on the football team. After losing the opening game of their senior season, the team went on to win 11 straight games, finishing with an 11-2 record. They advanced to the State 2A playoffs but fell to eventual champions Lynden High School, 20-10.

The Seattle Times named Matt one of the top 100 recruits in Washington. Zach earned 2A All State honors as running back and an honorable mention as defensive back from The Associated Press. They helped lead their baseball team to a district title in 2007, and both brothers hit two home runs in the championship game against Centralia High School.

Teammate and roommate J.C. Sherritt said that the chemistry between the twins is unparalleled.

"You walk by one and they say something. Then you get to the other side of the apartment and the other one says the exact same thing. It happens every day," said Sherritt. "As a defense, we are starting to click a lot, and that has a lot to do with them. The way they move and act and play with each other ... the rest of the team can feed off of that."

During the summer of 2009, Zach underwent surgery on both knees to repair patella tendons. Shortly after the surgery, he said he woke up with a cramp in his calf.

"It was my sister's birthday, July 4, and when I woke up, it felt like I had pulled a muscle," said Zach. "My mom made me go to the hospital. I wasn't going to go. I thought I was fine."

Doctors diagnosed Zach with a blood clot in his leg and placed him on blood thinners. Zach underwent a series of ultrasounds. He missed all preseason practices during the 2009 season, and the clot showed no signs of letting up.

"By the third game, it was still there. And by that time we knew even if it went away, I wouldn't be able to play the whole year," said Zach. "Then we started to make a run for the playoffs, and I felt like I might be able to play a game. I felt fine; my knees felt good. I asked every doctor I could to see if I would be able to play."

Despite his plea, doctors and EWU athletic trainers decided Zach should sit out the entire season for precautionary reasons.

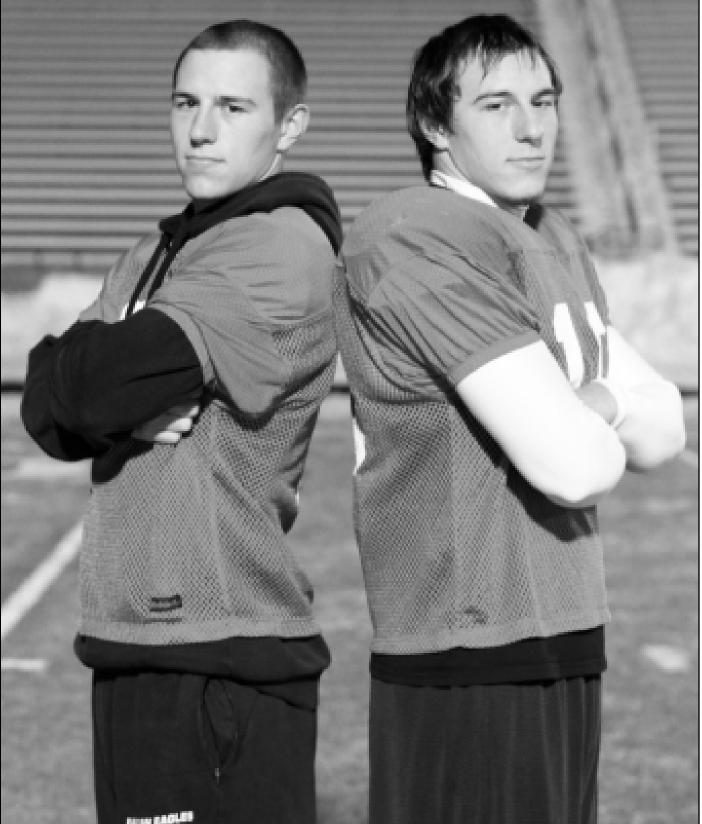
"He felt fine; his body felt fine. It wasn't like it was a broken leg, and I think that was the hardest part. He felt like he could play, but he just couldn't," defensive coordinator John Graham said.

The 6-foot-1, 225-pound weak-side linebacker did not play in 2009. His 12 game absence marks the longest time the Johnson twins have spent separated on the field.

"When Zach had to deal with the blood clot, it was really hard on both of them not getting to play together. They are equally as hard on each other but also just as supportive," Sherritt said.

On Sept. 26, just four days before the announcement that Zach would be out for the season, he was unable to travel with the team to Sacramento, Calif., to take on the Sacramento State Hornets.

"That was the first time we'd been away from each other for a game, and it was really hard. Before, when he wasn't playing, at least he was on the sideline and I could talk to him," Matt said. He finished the game with four tackles and returned an interception 33 yards for a touchdown.



Matt, left, and Zach Johnson start at safety and linebacker respectively on EWU's defense.

Aaron Malmoe/Fasterne

"The first game I wore his jersey was against Idaho State, and I had a big hit on a play. I got up, slapped my helmet and pointed at him. It gave me chills."

- Matt Johnson

"Obviously it meant a lot, and it just made it easier for me seeing my number out there. I knew [Matt] cared about me, but to see him do that made it a lot easier of a transition to go through."

- Zach Johnson

Less than a week later, Matt, who normally wears number five, asked Head Coach Beau Baldwin if he could honor his brother by donning Zach's number 10 jersey for the season.

"It was something I wanted to do for Zach," said Matt.
"I know it meant a lot to [Zach], and it meant a lot to

Zach agreed: "Obviously it meant a lot, and it just made it easier for me seeing my number out there. I knew [Matt] cared about me, but to see him do that made it a lot easier of a transition to go through," he said.

Not only did Zach's brother emulate strong emotional support, but the entire Eagle defense showed it as well

"Zach used to make a big play, and he'd hit the side of his helmet as sort of a celebration," Graham said.

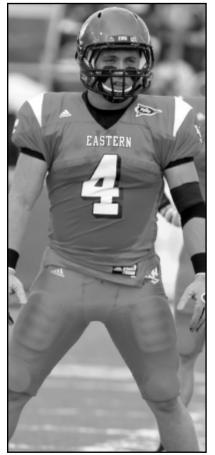
Graham said that the entire team started to echo Zach's celebrations.

"We've kind of done that since high school, and he does it a lot more than I do," said Matt. "The first game I wore his jersey was against Idaho State, and I had a big hit on a play. I got up, slapped my helmet and pointed at him. It gave me chills."

Zach is back in the lineup this season, but the defense won't stop slapping their helmets. It has become somewhat of a team tradition.

"There was just so much respect for Zach and what a great player and good leader he was," said Graham. "It was a pretty cool deal."

### Jones, Sherritt named Big Sky Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year



Sherritt. Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Two Eagles haven't won both awards since 2005

Taiwan Jones and J.C. Sherritt are staples on Eastern's No. 1 ranked team this season, for which

they were both acknowledged last week by Big

managing/sports editor

Sky coaches.
Jones and Sherritt were awarded Big Sky
Conference Players of the Year for offensive player
and defensive player, respectively. The last time
both awards were handed out to Eagles was in
the 2005 season to quarterback Erik Meyer and
linebacker Joey Cwik. That season Meyer also won
the coveted Payton Award, something that Jones

has been acandidate for all season.

"They worked hard for those two honors," said Head Coach Beau Baldwin. "Individual honors are in direct relation to your team's success and the players around them. Even though they honored J.C. and Taiwan as players of the year, they would be the first to say that in a way, those are still team honors. Everybody is excited for those two players."

Jones is leading all running backs in the

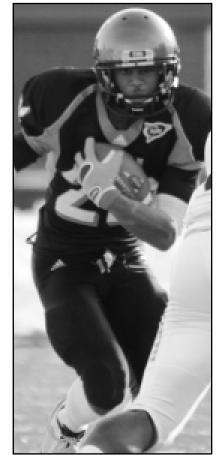
Football Championship Subdivision with a 7.6 yard average per rush. He leads all 44 players who qualify for rankings.

Sherritt is only 19 tackles away from breaking Greg Belzer's school record of 399 tackles.

Though both players are proud of their accomplishments this season, they are focused on this weekend's playoff game against the Southeast Missouri Redhawks.

"We have to win four games to win the national championship. We have a lot to prove, and that's what we have to go out and do. We have the home field advantage, and we have received good support from our fans this season," Jones said.

Sherritt said, "It's really cool for the program to be No. 1. The best part about the playoffs is that in our division you get to find out the rankings on the field. We'll find out if we really are No. 1 or not. [The Redhawks] have the same record as we do, so we know they are going to be a great team."



Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Football Playoff Preview • The Easterner

Jones.

**B3** 



Darriell Beaumonte lived his life as a foster child before he attended college. Now as a member of the football team, he knows where he belongs.

### **Dustin Toms/Easterner**

## Finding his place

### After moving from home to home, EWU running back Darriell Beaumonte is finally part of a family

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY staff writer

For EWU running back Darriell Beaumonte, home has a different meaning. Home is where his brothers are.

For most of his childhood, home was in Portland, Ore., with his grandmother, grandfather and biological brothers, Domi-

nique and Demetrius. When Darriell was declared a ward of Washington state in the seventh grade, home became any one of a dozen or so houses he and Demetrius were shuffled between. Dominique had already "aged out" of the foster care system, turning 18 while in Portland.

Finally, just before high school, home became the house of Zena Sturgis and several non-biological "cousins" who welcomed him to Tacoma.

"[Traveling with my brother] made the transition a lot better than it would've been if I would've been separated from my brother. Since I had my big brother there, it was like whatever we do, we're doing together. Even when we were at a house where parents barely liked us or didn't talk to us, it was always me and him. Whatever we did was together,"

Darriell said. "The family atmosphere at Zena's house is one of the main reasons I ended up staying there. She had kids my age, and they took me in as family right away. I wasn't just the new kid."

As the youngest of three brothers, Darriell looked to Dominique and Demetrius to guide him. Dominique, eight years older than Darriell, was the first to go to college, graduating from the University of Oregon with an education management degree.

While Sturgis gets the credit for getting Darriell to college, Dominique was the one who opened his eyes to the possibility at a young age.

Demetrius, an aspiring Seattle rapper just two years older than Darriell, helped Darriell make friends at their foster homes. Hanging out with the older kids toughened him up, which is evident in his bruising running style.

"They always thought I was just little, but then I'd hold my own," Darriell said.

He graduated from Tacoma's Clover Park High School in 2007 as a decorated three-sport athlete, earning all-conference honors as a running back and finishing third in the 400-meter dash at the 3A state champion-

But like so many foster families throughout his teen years, universities ignored Darriell and his accomplishments. Thanks to his high school coaches and counselors, he enrolled at Eastern to try to make the team as a walk-on.

Moving to the east side of the state put him miles away from any type of family. In the deserted Cheney summer, Darriell was again in search of family.

"It was like a whole new world to me. When I came out here, I was all alone because I was a freshman ... and I came out here early because of football. So there was really nobody out here to help," Darriell said.

### Finding another brother

It didn't take long for Darriell to find help in fellow running back Taiwan Jones.

"[Taiwan] is like my little brother. When I first came to the team that summer when we first got here, me and him were the only black people in our recruit class. We were like, 'What's going on out here? Are we in the country?' So we related with that off the top," Darriell said.

From that point on, he and Jones weren't "real close" until a few months later, when Darriell found himself about to be evicted and mentioned it to Jones.

"I was just telling him, 'I'm fittin' to get evicted out of my house, and he just instantly, before I could finish the sentence, he was like, 'You can come live with me," he said.



Aaron Malmoe/Easterner Darrielle Beaumonte has become an invaluable piece to the Eagles' offense as a backup to Taiwan Jones.

Darriell, Jones, and Jones' roommate lived together until Darriell and Jones moved in together in their own place.

### Joining the family

The EWU football program quickly became Darriell's extended family.

When Beau Baldwin was named head coach in 2008, Darriell was struggling to stay on the team. But Baldwin came in and noticed Darriell's potential. He told him what to improve on.

"The minute you tell [Darriell] a few things that he needs to work on that are going to help him be better, he immediately starts working on them," said Baldwin. "When no one else is watching, he's still working

The rest of the EWU roster began to feel more comfortable for Darriell, too.

"We've just got a family atmosphere. You'll notice a lot of guys on our team. There's not really anybody in a fraternity. That's because we are our

own little brotherhood, all just sticking with each other," said Darriell. "The older guys look at the little guys like little brothers, whether it's a walk-on or a guy on a full ride. Once you put the jersey on and you go out on the field and give your all, everybody looks at you the same."

As a junior, Darriell now finds himself one of the older guys in a leadership role.

"The guys love him just because of who he is, the person he is, how hard he competes, how hard he works out, how hard he works in the offseason. He's just one of those guys that's loved by his teammates," Baldwin said.

### Paying it forward

A Spokesman-Review article detailing Darriell's travels through the Washington foster care system caught the eye of Tommy Williams, a social worker in Spokane who played for EWU in the '90s.

"Darriell Beaumonte's story is tremendously impactful. He never thought he could do it, and he did it. We don't hear enough stories of those kids who do make it," Williams said.

Williams wants to begin a program to help kids who are about to "age out" of foster care get advice and guidance from successful former foster kids.

"It's just something to help out other foster kids because we always need some type of support. You can see the statistics – 1.8 percent of foster kids graduate college. So if I can get that number up to two, that's doing a lot," Williams said.

Darriell is currently the backup running back to Jones. This season he has ran for 227 yards and two touchdowns. He also has eight receptions for 55 yards and another score.

The highlight of Darriell's season came in the inaugural red turf game against the University of Montana. He blocked a punt, then returned it six yards for a touchdown. He blocked one other punt this season.





Bottom: University of New Haven's field at Ralph F. DellaCamera Stadium.

### Top: Boise State University's Bronco Stadium. Roos Field at Eastern Washington Unviersity Zach Hallum/Easterner dvantaae Can Eastern's field success at home be attributed to "The Inferno?"

BY MATT DAVIS staff writer

In just one season, The Inferno at Roos Field has provided the EWU football team with something they lacked in the past: a true home field advan-

Head Coach Beau Baldwin said he was "loving it" when he first learned the red turf would be installed before this season. Senior linebacker and Buck Buchanan Award candidate J.C. Sherritt said he felt "pure excitement" to get the new surface.

"We always wanted field turf," said Baldwin. "We wanted a better surface that we could use later in the year, a surface we could practice on under the lights and not ruin our game field."

"Our guys love it and everyone wants something to latch onto, something that is a different identity and gives them a true home field advantage," Baldwin said.

The Eagles are undefeated in the five games they played on The Inferno this season. Field turf surface, compared to the natural grass at Woodward Field, results in a field that does not freeze up, wear down or become soggy.

"[The turf] is a lot better. In the past, we had to travel to either Gonzaga Prep or we'd have to practice out back where it was pretty much an ice rink," defensive back Matt Johnson

Senior defensive tackle Tyler Jolley added that he's happy the field is no longer a "mud bowl" during harsh weather.

For the undersized Eagles, who entered their Nov. 20 matchup against Idaho State without a starter listed more than 300 pounds, The Inferno gives an advantage that fits the strength of their teamsomething they didn't have on natural grass.

"The surface provides me with great traction, which has helped me with cutbacks—a big part of my game," junior running back Taiwan Jones said.

"We're a pretty fast team, and it's nice to be on a field where you get to use all of your footing," said Sherritt. "Especially having Taiwan, who is probably the fastest player in the nation. It's awesome. Come rain, sun or snow, we know [the turf] is gonna be good."

But it isn't just the physical aspects of the turf that has the 9-2 Eagles excited.

"We feel like we actually have

"Initially, people get excited about something different like the red turf. But then once they came to watch these young men play, they're past the part about the turf, and they move onto the fact that this is a good brand of football."

- Beau Baldwin

a home field," said Jones. "As a team, we feel like we have to protect our home, and we didn't have that before."

Johnson says they now have a sense of pride when they step onto The Inferno.

"Before, playing at home felt like we were playing at an away game because it didn't have a great atmosphere. Now it does," said Johnson. "We are always excited to play at home."

Jolley said, "It's more of a reputation in our perspective. People said we needed a leg up, a new surface to win games, and we took it personally, especially our senior class. We wanted to protect our home field our senior season, and the turf added to that."

With an average of 7,492 fans per game, Eastern is on pace to set a season attendance record. In the inaugural game on The Inferno against Montana, 11,702 fans attended, breaking the previous 2006 record of 11,583

set against the Grizzlies.

Now in his fourth year of playing football at Eastern, Sherritt said he, too, is noticing the program is garnering more attention.

"We've had great support throughout the student body and Eagle supporters," said Sherritt. "There are always people stopping by and taking pictures ... always people coming out to practice to see [the field]."

Baldwin said, "Initially, people get excited about something different like the red turf. But then once they came to watch these young men play, they're past the part about the turf, and they move onto the fact that this is a good brand of football."

Johnson said, "I feel like we've had a lot more people come to our games than in the past, and I think it's the red turf that's drawn a lot of people in."

In August, Baldwin told *The* Spokesman-Review that the Eagles would experiment with

different uniform options on the red turf, much like Boise State does on their blue surface.

The Eagles have stuck to the red-on-red home uniform combination for their first four home games, but during the Nov. 20 contest against Idaho State, the team wore black uniforms.

"I've always thought the black on red was nice, but I like all of our uniforms. If I had to pick a favorite, I'd pick all black, Johnson said.

"I just think [black uniforms] look the best. And out on the red field they look really cool, but I can't take anything away from the red jerseys. We've won more games in red than in black," Sherritt said.

In contrast to his defensive teammates, Jolley said, "I definitely like having the red uniforms on the red turf; it can be harder to see [for the oppo-

The Eagles are seeded fifth in this year's Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs, and are ranked number one in the latest Sports Network/Fathead.com Top 25 NCAA FCS poll.

The team will don their red jerseys when they host Southeast Missouri in their first playoff game at Roos Field Dec. 4 at 1:05 p.m.



### EASTERN C NEVADA





Nevada hoped for an easy win, but EWU held their own before falling to the No. 17 team in the nation.

### CENTRAL WASHINGTON C EASTERN"

In the second "home" game for Eastern held in Seattle at Qwest Field, the Eagles defeated the CWU Wildcats thanks to an opportunistic defense.



### EASTERN C MONTANA STA<mark>TE</mark>

EWU never found their rhythm after Taiwan Jones went down with an injury. The Bobcats went on for the easy win.





### MONTANA C EASTERN

SEPT. 18

SEPT. 2





For the first game on The Inferno, EWU hit a game-winning field goal to upset rival Montana, who was then No.6 in the FCS.

### northern Arizona e easte<mark>rn</mark>

Bo Levi Mitchell threw for three touchdowns in the second game on the red turf, leading the Eagles to another Big Sky win.





### EASTERN C WEBER STATE

OCT. 2





Eastern scored three of the last four touchdowns, two during the fourth quarter, for a come from behind victory over WSU.

### EASTERN C NORTHERN COLORADO

OCT. 16





In another comeback victory, EWU scored two touchdowns in the final three minutes, the latter on a 24-yard run by Taiwan Jones with 41 seconds left in the game.

# 

# 

After losing record-breaking quarterback Matt Nichols, many believed the EWU football team would have a down year. Thanks to quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, Buck Buchanan Award candidate J.C. Sherritt and Payton Award candidate Taiwan Jones, EWU is ranked No.1 in the nation and about to host their first playoff game at The Inferno.

### SACRAMENTO STATE C EASTERN

The one EWU almost let get away. They let Sac State score three fourth quarter TDs. Brandon Kaufman scored the winning TD with 33 seconds left.





### EASTERN C PORTLAND STATE



50



DAHO STATE C EASTERN

After winning close games, EWU's offense finally clicked on all cylinders as they demolished Portland State.

### SOUTHERN UTAH C EASTERN

In a back-and-forth battle, the Eagles edged Southern Utah with a 24-yard TD pass by Bo Levi Mitchell in the fourth quarter.





*nov. 20* 



EWU stomped on last place Idaho State, completing a share of the Big Sky Championship.

### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE C EASTERN

Can Eastern keep their home winning streak going in the playoffs? Find out Saturday as they take on Southeast Missouri State.





DEC. 4 1:05 P.M.

Football Playoff Preview • The Easterner