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A new hall for a new living

Board of trustees approves new residence to be built across from URC and accommodate 350 students

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

A \$25 million plan for a new residence hall was recently approved by the board of trustees, allowing construction to begin in Spring 2012 with estimated completion date of 2013.

The hall, to have approximately 109,000 square feet of floor space, is anticipated to be built on the corner of 11th and Cedar Streets, where a student parking lot currently sits.

In 2008, Housing and Residential Life hired the consulting firm Brailsford and Dunlavey to put together a comprehensive housing master plan, a process that included interviewing and surveying students, faculty, staff, administration and community members.

Interviews and surveys focused on what aspects of on campus living needed improvements. Some areas of concern were the use of space, more privacy in bathrooms, better accessibility for people with disabilities and more comfortable common areas.

All of these issues will be addressed when designing the new residence hall. The new hall also plans to have more flexibility with interior decorating by using movable pieces of furniture and more efficient windows and room layouts that provide better natural light.

"The students deserve some progress in our facilities, and I feel like we're obligated to push forward," said Toni Taylor, director of housing. "[I am optimistic] that newer facilities will tend to stay newer longer because students respect them more."

The most current Internet infrastructure would be set up in the new residential hall, allowing students the best access to up-to-date technologies. A new layout for communal floor bathrooms with individual stalls equipped with toilets, showers and full size doors has already been designed.

Another design drawn up for the new hall is a kitchen common area combined with a laundry room. According to student surveys, many students were concerned about not having a place to hang out near their laundry so that they could keep an eye on their clothes, Taylor said.

The new design has a large laundry room with a common area located across the hall. The proposed design for the new common area has a kitchen counter with a large place to cook and adequate seating with big windows that provide proper viewing of the laundry area.

"People are used to hanging out in their kitchens at their homes, so it would give [residents] a place to go and cook a pizza and hang out. Whereas now, the kitchens in these old halls were designed very small where all you can do is go in and cook," Taylor said.

Residential Life is a self-sufficient operation and acquires funds for projects like the new residence hall from bonds that will be paid off later from the revenue generated by residents.

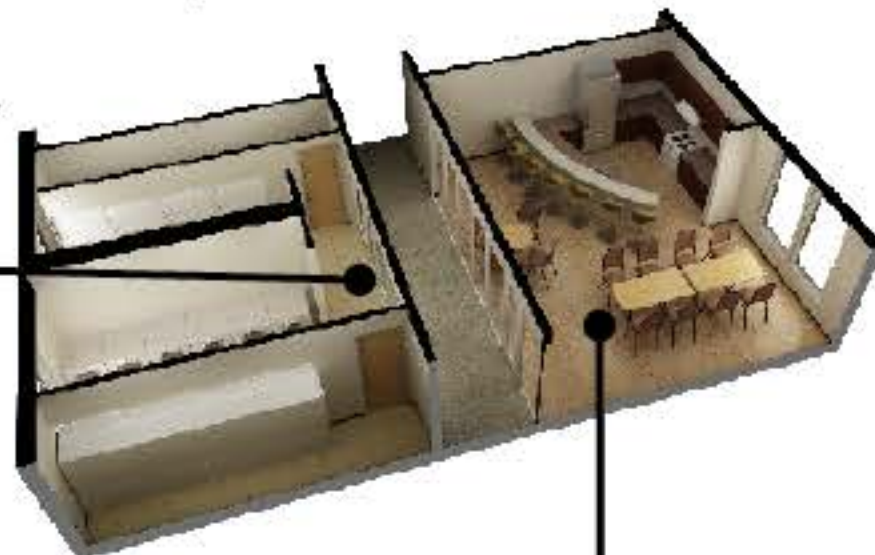
"We put all of our money back into [Housing and Residential Life]. We need a certain amount of money to do our operating expenses, but then we want a little extra in reserve to do bigger projects [related to maintenance]," Taylor said.

On campus living is not a profit-driven entity,

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Doors to bathroom stalls will extend from the ceiling to the floor, providing more privacy than what the current design offers.

The laundry room will be directly across from the common area. Large windows will provide easy viewing access into the room for greater security to personal belongings.



an inside look

A common room across from the laundry site will feature a larger kitchen area suited to allow students to cook and eat in a comfortable setting.

New stalls will be more accessible to all users, including students with disabilities.

Graphics courtesy of Residential Life

Telect Inc. donates to Engineering department

New equipment enhances learning, monetary donation sends students to conference

BY RYAN BURNEY
columnist

Eastern's engineering department is welcoming a generous donation from a local company. Liberty Lake-based Telect Inc., which manufactures communications equipment, has donated more than \$100,000 in equipment, from basic hardware to electronic test instruments.

"We are really happy with Telect," said Dr. Claudio Talarico, chair of the electrical engineering program. "[They] are a company that embraces both activities that are in the field of mechanical engineering and electrical engineering."

A ceremony was held Tuesday to dedicate the new Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Telect lab in Cheney Hall, which will be furnished with the donated equipment and named in honor of the company.

EWU President Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo made clear that Telect's donations will allow students to pursue projects that might not otherwise be possible.

"I think it's sufficient to say the state gives us resources to operate, but it's very difficult for [the state] to fund those things that make the university special and bring the quality and excellence to the work that the students do with their faculty," Arévalo said.

Students say the new equipment will make their work more convenient.

"We got some pretty cool pieces that normally we'd have to move to another lab in order to use, but now it's all in one place," senior Rob Peterson, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Club, said.

In addition to the equipment and supplies, Telect President Wayne Williams also made a monetary donation to the department through the company. When Williams asked how the money could best be used, Dr. Judd Case, dean of the College of Science, Health and Engineering, found an important cause sponsoring students at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research.

The conference is open to

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PUB renovation discussions have made student activities a priority

Committee hopes to collect student feedback through a survey to be handed out next month; so far, student input has been minimal

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
staff writer

After its proposal five years ago, upcoming discussions are moving the PUB renovation closer to reality.

Starting Thursday, the PUB Committee, chaired by Stacey Butler, executive vice president of the Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU), will begin meeting to discuss the next step in completing the proposed changes.

"The PUB is at the point where it needs to be renovated," said Butler. "We decided that instead of paying to just fix the damaged areas, we would go ahead and build a new building, something new and exciting for the students."

The Campus Master Plan, created by Construction and Planning Services and the University Campus Planning Committee, identifies providing space for student activities as one of the main goals.

The plan states, "The general objectives of this Master Plan update include ... [enhancing] social and recreational opportunities for campus residents, especially late evenings and weekends."

If the renovation is voted through, the committee hopes more students will be able to participate in activities in the PUB.

"We're thinking about building a space where students can watch up-to-date movies," said Butler. "Maybe even a coffee shop. We don't really have a

coffee shop vibe in the PUB as it is now."

At a future meeting, the committee plans to discuss questions for a student survey. Once the survey has been written, the school's Institutional Review Board will review it before the survey is handed out to students mid-February.

"I definitely think a face-lift is needed," said senior Whitney Chafin. "On any campus, the student building is the main face of campus. Right now, the PUB is full of small corridors and twisted hallways that can be difficult to navigate. I think the new renovation would make Eastern look better and would make the PUB feel more com-

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Renovation meetings occur every other Thursday at 8 a.m. in PUB 307.

File photo

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THE POLICE BEAT

JUST THE FACTS

Jan. 18 - Jan. 22

BY LAUREN JOHNSON
copy editor**Hit and Run**

1/18 11:00 a.m. - A hit and run collision occurred near Lot 10 after an unknown vehicle ran into the side of a blue Ford Dining Services van. There was red paint transferred to the van but there are no suspects at the time. If anyone has information, contact EWU Police at (509) 359-6300.

Drug Violation

1/18 1:42 p.m. - EWU Police were contacted regarding a marijuana odor noticed on the first floor of LA Hall. The occupants of the room were contacted but nothing was found. The information was forwarded to the OSRR.

Malicious Mischief

1/19 3:12 p.m. - Two damaged parking meters, one with a smashed front window, were found in Lot 5. If anyone has information, contact EWU Police at (509) 359-6300.

Fraud

1/19 3:42 p.m. - Police are investigating a computer scam on Craigslist that sends fake checks to applicants. They warn users to be cautious of the scam.

Theft

1/19 9:43 p.m. - A student from Pearce Hall reported that their clothing had been stolen from the washing machine. The total property value of the stolen clothing is \$150.

Car Accident

1/21 7:20 p.m. - The driver of a black Subaru Impreza found that their rear bumper had been hit. It appeared that someone backed out of a spot and it, leaving no paint behind.

Liquor Violation

1/21 11:32 p.m. - EWU Police responded to a call that two sober people sitting outside of the Computer and Engineering Building were attempting to get their highly intoxicated friend into Pearce Hall. The intoxicated person was referred to the OSRR.

Liquor Violation

1/22 11:10 p.m. - EWU officers contacted three highly intoxicated male students walking near 7th and Union Streets. One individual had alcohol in their hand. All three students were referred to the OSRR.



Comic by Michael Cox

Suspicious Circumstances

1/23 12:44 a.m. - EWU Police responded to a call that two males had pushed a dumpster down the hill near Pearce Hall. The dumpster ran into a female's black Ford Taurus and caused \$1,500 worth of damage. The two males ran from the scene.

Student trustee position coveted

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

Students wishing to apply for a spot on the board of trustees must meet a list of criteria including a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, three consecutive quarters of "good student" standing and involvement in at least one committee or council of the university, Faculty Organization or Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU).

These requirements are dictated in the bylaw 2007/2008/117, which also states that student trustees serve one-year terms. The search for new applicants begins as early as winter quarter.

According to this bylaw, the interviewing committee shall be composed of one administrator chosen by the chair of the board of trustees, one member of the board of trustees also chosen by the chair, one faculty-at-large member nominated by the president of the Faculty Organization and approved by the ASEWU Council, one classified staff member nominated by the same president and also approved by ASEWU, and three students chosen by the ASEWU council.

The interviewing committee evaluates a candi-

date's community involvement, extracurricular activities, academic success and overall attitude and personality.

"[ASEWU and the board of trustees] are more concerned with, 'Do we have a student who wants to work hard for other students?' because it is an unpaid position, so it requires someone who wants to work hard [despite not receiving a paycheck]," ASEWU President Justin Terry said.

A student must be recommended for the student trustee position, either by someone else or themselves. Once a student is recommended, they fill out the appropriate paperwork to begin the candidate process, Terry said.

Once the most qualified candidates are picked based on the previously stated criteria, the interviewing committee will choose between three and five students to be further evaluated.

The state governor created the board of trustees to serve as a check and balance system. This means that once the interviewing committee chooses its most qualified students, the governor will make the final decision.

"It comes down to [the student trustee member] believing, as a student, that what I am saying or what

we hear from students is correct. And that just gives the students that much more power in actually voting for what students want," said Terry. "[The vote] actually goes toward what the people want rather than where the money is."

The student member on the board is a voting member. Board members take the student trustee's opinions very seriously because sometimes it is the only student perspective they hear, Terry said.

Prior to meetings, the board of trustees, including the student member, receives board packets containing the agendas of each subcommittee and the open board meeting and its agenda items. After reviewing these packets extensively, the board will cast a vote during its official meetings.

On top of reviewing information packets, board members are required to attend all subcommittee meetings and fully comprehend the goals of those subcommittees.

"All the [student trustee] is expected to do is to read and understand what's going on with the things that are coming forward," said Terry. "Just like the rest of the board, our student trustee is asked to look at those things ahead of time so you're knowledgeable about what it is you're voting on."

NEW HALL

from front page

driven entity, but a large amount of money is required to keep things running. With the addition of a new hall, it is possible that students living on campus might see a slight increase in cost.

Taylor said that it is too early to know what the increase in cost will be and whether the increase will be across the board or just applied to students living in the newly built hall.

So far, no decisions have been made on which firm will be responsible for the design or construction of the new residence hall, but a list of architects being considered for the design will be narrowed down soon.

ACCURACY CHECK

-The Pi Lambda Phi fraternity did not enter the film competition. They supported it.

-Two weeks ago, the DiscoverE article said university graphics was a student group; it is a department.

-The actor playing Lt. Jimmy Cross in "The Things They Carried" is named Howie Halcomb, not Howie Holcomb.

GREEN DOT SPOT

commentary by victim advocate Karen Wanjico

Since the green dot strategy is based on bystander influence, how do we know this green dot stuff will work? How do we know peers can make a difference?

Informally, we see lots of example of how friends influence their peers. For example, you have probably said, "I saw this new movie. It was hilarious. You should go see it." Your friend goes to watch the movie.

Those are all examples of how you use your influence every day, so we know on an informal level that you can influence your peers. But we also

know from research that people are influenced when another person is authoritative.

Milgram's experiments from the early 1960s showed that if one person took the lead, the other person would follow that lead. In his experiment he had a person supposedly administer an electric shock to another person whenever they incorrectly answered a question.

The shocks got progressively stronger as more questions were answered incorrectly.

In the experiment the person ad-

ministering the shocks were verbally influenced by another person. This person gave simple directives like, "Please continue." "The experiment requires you to continue." Through these simple comments, most people continued giving shocks, even when the level would be lethal and they heard the other person screaming from pain.

What this indicates in regards to the green dot strategy is, if there is a person who is willing to speak up, others will follow.

So if you tell your friends, "We

need a plan so everyone gets home safely tonight" they will listen. If you see someone at the bar grab a woman's breast and you say, "Stop it" others are likely to back you up by verbally agreeing and pressuring the person to stop.

You can do a lot by letting your friends know your values. Here is an example: "It is wrong to get a girl drunk to have sex with her." "You should stop texting your ex-girlfriend."

Tell us how you use your influence: www.greendotews.com.



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COMMON SENSE



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Silly parents, cell phones aren't for kids

I may be young but I don't even remember cell phones existing when I was a 10-year-old. The biggest defense for why parents give their kids cell phones at young ages, according to boston.com, is that kids are becoming more independent and starting to do things like go to the library or wait at a bus stop without an adult present.

A CNN article cites the Center on Media and Child Health website saying that 54 percent of 8- to 12-year-olds will have a cell phone within the next three years.

According to the same article, young students with cell phones in an emergency situation can actually cause more trauma with the spread of rumors and the increase of parent traffic to the area where an emergency is taking place.

I was pretty young when I got my first cell phone at 15. My parents, however, set a lot of rules prior, which I think should be enforced before any child gets a cell phone to help prevent over-usage bills, cheating and inappropriate behavior.

Over-usage bills

Research for this column suggested that the reoccurring problem parents face when their children have cell phones is the outrageous bill accumulated from incessant texting, calling or downloading applications. My parents combated surprise bills with the rule that I would pay my own cell phone bill, and any overages come out of my pocket. Ten-year-olds can't pay those bills and, therefore, should not have cell phones.

Cheating

With all the technological advances in cell phones today, students are presented with an easy means of cheating. Whether texting answers or taking pictures of a test, students have a much easier time cheating when they have a cell phone in their possession. My parents avoided this behavior problem by threatening to ground me for a week and revoke my phone, regardless if I used my own cell phone to cheat.

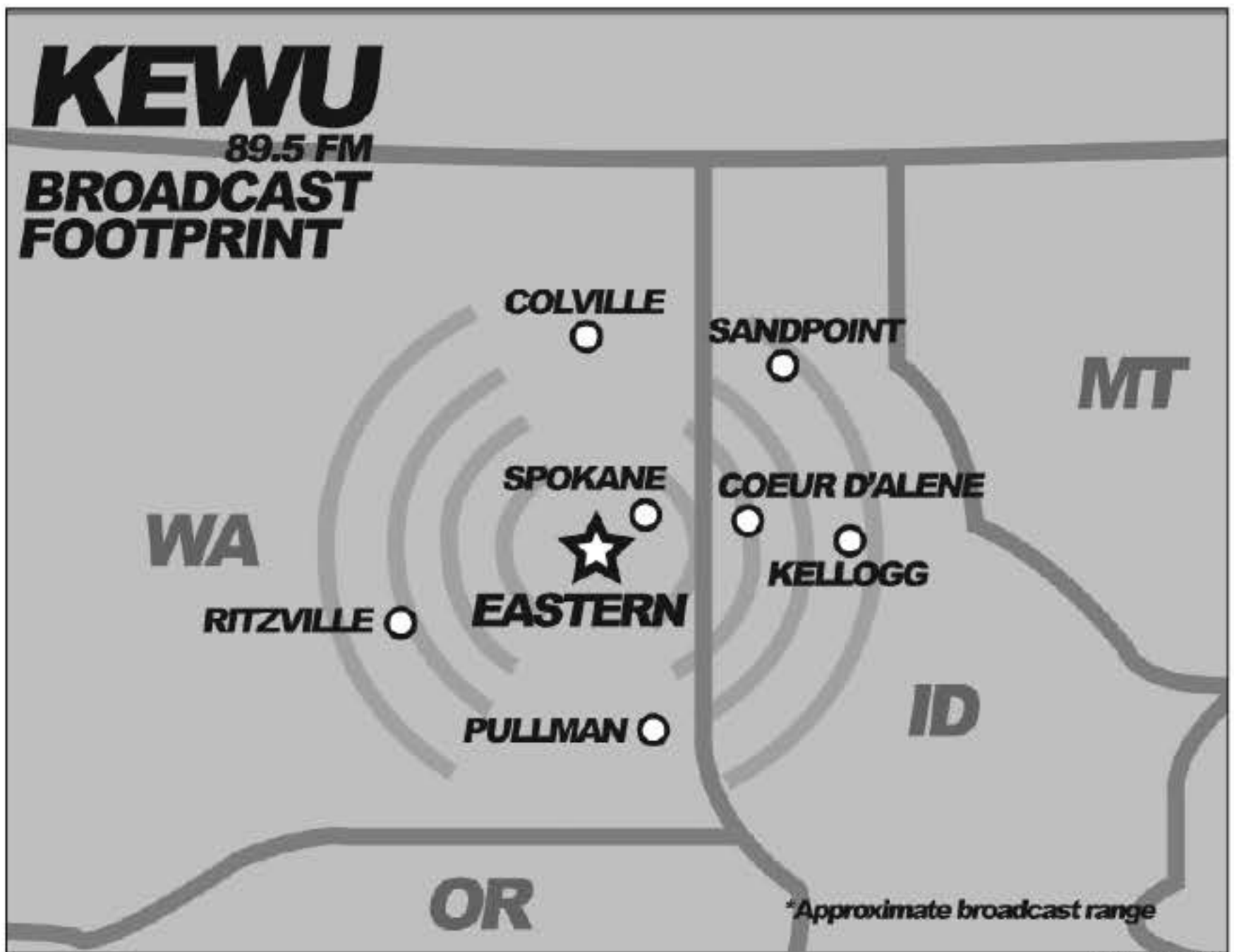
Inappropriate behavior

Students are not only sending inappropriate texts to each other, but inappropriate pictures as well. Sexting has become a recent phenomenon since it wasn't an issue when I got my first cell phone, and parents should be aware that when they put a phone in their child's hand, sexting is a serious, potential issue.

So kids are at bus stops or going to libraries by themselves in the modern day? This is not a new occurrence. Therefore, this is not a defense.

The Presidential Libraries Act signed in 1955 led to the spread of libraries throughout the country. I'm pretty sure there were kids going to the library by themselves without cell phones, and they were fine.

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Easterner Graphics

KEWU: After fall glitches, jazz station is back at full capacity of 75-mile radius due to donations

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

The long awaited EWU jazz station, KEWU 89.5, is back on the air at its full 10,000-watt power, reaching a 75-mile radius, therefore covering most of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho.

When KEWU lost its transmitter in September, the station tried some temporary fixes until the current transmitter arrived. For three months, the station had been operating on a 100-watt transmitter tower that barely extended the broadcast to the Spokane and Spokane Valley areas, leaving some on Spokane's South Hill without their jazz station.

The station's funds raised during the

spring donation drive became a means to pay for the new transmitter. Originally scheduled to be back at full power sometime last October, the transmitter was delayed by paperwork and technological issues. The estimated date for full broadcasting power moved back into November and then December as the issues piled up.

"There was an issue on our end in the purchasing department. There was also an issue on the transmitter manufacturer's end as well," said Elizabeth Farriss, KEWU's program director. "So there were two issues that caused the delay. Then, when we got the transmitter in, there was also an issue with the remote that sends the signal to the trans-

mitter."

On Dec. 30, all issues were finally resolved and the region's jazz fans began hearing their music again. Happy listeners called Farriss, thankful to have their station back.

Andrew James, who worked at KEWU until last October and whose family resides in Nine Mile Falls, was one of the listeners whose family couldn't get KEWU during the 100-watt transmitter phase.

"We're really excited, and it's not just us. There were a lot of times I'd get phone calls working at the station from people from Idaho and over to Ritzville with people wondering, 'When are you coming back?'" James said.

James noted that it wasn't just jazz the audience missed during the absence.

"You really can't [replace KEWU] unless you have CDs or satellite radio, but we preferred to listen to the local stuff," he said. "Also, on the station they talk about upcoming events around the Northwest. If you're listening to Sirius, you won't always hear about local stuff going on in Spokane or Coeur d'Alene. That was something we really missed when the station was down."

The station is focused on letting listeners know they're back on the air, especially before the spring pledge drive. The drive, and its fall counterpart, generates funds the station requires to maintain its operations.



Kayla McAllister/Easterner

Though records have not been kept, Africana Education says drive continues to be successful.

EWU students donate school supplies to annual MLK drive

Cheney Outreach Center supports campus, local community

BY KYLE HARDING
staff writer

Lynn Burks-Herres doesn't know how long the Africana Education Program has been holding its annual school supply drive to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth month, but the department secretary has been organizing it ever since joining the staff in 2003.

"It was already established when I came," Burks-Herres said of the drive. "This is a great way to give back to the community, and I want to thank all those who support it."

The drive collects school supplies each year from the beginning of winter quarter through the week of Martin Luther King Jr. day. The supplies are donated to the four elementary schools in the Cheney School District.

Last Friday was the last day to donate to the drive. Burks-Herres collected donated back-

packs, books, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, paper, and boxes of tissues.

A formal count of the contributions was not kept before last year, but it is estimated that last year's donations far surpassed all previous years, partly thanks to Dollar Tree in Cheney. Dollar Tree was not involved this year because there was not enough time to get corporate approval.

The drive is coordinated with Cheney Outreach Center, a nonprofit human services agency located in the United Church of Christ. Volunteers from the organization collect the donations from Burks-Herres and distribute them to the schools. Cheney Outreach Center could not be reached for comment.

On Monday morning, Burks-Herres said that this year's donations almost matched last year's and easily exceeded all of the years before that, though the donated items have not been completely counted.

Profits unaffected after loss of cigarettes, chew

Monetary loss from lack of tobacco is "miniscule" says director of dining

BY DOUG AULT
staff writer

The Eagle Shop has been relatively unaffected by the decision to stop selling tobacco products last Spring, said Director of Dining Dave McKay.

"The amount of product stocked and lost was a very minimal amount," he said. "We didn't have a lot of customers that would go there to buy [tobacco]."

A portion of tobacco purchasers would be students living in the residential halls. While smoking is prohibited within the buildings, it is allowed 25 feet outside any entrance.

When the decision to cease the sale of tobacco was made, residents in the halls lost the closest retailer of their products of choice.

"I bought from the Eagle Shop because I didn't have to drive anywhere in bad weather," said Junior Byron Couch, who lived in Dressler his freshman year. "I've only bought from there a few times though. [Now] I usually go to the Shell station by my house."

Other groups largely impacted by this decision seem to be nontraditional student smokers: those returning to school and international students. The loss of an on-campus tobacco provider may be inconvenient, but with stores like Taj Groceries and Cheney

Harvest Foods as well as gas stations nearby, McKay thinks the annoyance is minimal.

"There's no real solid reason for us to be selling it," he said. "There are places that specialize in that product within walking distance."

McKay explained that tobacco wasn't a part of the Eagle Shop's mission and that it was provided as a courtesy to those who chose to smoke. With the recent push to make Eastern a smoke-free campus, McKay saw an opportunity to contribute to a cleaner, healthier atmosphere by halting tobacco sales. While not working directly with the smoke-free movement, McKay said the decision was made "in conjunction" with their motives.

"Last spring quarter, we took the opportunity to make the decision at that time," he said. "It was the right time for us to drop one thing off."

The monetary impact was not felt deeply, McKay said. Though tobacco products were dropped from shelves, it led to an increase in other profitable items such as beef jerky and pepperoni sticks. Floor space was also improved with the remodel and rearrangement of products over summer.

Despite the lack of cigarettes and chewing tobacco, "nothing has changed how we do business now," he said. "We offer other products and market them in the same place."



Work It shows more diverse career options

Students welcome to search for employment or discover interests

BY KRISTIE HSIN
staff writer

EWU's Work It Career Conference will be held for the first time on campus Feb. 11 in Hargreaves Hall with employers ready to offer a larger pool of career options to students through both paid and unpaid positions.

"Basically, it's a conjunction of having a career fair ... but it's also a hybrid of different careers where students find out what careers they're interested in," said Internship Coordinator for Career Services Romeal Watson.

Watson and Bernadette Lopez, program coordinator for Career Services, are in charge of this year's event. Consisting of both a career fair and conferences, students have the opportunities to experience first-hand career options and speak to employers about the professional world at Work It.

"Our office believes in the potential of our students, and we take it upon ourselves to make sure that our students are given the tools to succeed," said Watson. "Students can get a feel of what their company is about and what [employers are] looking for."

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Hargreaves' reading room, students will get to experience a career fair. Students will be dressed to impress while they meet and greet employers.

"At the career fair, we don't place [people] in careers anymore ... If they are unsure of their strengths, we want to link them to the resources that will allow them to understand their strong points to focus their energy on, rather than focusing themselves in a direction that they may have not yet developed," Watson said.

Those interested in attending a conference can come and decide which one they want to attend. The conferences are one-hour sessions. The first session starts at 10 a.m. and covers working for nonprofit companies, "What I did with my major" and "Career readings and networking."

The second session, held from 11 a.m. to noon, covers applying for federal jobs, "Nailing that internship" and preparing for graduate school.

"I've [found them] really informational," said freshman Daryn Walter. "It helped me figure out what EWU can provide for me. And if you don't know what you want to do, it can help you narrow it down."

According to Watson, "The conferences will be held in Hargreaves 117, 119 and 217 ... Unfortunately, if they choose one session, they obviously cannot attend the others,

that is unless they decide to switch rooms, which is fine."

At noon, lunch will be provided for those who attend the conference.

Employers attending the conference include: Choice Marketing Corp., First Investors Corporation, Sheriff Community Oriented Policing Effort, Social Security Administration, Spokane County Juvenile Court, Spokane Regional Youth Department, United States Marshall Services and the FBI, among others.

"This year, it's a nice blend having both profitable and non-profitable [employers]," Watson said. In past conferences, business and marketing were the main careers offered.

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink. And our stance is that we try to at least make them thirsty."

- Romeal Watson

In previous years, the conference was held at the Spokane Riverpoint campus and based around the college of business administration and public administrations. "Now it's more informational," Lopez said. The career fair consists of more diverse career opportunities.

The career fair is free for students. Those choosing to participate in the conference will have to pay an admission fee of \$15 for students; \$25 for alumni, faculty and staff; and \$35 for community members.

"The primary purpose of this event is to provide students with the opportunities to learn the professionalism of the working world and to link them with the professionals that can provide them the expertise of what is expected and what employer look for in their potential employees," said Watson. "We want to equip them with the skills to be able to market themselves in a way that highlights the best of who they are and what they have to offer."

"You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make them drink. And our stance is that we try to at least make them thirsty," Watson said.



Students could file claim against EWU if sidewalks are not maintained.

Kayla McAllister/Easterner

Snowy walkways pose potential legal issues for university officials

If sidewalks are too icy, facilities services may close area and provide detour

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

Accidents caused by snow and ice on walkways are common during winter quarter, and campus officials require immediate information from victims of falls to treat dangerous pathways.

Responsible for on campus plowing and snow blowing, Facilities Services sends workers out soon after receiving word of hazardous areas. This can only occur when good communication is present.

Ten full-time employees are responsible for landscape maintenance and another full-time worker from building maintenance assists with snow removal during winter quarter, Director of Facilities Services Karen Wichman said.

"There's a lot that happens before people even think about getting on campus ... Except for last year, the two winters prior to that and this winter have proven to be some of our greatest challenges," Wichman said.

She also said that on days with particularly bad conditions, crews could be out clearing parking lots as early as 4 a.m.

If a student experiences a fall due to poor maintenance of walkways and stairs, Eastern can be held accountable and that student is then entitled to file a claim with the state office of risk management and an incident report with the university.

"As a landowner, [EWU] has the duty of reasonable care. There is not one answer," said Laurie Connelly, associate to the university president. "First you have the question, 'Did we know there was ice? Did we take steps to correct it?'"

The student must also prove to have taken reasonable care with things such as appropriate footwear and choosing designated walkways, Connelly said.

When a claim is filed, an investigation is executed to examine the circumstances of the incident. The main circumstance that must be addressed is whether a patch of ice or slippery snow existed for an extended amount of time and whether the university failed to address the problem.

According to Connelly, claims due to injuries also arise when someone falls on a slippery floor inside a building or when on campus construction obstructs a walkway. During winter quarter, the majority

of claims, however, happen because of inclement weather.

Settlements are made for reasonable claims and a claim that becomes a lawsuit. The compensation covers medical expenses, lost wages due to time taken off work and pain and suffering.

If a particular area of campus becomes too hazardous, it may be closed and appropriate detours would have to be made, a situation that will become more common if increasing budget cuts limit the work of Facilities Services.

Currently, budget cuts have not limited the clearing of walkways and campus conditions. Less funding has instead led to the loss of some student employees responsible for shoveling stairs and walkways that cannot be reached by mechanical equipment.

"Fortunately, we've got a good administration that recognizes the fact that we can't really skimp [on snow removal]," said Wichman. "We know that we have a responsibility to our community. We have to be successful with our snow removal and ice control."

To report an icy or problem area, call the Work Order Center at (509) 359-2245.

RENOVATION

from front page

fortable to students."

Last year, the PUB Committee held two open forums, one at the Cheney campus and one at the Riverpoint campus. A total of 45 students participated in the forums.

This year, the PUB Committee hopes to reach at least 15 percent of the student population at both campuses, again through open forums.

"We really want student input," said Butler. "It doesn't matter if it's negative or positive, we just want to know what they think."

The committee had planned to vote on the PUB renovation last May but felt that they did not have enough information to give to the students at that time. The PUB Committee hopes to be able to vote in the fall.

If the renovation is voted through, Butler said the committee will try to complete the project in a way that is not harmful to students.

"For example, if we want to work on dining, we'll work on that section during the summer," she said. "We want to do this in a way that is least disruptive for the students."

The PUB Committee meetings will be held every other Thursday at 8 a.m., the only time committee members were able to meet, in PUB 307. The next meeting will be Jan. 27 and students are welcome to attend.

TELECT

from front page

students from all majors. This year, an estimated 31 students from EWU are planning to attend, 18 of whom are from the engineering program, according to department spokesperson Sherry Mowatt.

The cost of traveling to this year's conference at Ithaca College in New York will be almost twice as expensive as last year's, which was held at the much closer University of Montana.

Telect's monetary donation will allow students to go, something professors and students appreciate.

Corporate donations are increasingly important to the engineering department, especially considering the state budget cuts, which have already stretched resources.

"Frankly, that's what we're going to have to do. ... As the state whittles away at [the budget], we've got to look to the outside community," Case said.

But the connection be-

tween the engineering program and Telect is not just about funding; it's also about expanding opportunities for students through internships and job offers, something that has happened occasionally in the past but not on a regular basis.

"One of the things that's important to us is getting top talent and top recruits," Williams told The Easterner. "We feel like we're not only investing in the community, we're investing in an institution that we really like, and we're also investing in potentially not just the students that are going to touch Telect later, but touch the rest of the employers in this community."

"That's our selfish priority ... to make sure the community is increasing its talents and the businesses in this area and can recruit from this area," Williams said.

In the end, both sides want to solidify their growing relationship, Case stressed.

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Republicans pushing for health care repeal

White House rep. says reversal would negatively impact youth, but not hinder student insurance through EWU

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

One year after President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, the now Republican majority House of Representatives has passed a bill trying to repeal the law.

The health care reform gives benefits to young adults, including providing coverage under parents' insurance plans until age 26 and eliminating the possibility of losing coverage due to a pre-existing condition. A repeal, pending a passing vote in the Senate, could reverse that.

"About 30 percent of the [EWU] student population is uninsured. That has been a pretty consistent number over the years," Director of Health, Wellness and Prevention Services Michelle Pingree said.

Students at Eastern have access to Rockwood Clinic with many services covered under Student Health, but uninsured students can also buy medical insurance from the university through the American College Health Association.

"Being a university, [EWU] is kind of removed from the typical health care issues," said Pingree. "[Students] shouldn't start to worry, but its just

something we need to keep our eye on."

White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said in a press call with college media from across the country that currently, one in three young adults in America is uninsured, and an estimated 1.2 million Americans up to age 26 are able to receive health insurance through their parents' coverage.

One goal of health care reform is to prevent insurance companies from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

Gibbs cited a report by the Department of Health and Human Services that states up to 129 million Americans under the age of 65 have pre-existing medical conditions which could, consequently, cause their insurance rates to increase or cause them to be denied coverage altogether if they sought coverage on their own without help from the federal government.

"The same report said that 15 to 30 percent of those in perfectly good health today are likely to develop what would be considered a pre-existing condition over the next eight years," Gibbs said.

The Affordable Care Act ensures that Americans aren't denied coverage and that young adults who might

not be able to get insurance through an employer can get it through their parents.

The health care plan provided through the university covers anyone who wants it and is less expensive and more comprehensive than many other health insurance plans one might find in the private sector, Pingree said.

However, Pingree also said that changing university rates are always a possibility, and new health care legislation could have an effect on the availability and the cost.

Republicans argue that the Affordable Care Act diminishes the job market for Americans, but Gibbs said that health care reform actually creates more jobs.

"According to our experts, the new law will slow the growth of health care costs and help create several hundred thousand additional jobs. Repealing the law would have the opposite effect," said Gibbs. "Without health care reform, we're likely to lose anywhere from 250 to 400 thousand jobs a year."

To learn how to participate in an upcoming press call that is open to the public Jan. 26, or for more information on the repeal of the Affordable Care Act, visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/yourhealth>.

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the amount you may have to pay for some preventative services

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50

states now offer options for people with pre-existing conditions

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1,000,000

checks mailed to seniors

As of August 2010, 1 million rebate checks had been mailed to American seniors who had reached the gap in Medicare's prescription drug coverage, often called the 'donut hole.'

\$8 BILLION

saved through the law's new provisions in just two years

Provisions in the Affordable Care Act are expected to save Medicare an estimated \$8 billion in the next two years and almost \$41.8 billion by 2019.

26

the age up to which young adults can be covered under their parents' insurance plan

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Thoughts and reflections on the BOMB SCARE IN SPOKANE

Established bag collection rules fall to the wayside in latest local events

BY BRIAN BEAURY
staff writer

Thousands of bags are left in public in America every day. They are found on streets, in libraries and in schools. They have even been found in elementary schools. Last week, one such bag in Spokane contained a pipe bomb that could have killed innocent people.

Years ago, a homeless person would have been happy to take the bag and its contents and try to pawn it for liquor money. Now, however, we can't count on the homeless anymore. Even they stick to the rule established in airports: If you see a suspicious bag by itself, alert someone.

We need to be more proactive as a population. Calling in threats is simply a

reactionary measure that doesn't get results. The FBI still hasn't apprehended anyone for the Jan. 17 bomb. Surely someone had to have noticed a person leaving that bag. If you notice someone leaving a bag, there are three schools of thought on how you should react:

1. "Hey, free backpack full of stuff": I like this one because it reminds me of Fallout: New Vegas or any other video game going back to Super Mario Bros. Pretty much every random container you find has something useful in it.

2. The Good Samaritan: You return it to the owner because it's the right thing to do. Anyone who remembers Zack Morris getting chased after discovering \$5,000 in a Saved by the Bell episode knows this.

3. Treat it as though it were a bomb: Sure, there's maybe a 1 percent chance it's actually a bomb, but you fall into the "better safe than sorry" crowd.

If you just can't allow yourself to follow either option 1 or 2, at least don't fail to execute option 3 correctly. When you see someone leaving the area while leaving a bag behind, either run and tackle the person, or if you are too busy or slow,

yell at others to capture the bomb-dropper.

Force the person to open their bag. If they open it and it turns out to be clothes, you will have saved the police many hours of unnecessary work, and the person will be grateful to have received only a few bruises.

If they refuse, hog-tie them and drop them off at the local police department, then alert the police of the location of the bomb.

If people were more aware of the possibility of a good old-fashioned ass-kicking when they left backpacks adrift, they would stop leaving them around, and we would definitely feel safer.

You can start saving the world from threats today. If someone attempts to exit your classroom leaving their backpack behind, tackle them. Read them their rights, and order them to open their backpack or take it with them.

Students shouldn't have to sit in a classroom with a potential bomb.

How are you supposed to take notes on that civil liberties chapter if you know you're seconds from death?

A rude awakening for Spokane's city life

BY AARON MALMOE
staff writer

On Jan. 17, Spokane celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a parade in downtown Spokane.

A mysterious package found around Main and Washington Streets, however, derailed the parade from its main route. And it's a good thing a city worker called 911 because the package turned out to be a pipe bomb.

Who knows how explosive this bomb would have been if it had gone off, but it was a good thing someone saw it and actually reported it.

With that in mind, should people call 911 for every backpack or mysterious package that is lying on the ground? Well, if the situation doesn't look right, then go with your instinct and at least call crime check. If there is a big event like the Martin Luther King Jr. parade and you see wires coming out of a package, that should incur definitely be a 911 call.

After the bomb scare Monday, there have been several other reports about strange

objects lying around Spokane. On Wednesday, two days later, a suitcase found on Sprague Avenue turned out to have nothing but clothes in it. That following Friday, a metal tube package was found on Sprague Avenue and Washington Street and turned out to be harmless as well.

On Saturday, yet another mysterious object was found in Spokane on Sprague by the Knitting Factory. It happened to just be a black backpack with clothes in it, but at least Spokane is opening their eyes to things that look suspicious.

The classic saying "it's better to be safe than sorry" is definitely what people have to be thinking after the scare during the parade. For the most part, people just need to be more aware that bomb threats do happen even in smaller cities like Spokane.

Most often people don't become aware until something catastrophic actually happens, so this is why our community needs to continue to be safe by being more in tune with our surroundings.



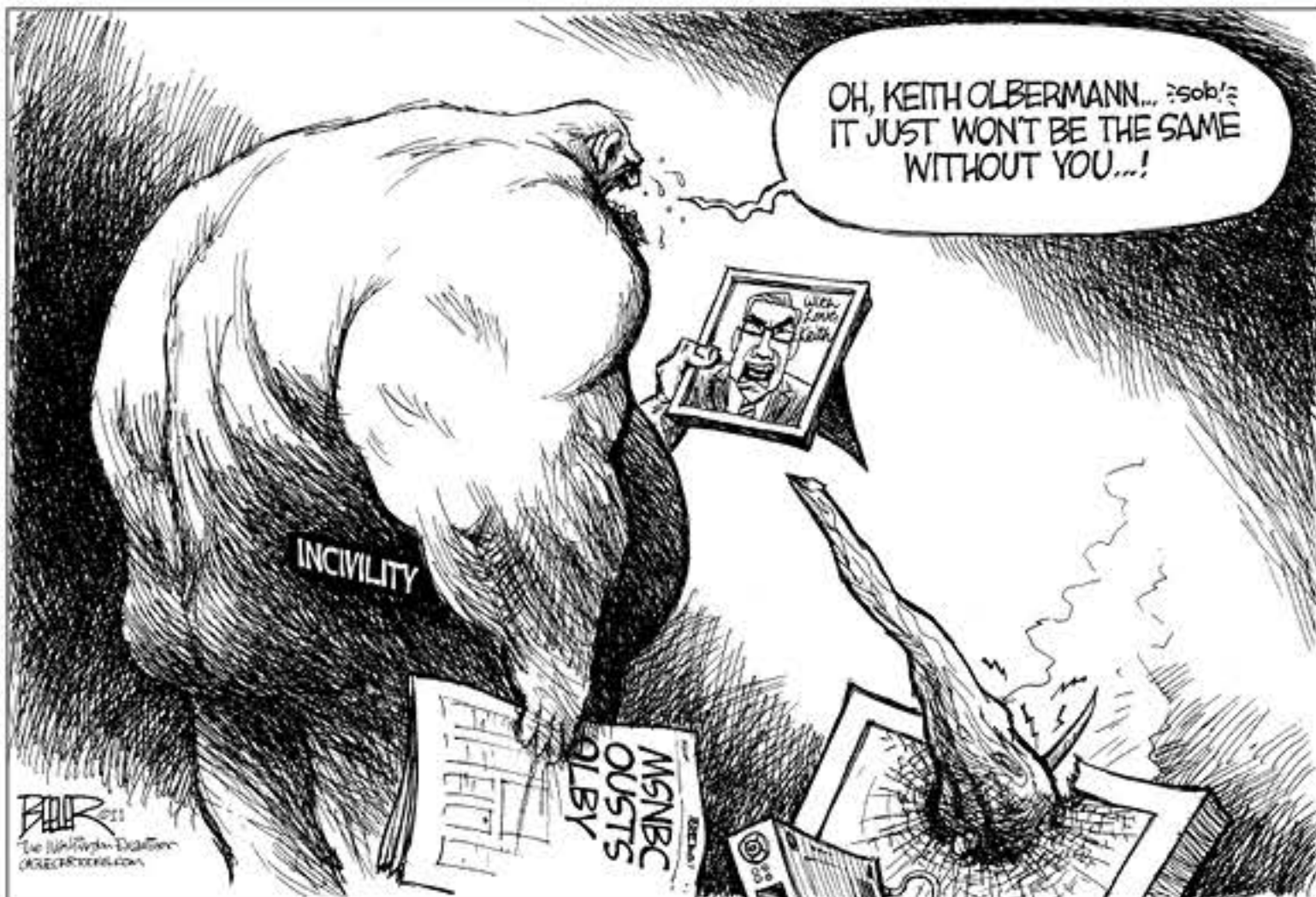
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Classes force students to brave the enemy: ice Inciting slipping, sliding and swearing, unsafe sidewalks are a nuisance

BY MATT OLSEN
online editor

Last Friday was considered by many the most dangerous day ever. Besides the threats of bears, spiders and girls, icy sidewalks are classified as the fourth deadliest animal on Earth.

Cheney is no stranger to snow and ice, and the EWU staff does an admirable job spreading deicing salt across campus, but of course, it's never enough. The salt's effect wears off by mid-morning with all the pedestrian traffic and omnipresent freezing rain. There are heated sidewalks located by the URC and the hill near Streeter and Morrison, but those locations aren't quite ideal for students who don't live on campus.

With no one to blame but Mother Nature, students are left with no other choice than to awkwardly scuttle, slip and slide their way to class.

I overheard a student in my philosophy

class say that he had to "snowboard" down the ramp from the library because of the slippery conditions.

I'm all for suicide missions, but walking to class under these circumstances is one that I must respectfully refuse.

On my commute from Louise Anderson Hall to the science building for my morning class, I was greeted many times with "Be careful. Don't slip!" as I sheepishly walked past peers. In several instances, I slipped, but I was able to pass my "reflex save" and not fall to the ground.

One time, however, I wasn't so lucky. A few weeks ago I decided to get some dinner from McDonald's and take it back to my room where I would then devour my delicious treat. Just as I thought I was home free, I slipped and fell on my butt just outside the door, ripping my bag in the process, causing its contents to spill everywhere.

Fortunately, no one was around to witness this event, so I quickly scavenged

around for whatever food I could recover and escaped to my haven.

For the record, I managed to save five Chicken McNuggets and less than one-third of my fries. Yes, it's disgusting, but desperate times call for desperate measures, especially when Chicken McNuggets are involved.

Getting that anecdote out of the way, there's no surefire way to brave the treacherous sidewalks. Flamethrowers are an obvious choice, but for those of you who don't have access to one of those, I have heard that dragging your feet in a sliding motion is a safe way to traverse icy paths.

Probably the best suggestion is to invest in a pair of Yaktrax, cleats that snap onto your normal shoes in order to safely walk across snow and ice.

The problem with these is you have to remove them upon entering a building or risk sliding across linoleum floors. If you don't mind that burden, you can buy a pair for \$20 at REI or any outdoor goods store.

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Jazz Residency uncovers emotional side of music

Part of EWU's ninth annual effort to attract jazz musicians, Matt Harris shares his talent while learning from students

BY KRISTIE HSIN
staff writer

Nationally recognized composer and arranger Matt Harris was invited to host this year's Jazz Residency to work and perform with aspiring musicians Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the Music Building Recital Hall.

Rob Tapper, professor of trombone and jazz studies, organized Harris' visit as part of Eastern's ninth year in bringing jazz composers to campus.

While hosting the Jazz Residency, Harris worked with student musicians from Ferris High School and Eastern on music arranged and composed by him. A delayed flight forced Harris to familiarize himself with the different bands, rehearse and give an outstanding performance all in one day.

Throughout the event, Harris played the piano during multiple performances, including during the song "Blues Dues" with the Ferris High

School Jazz Orchestra, "Basically Blues" with EWU Vocal Jazz (Colleagues), and with the Eastern Jazz Ensemble during "Snap, Crackle."

"I love working with younger musicians because there's always so much to learn," Harris said.

Sophomore Grace Pochis from Ferris High School's Jazz Orchestra said that working with the famous composer was not what she expected. "He's a funny guy. He kept it interesting by telling stories, and he really gets into [playing]," she said.

Senior Cody Bray from EWU's Vocal Jazz added, "It's always great to have the advantage of bringing in such a fantastic musician. It's like, all ears go up ... he's a brilliant mind ... Every moment he makes is something you can learn from, and it seems so easy for him to do what he does."

From traveling across the country to raising a family, this Ohio native has been commissioned to write music for



Matt Harris enjoys the freedom of jazz music.

Kristie Hsin/Easterner

bands across country and work with Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson.

"I like the freedom of [jazz]," said Harris, "With jazz you can always make it different. ... It's fun playing."

Having had an early start into the world of music, Harris has known since the sixth grade that music was what he was going to do for the rest of his life.

"It was a school program that got me started. I knew this is what I really loved doing," said Harris. "And it's every emotion — angry, sadness, happiness — that's why I love it."

Growing up, Harris' musical influence ranged from the jazz and classical music of Keith Jarrett to the Rogue Suspects' rock and blues. This passion led

Harris to earn a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami and a master's degree in Jazz Composition from the Eastman School of Music.

Recent events and performances include last Tuesday's EWU Winter Jazz Residency as well as band performances in Denmark, China and New Zealand, all three of which he conducted.

Now married with two daughters, Harris is currently the director of jazz studies at California State University Northridge. There, he directs harmony, class piano, private piano lessons, jazz arranging and improvisation.

"I've been teaching for 15 years now, and the students teach me. I learn from them," Harris said.



The science of love and lust

BY BRITTANY WAXMAN
eagle life editor

Albert Einstein once said, "How on earth are you ever going to explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love?"

Although Einstein may have never come up with an equation to make the science of love sexy, the back story to what happens in our brains during this phenomenon makes an interesting read.

Jena Pincott's "Do Gentlemen Really Prefer Blondes? Bodies, Behaviors, and Brains — The Science Behind Sex and Attraction," grant readers a provocative peek behind the inner workings of the brain during love and lust. Indeed scientific factors are behind almost every aspect of our sexual and romantic behaviors and preferences.

Despite the popular belief that love is mainly in the heart, the brain is more aptly dubbed by researchers as the hub. Studies in Pincott's novel reveal the brain's ability to form close bonds in couples who are in love.

When a couple shares a close connection, the brain forms a neural pattern that associates the feeling with rewards. Bonding is aided in the brain by a release of the hormone oxytocin, a powerful hormone that is activated by a hug or kiss from a loved one. Strengthened over time, this "love" network can cause couples to perform better on mental tasks when reminded of their love or partner.

The brain also generates associations to other emotions when subjects are entrapped in lust. Studies conducted to reveal these associations asked participants to lie in an MRI machine while being shown images of their love interest.

According to Pincott's book, brain scans revealed the brain's ventral tegmental area was activated, which is associated with the "feel good" hormone dopamine. This targets the reward portion of the brain called the caudate nucleus and nucleus accumbens, causing a high. The scans also revealed that the prefrontal cortex and the amygdala, responsible for reasoning and fear, were deactivated.

Though the difference between love and lust can be hard to decipher, the brain does reveal a separate, but overlapping, neural experience. Love and lust are highly addictive and rewarding, and share a similar effect in the brain; but, researches discovered a few distinct differences.

Further study of the brain revealed that people in love, and not in lust, showed increased activity in their ventral palladium, the portion of the brain abundant in vasopressin receptors, which are associated with attachment, as well as oxytocin, or "the love drug."

So there you have it. The intricate neural highways and reactions in the brain are responsible for almost every aspect of love and lust we experience. From attraction to attachment, it appears "love-drugged" is a pretty accurate term coined by science.

Now all that is left to be answered is whether we wish to partake in this provocative and enticing high.

EWU grad releases his second album

Though Katywampus isn't new to recording, this is his first album performed with a fellow artist

BY AZANA PODPLESKY
staff writer

It's "bedroom pop music," with soft vocals, acoustic strums and ambient sounds throughout; it's the sound of Katywampus.

Katywampus Fecundity, known simply as Katywampus, has been playing music since he was nine years old, starting with the trumpet, moving on to the bass guitar and eventually writing and playing songs with other kids in his town. When he was 16, he began to record his own songs on a 4-track recorder. He has been playing and recording music ever since.

Katywampus came to Eastern in the fall of 2002 to study film. He soon found, however, that his interests were too broad for just one major to handle.

"I quickly realized that would be too narrow of a focus for the kind of education I was seeking," he said in an e-mail. "I did not come to EWU to just graduate and find a job. I came to use EWU as a vehicle for learning and expanding my mind."

Once he decided to double major in humanities and anthropology, Katywampus' attention turned to music. During his senior year, he took a collection of songs and created his first album, which he recorded,

produced and mixed himself.

"Recording my first record during my senior year made me think of it as my senior thesis, that everything I had learned or experienced up to that point should be contained in this piece of work," he said, reflecting on the memory.

After graduating in 2005, Katywampus took some time off and traveled the country. He worked in Yellowstone National Park, spent a summer fly-fishing in Missoula, Mont., and went as far away as New York City and Philadelphia to watch baseball.

Katywampus' focus is once again on music as he prepares to release his second album, parts of which he recorded in Spokane.

Though he completed his first album by himself, Katywampus brought in a college friend to help him record his second, something he isn't used to doing.

"The trade-off is that the new album is more accessible to the general listener and not as experimental with sounds. The new songs can be performed live more easily, which will allow for more shows at the standard I wish to perform them," he said.

While he is proud of his second album, which is

five years in the making, he is reluctant to let it go.

"What I mean by that is it's easy to produce something that you think is great, but releasing it to everyone where they can critique your art is hard," said Katywampus. "I don't mind if someone thinks it's bad; I just don't know if any person will think it's great."

Katywampus is confident listeners will eventually understand what he tried to do with his second album, though it may require a few listens.

"It may be hard for the general listener to appreciate it, but if you spend time with it, you'll start to hear all the different things going on and see what I am trying to accomplish."

Despite his two albums and varied musical background, Katywampus is not sure if he wants to pursue a career in music.

"For me, creating and playing music is the medium I choose to express my creativity, but sometimes it comes out in a short story or film or photograph," he said. "It really depends on what my brain justifies as being the medium that will express what I'm thinking most clearly."

To download Katywampus' second album for free, go to <http://www.katywampus.bandcamp.com>.



Greek life shares philanthropic goals

Eastern's fraternities and sororities are linked not only on campus, but also throughout the nation

BY DOUG AUST
staff writer

While Eastern offers a variety of diverse fraternities and sororities, many support the same core values. Promoting togetherness and practicing philanthropy are concrete pillars to the Greek community.

"What the organizations have in common are philanthropy and a hood of core dynamics," said Patrick Spanner, president of Pi Lambda Phi. Spanner's fraternity, which had eight members when he joined, attracted him because of their close dynamic and potential for growth.

Pi Lambda Phi helps at water tables at Spokane's annual Bloomsday Run and sponsors "Tattoos for Tolerance." The tattoo event provides discount ink for students, with the proceeds going toward the "Elimination of Prejudice," an organization that promotes a better

understanding between people.

Four different councils make up Eastern's Greek community: the Diversified Greek Council, the Intrafraternity Council, the Panhellenic and National Pan-Hellenic. A chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma, created a few years ago by six female Eastern students, was the first member of the Diversified Greek Council.

"Multicultural houses were new to campus," said Arden Rios, one of the founding members of Eastern's Sigma Lambda Gamma chapter. "It was important for us to promote a high standard of morals and the empowerment of women, especially in higher education."

Sigma Lambda Gamma is built on five core principles that members try to incorporate into everyday life: academics, community service, cultural aware-

ness, social interaction, and morals and ethics. The organization does this by hosting resume-building workshops, donating clothing and running a Valentine's Day raffle.

"Being in [Sigma Lambda Gamma] taught us a lot about ourselves and others," said Rios, who emphasized the unity of the group by consciously using "we" rather than "I" when speaking about the organization's history. "I think campuses that don't have Greek life are missing out."

That sense of unanimity extends to all the different houses within their own organization and within the greater Greek community. Though the specifics are different among factions, the broad purposes stay consistent.

"It's great to have fun and make a difference at the same time," said Iota Phi Theta President Denzel Johnson. "The brotherhood and unity differ, but lots of [Greeks] are like-minded. To be a part of something bigger than myself and service the community is really great."

Spanner and Johnson both recalled stories of fraternity brothers who were welcomed by their fellow members across the country. That brotherhood extends beyond the Eastern campus is remarkable to them.

"It's fun having that commonality with people across the country because we've had similar experiences," Spanner said.

The various organizations practice fun as well as work hard. They enjoy themselves with socials between fraternities and sororities, building connections between the houses. Having fun as well as contributing to the community is a common goal.

"The importance for me is to break the stereotype that Greek life has. For the community to recognize us as people to help them is good," said Alpha Omicron Pi Philanthropy Chair Lacey Taylor. "We're all pretty friendly people. I like to think we're very easy to approach. I think for people to view Greek life as one unified group is a great thing."



Movie standouts of 2010-2011

Westerns make a comeback and foreign films bring in new excitement

BY DYLAN COIL AND SARA JO BARRETT
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LOOKING BACK MOVIES OF 2010

"True Grit"

The Coen Brothers always deliver. That is a fact. And "True Grit" is no exception.

The remake of the 1969 western starring John Wayne features performances by Jeff Bridges, Matt Damon and Josh Brolin.

Written and directed by Joel and Ethan Coen, "True Grit" follows the story of a young girl, Mattie Ross, played by Hailee Steinfeld, who is seeking revenge after the murder of her father. Ross hires U.S. Marshall Rooster Cogburn, played by Bridges, to hunt down the culprit.

"The Ghost Writer"

The psychological thriller directed by Roman Polanski stars Ewan McGregor, Pierce Brosnan and Olivia Williams.

McGregor plays a writer hired to ghostwrite former British Prime Minister Adam Lang's memoirs. Lang, played by Brosnan, pulls McGregor's character into a deep international conspiracy.

McGregor's character, known simply as "The Ghost" attempts to unfold the truth behind the former prime minister but gets caught in a political, psychological and potential murder mystery.

"Scott Pilgrim vs. The World"

Based on the graphic novel series by Bryan Lee O'Malley, "Scott Pilgrim vs. The World" stars Michael Cera and Kieran Culkin and is directed by Edgar Wright.

Set in Toronto, Canada, the story follows local pop-punk band "Sex Bob-Omb" and its bass player, Scott Pilgrim (Cera).

Pilgrim finally meets the girl of his dreams but must defeat her seven evil ex-lovers to be with her. Filled with great special effects and blasting an awesome soundtrack, Scott Pilgrim is action packed and hilarious.

"The Fighter"

Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale star in the action-drama directed by David O. Russell.

Wahlberg plays "Irish" Mickey Ward, a boxer going for the welterweight title in the 1980s. Bale plays his half-brother, Dicky Eklund, who becomes Ward's trainer.

This movie has a familiar formula, but the intense acting, and especially the dynamics of the group, makes it worth watching.

"Toy Story 3"

Third in the series, "Toy Story 3" is a sentimental rush directed by Lee Unkrich. Starring the same major voice actors as the first two movies, Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Joan Cusack, the Disney-Pixar installment lives up to its predecessors' well-timed humor, poignant characterization and engrossing plot.

Woody, Buzz, Bullseye and the gang must overcome the heartbreaking reality that Andy is going to college. By twists of fate, they decide to traverse their way through a daycare but are disillusioned by the toy mob who runs the place.

LOOKING FORWARD MOVIES OF 2011

"The Hangover Part II"

in theaters May 26

"The Hangover Part II" features the same cast as "The Hangover," including Bradley Cooper and Zach Galifianakis. The sequel to the 2009 comedy set in Las Vegas takes place in Bangkok for another wedding, but this time it's Stu's.

Directed by Todd Phillips, "The Hangover Part II" should deliver more drunken antics and hilarity.

"Wanderlust"

in theaters Oct. 7

Starring Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston, "Wanderlust" is produced by Judd Apatow, the man who conjured "Knocked Up" and "Superbad."

Written by the same comedic team responsible for "Role Models" and cult classic "Wet Hot American Summer," "Wanderlust" follows a couple who get stuck at a nudist colony on their way to Georgia. Ray Liotta co-stars.

"Cowboys and Aliens"

in theaters July 29

The year is 1873, and an alien spaceship is trying to take over the planet starting with the wild west. A group of cowboys must first figure out who they are fighting and then defeat them.

Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford star in the sci-fi action movie produced by Ron Howard and Steven Spielberg. It may sound outrageous, but it might also be the next sci-fi classic.

"The Tree of Life"

in theaters May 27

Starring Brad Pitt and Sean Penn, "The Tree of Life" is told from the adult character of Jack (Penn) looking back on his childhood and loss of innocence.

This drama-fantasy portrays a dark world where time frames change much like the mood of a child. The deeply dramatic film attempts to illustrate the beauty of life and how to find it amid confusing times.

"The Rum Diary"

(release date unknown)

Adapted from the book by Hunter S. Thompson, "The Rum Diary" stars Johnny Depp and Aaron Eckhart and is directed by Bruce Robinson.

With healthy doses of drugs and alcohol, hopefully this movie will be done in classic Gonzo style. Depp plays Journalist Paul Kemp, who moves to the Caribbean to work at a run-down newspaper. With similarities to "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," "The Rum Diary" should not disappoint.

A leader behind the scenes, Grimm retires

A students-first philosophy guides her daily routine as she puts forth effort beyond her job description

BY JAMES ECK
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A glass bowl sits on one end of a u-shaped desk, holding various candy in colorful packaging. Picture frames adorn the walls and hold smiling images of family, friends and students past. It's clear what matters most to this humble accountant. It's not the numbers, nor the budgets. It's not even a corner office in the PUB. Rather, the students have been at the heart of this university employee.

After 35 years, Cheryl Grimm is retiring, and though her physical presence may not remain on the campus, her enduring legacy of putting students first will.

While at Eastern, Grimm has witnessed a history of sorts in Cheney. From watching the old Fieldhouse burn down to living amid the city's growth to the installation of the red turf, she has kept a keen eye on her surroundings while maintaining a focus on her passion.

Since the early 1990s, Grimm has worked as a fiscal analyst in the Student Life Accounting offices, where she has been in charge of student group budgets and has become one of the trusted sources for budget-related issues.

While she works regularly with numbers, it has been the people behind those numbers that matters most.

"We, the employees at Eastern Washington University, are here because these young people decided to go to Cheney to further their education," she said. "The students at Eastern Washington University pay my wages."

The Student Life suite in the PUB

is full of personnel who share the "students first" mentality that Grimm has employed while at Eastern. One of her friends, Michelle Helmerick, assistant to the dean of students, said that the mentality is similar to that of a private business.

"If your level of customer service



Grimm

isn't good, your business is not good," Helmerick said. "I think the rest of us will need to step up and fill that void."

Grimm traces the beginning of her students first philosophy to her father, who expected 110 percent out of his children.

"My dad worked hard all of his life. He worked in the mines and hauled logs. I mean, he's got some logging stories in the winter of slick roads you wouldn't even believe, and you never know how he made it out of it," Grimm said.

"He said you've never seen dark until you've gone down in a mine and shut off your light."

Eastern, she said, has all the tools available for students to create a strong educational experience, and it's up to the university's employees to put in a similar work ethic to create such an atmosphere.

"We've got great benefits. We've got nice buildings. We've got some good people working for us," she said. "We've got tremendous students who come through the door and pay our wages, so

let's give them 110 percent."

For a child from Republic, Wash., moving to a different city, even one the size of Cheney, was on par with changing countries.

"Everything was a culture shock, believe me. I didn't know that your legs were even; I walked on hillsides," she joked.

Grimm and her late husband Ron moved to Cheney in 1964 and settled on a vast 20-acre plot of land on the outskirts of the city. There, they built their home and raised a family of two children, Angela and Dean.

Although her husband passed away in 1996, Grimm still lives at the house, keeping watch over the land that once held quarter and paint horses.

Grimm began working at Eastern in 1976 as a part-time cashier in the University Bookstore. Eventually, she made her way into an accounting office in Louise Anderson Hall.

"Those were the years when the Seahawks first came here," she said. "Coming into work, I usually got to see either Mike Tice or Steve Largent, which was the highlight."

But of all the events she has witnessed at the university, as a self-described sports nut, Grimm said that seeing the football team win their national championship earlier this month was one of the best of them all.

Retiring from Eastern, Grimm will continue to live on her land with the hope of traveling across the U.S. now and then. The main reason for staying is a desire to live in the countryside, with the animals around her.

"That's one reason why I'm staying in the country, because I have deer

and elk and pheasants and a crazy dog. She wouldn't appreciate being in town, and I wouldn't appreciate having neighbors," she said. "It's very quiet out there."

Feb. 2 is fast approaching, and little by little, her desk has been cleaned. Hanging photos have been slowly packed away, and a little more light bounces off the wall.

Although the decorations are more sparse, Grimm still sits, working on some budgeting paperwork, her presence still profound.

"I've been slowly cleaning out my office and my desk drawers and things like that so I can walk out at 5 o'clock and say that I did a good job for Eastern Washington University," she said.

When she does leave, the absence will be unmistakable. A strict but caring demeanor will have departed, leaving bare walls and a chair without an owner.

Those first few weeks without her in the office will be difficult for all who have had the honor of working with her.

Life will continue, but it will be bittersweet compared to what it once was, as a dear friend and colleague will be gone.

Even the glass bowl once sitting on the desk will be gone; its sweet contents given out to the students she mentored and the friends who surround her. Although the candy will have left, the memories will still remain, inspiring and fulfilling future students, just as long as those left remember the important lessons she taught from outside the classroom.

A MODEST PROPOSAL



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'Maybe' breeds indecisiveness among modern party-goers

It seemed there used to be only two responses to an invitation: yes or no.

But in recent years, with the rise of e-vites and Facebook events, we are now tempted with the new and enticing "maybe" option. For many, "maybe" is the go-to reply. Although seemingly harmless, it can lead to flaky and wishy-washy tendencies that can hurt your relationships and your image.

Thanks to the rise of social networks, it has become increasingly easy for us to play the "maybe" card rather than commit to an answer. Until recent years, giving a noncommittal answer to a social invite was something you just didn't do.

But with the bombardment of electronic invites swarming the masses, it can be all too easy to just click away responsibility. The pressing need to respond instantly can lead to replying with a "maybe" just because we need some breathing room. But despite the fact that generations today are seemingly busier than ever, we should avoid this cop-out even if we are unsure of what our future schedules may be.

The more we use "maybe" in our daily lives, the more likely we are to paint ourselves as flaky, and, frankly, sometimes a bit of a jerk. By allowing the consistent use of "maybe" online, we become more comfortable with this answer in our daily lives, which can lead to some not so flaky but real consequences.

Selecting "maybe" can allow situations to arise where you are in danger of hurting someone's feelings. By not giving solid answers, we can cause the people in our lives to believe they are not worthy or important enough for us to commit right away. This can damage trust over time and put a strain on friendships and relationships.

Those who use "maybe" as a way to keep their plans open not only stress their relationships, but also deny themselves the enjoyment of anticipating an event or opportunity to commune with friends and loved ones. If we allow ourselves to commit to an event, it gives us something to look forward to and can make the gathering more fun for everyone.

To avoid becoming tense about an impending event, take the uncertainty out of the equation by making a firm decision and stick to it. This will keep you from wavering back and forth and stressing in the meantime.

By saying what you really mean and feel when an invite comes your way, you can break your "maybe" habit and all the flaky and stressful baggage associated with it. In the end, you'll find that this is one decision you'll be glad you didn't flake out on.

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Wake me up when we make the postseason

I hate déjà vu, and I'm experiencing it right now on campus, more specifically on Reese Court. The men's basketball team is doing exactly what they did all season last year: losing close games.

Last season, when I was the men's basketball beat writer, I could tell that the team was destined for an eventually Big Sky Championship with the combination of sophomore guards Glen Dean, Jeffrey Forbes and Kevin Winford. But they were all freshmen last year and didn't know how to close out a game. Too many times I saw a lead vanish in the final minute. Too many times I heard Head Coach Kirk Earlywine through the doors of the locker room screaming at the top of his lungs while I waited for an interview. Too many times I had to write a story about a losing team.

I still had hope though. During that season, Dean was named Big Sky Conference Freshman of the Year, Forbes' all-around game kept improving and Winford's stroke started looking better, so after missing the Big Sky tournament again, I didn't give up. I was ready to wait a year and see what the freshmen could do as sophomores.

Unfortunately, nothing has changed. They still can't close out a game. Against Sacramento State University last week, they started out with an early 11-4 lead but ended up losing by two.

Even junior college transfer Tremayne Johnson couldn't carry the team on his back. He can ball as good as anyone out there, but he has one problem: maturity. He seriously believes he will be an NBA lottery pick. Even Rodney Stuckey didn't make it into the lottery. Johnson might be good enough for the NBA, but he needs to start putting in a better effort when he plays.

The only big knock against this team is that they don't have a quality big man. Laron Griffin, another sophomore, plays center half the time.

Now, with an underwhelming 2-5 conference record, the Eagles are already playing catch up this season. Currently they are one game behind Weber State for the final spot in the conference tournament. Hopefully they will pull it together to string off some wins because I hate déjà vu.

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Recruiting off to fast start

National title, red turf, Jones' declaration draw attention to EWU's football team

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
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EWU's run to a National Championship cost them weeks of recruiting time for incoming players. What they've lacked in time, however, they've made up for in pace, as the coaching staff has been flooded with e-mails, phone calls and game films daily.

"The biggest thing I'm noticing a difference in is the amount of e-mails and phone calls. I had 1,200 emails when we got back from Texas, and I'm probably receiving upwards of 25-40 phone calls a day," Recruiting Coordinator Ryan Sawyer said.

Sawyer, who also coaches the defensive line, said that those numbers represent double what he typically sees in an offseason. Not only is there more interest in the school, but the road to glory also led EWU into recruits' living rooms.

"When we do find a kid that we like, it makes it easy to sell [EWU],"

said Sawyer. "They know about the red turf. They ask about the red turf. They want to see the red turf. They saw the game against Delaware. They saw the championship game. They know about the comeback, that game, everything we've done all season long. It makes it easy because our first impression is already done."

Head Coach Beau Baldwin added, "It's become something where anywhere, especially on the west coast ... more people are recognizing our logo, who we are and all that. It's been exciting. I feel like we have a good presence in a lot of places."

While Sawyer can't list of names of those committed to Eastern's team until signing day on Feb. 2, but he did mention that the team had a handful of recruits who had committed prior to last weekend, with several more coming to Cheney for a campus visit. Sawyer said that the exposure of the championship and red turf has helped speed up the recruiting process.



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The football team's success has made Beau Baldwin's recruiting a lot easier.

"There's a kid I just got ahold of today. We just saw his film yesterday, called him yesterday, set up his flight today. He's coming this weekend. He'll be here in 48 hours. We never were able to do something like that in the past," Sawyer said.

The national title and the red turf aren't the only things catching recruits' eyes. With Taiwan Jones' declaration to

enter the NFL Draft last week, EWU made the news again thanks to the rarity of Football Championship Subdivision players declaring early. Rather than focusing on the loss of the Co-Offensive Player of the Year of the Big Sky Conference, the Eagles are noticing some of the benefits of Jones' decision.

"I think with the absence of Taiwan Jones, it's created almost more of a recruiting buzz for a couple reasons. Number one, Eastern Washington now has a student athlete that has left early for the draft, which is something in its own. And we have a hole to fill," Sawyer said.

While the red turf and national title deserve some of the credit for Eastern's nationwide presence, Baldwin also wants people to recognize that this team wasn't built in a year.

"I go back further than [the red turf]," said Baldwin. "We've had a successful, special program here for a while. I think sometimes it gets forgotten that we've won 13 out of 15 years, and we've gone to the playoffs five out of the last seven years. There's (sic) only five other teams in the country that have had that type of record."

Guard trio fails to make field goal, falls to Hornets

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
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The Eagles came up short in their bid to capture a win in Sacramento, Calif., against the Sacramento State University Hornets (4-15, 1-7 Big Sky). Eastern's rally from being down 11 points in the second half wasn't enough to get their third conference win of the season.

After Glen Dean hit two free throws with 12 seconds left to tie the game, Sac State forward Duro Bjegovic put back a miss from Sultan Toles-Bey with 1.1 seconds left, giving the Hornets their first victory in conference play.

EWU (5-14, 2-5 Big Sky) couldn't overcome a miserable shooting night from its start-

ing guard trio of Glen Dean, Jeffrey Forbes and Kevin Winford. Each missed all 17 of their shots, 12 of which would have been three-pointers.

"We had unbelievably clean looks, especially from the arc," said Head Coach Kirk Earlywine. "There are nights that it's going to happen like this, but it doesn't mean you can't win the game. You have to guard your butt off. You have to rebound your butt off. And you have to take care of the ball."

And the Eagles did have a chance to win the game.

The Eagles' defense showed up to hold their second consecutive opponent below 60 points for the game. They held the Hornets to just 37 percent

shooting from the field, including only 25 percent (3-12) from beyond the arc.

Turnovers, however, bit the Eagles again. They gave up 20 points on 15 turnovers, helping Sacramento State build their 11-point second half lead.

"On the road, you have to guard and rebound, and we did those two things, plus held them to 37 percent shooting," said Earlywine. "We just had an unbelievable amount of turnovers for the way that game was played. There was no excuse for the way we gave the ball away tonight."

Despite Eastern's guards' shooting woes, the Eagles finished with a better shooting percentage than the Hornets. Finding themselves down by 11, timely free-throws and some great points in the paint got the Eagles back in the game, even regaining a lead late in the game with a Laron Griffin dunk to go up 53-52 with 1 minute 44 seconds to play.

"I was concerned getting behind by double digits on the road, but we were getting better shots than they were," said Earlywine of his team's comeback. "We were getting pretty good shots, and we just needed to stay the course. Our guys didn't panic. They kept guarding, and they kept rebounding and got us back in the game."

With the starting guards running cold, Griffin and fellow forward Tremayne Johnson stepped up, putting in 14 points apiece. Griffin chipped in 10 rebounds, leading the team as they outrebounded the Hornets 33-32.

But Bjegovic, however, got the most important rebound in the final second.

The Eagles return to Reese Court for the next two games, starting with Portland State Jan. 27 at 7:05 p.m.



Kellie Homlstedt sees a bright future for the golf team. goeags.com

Women's golf ready to win

BY KYLE HARDING
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After breaking for the winter, the EWU women's golf team is getting ready to hit the links again. The Eagles will kick off spring play with a trip to Sedona, Ariz., to play in the Red Rocks Invitational at the end of February where they will compete against six of their Big Sky Conference opponents.

Head Coach Brenda Howe, a former Eagle golfer herself, is excited for the second portion of the season.

"We saw a lot of improvement in the fall season. The girls worked hard over the summer and returned to Cheney ready to compete," Howe, said. "The biggest surprise in the fall was Jayme Carbon's performance. She went from our number five or number six player to our number two player."

The last time they competed Oct. 19, the Eagles took third place in an eight-team tournament at the Wichita State University's Shocker Invitational in Newton, Kan.

Kellie Holmstedt, the team's lone senior, finished three over par at Wichita State for fourth place. That same

week she was honored as Big Sky Conference Golfer of the Week.

"Kellie continued her solid play in the fall, and I see her having a great finish to her senior season," said Howe. "I think both Jayme and Kellie can compete with any of the top players in the conference."

Carbon, a sophomore, tied for eighth with eight over par in Kansas.

"I'm definitely excited for the upcoming season and believe we are capable of continuing to improve during the spring," Carbon said.

The Eagles added a new golfer to the team over the winter, sophomore Jackie Brown who transferred from Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss. In her one year at Jackson State, the Spanaway, Wash., native competed in the 2010 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships.

"She brings a lot of Division I experience, and I'm confident she'll make an immediate impact in the spring," Howe said.

The Eagles return to action in February in Sedona, Ariz.



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Glen Dean didn't make a single shot against Sac State.

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EWU star carrying on tradition

Ryan family leaving mark on Reese Court

BY MATT DAVIS | STAFF WRITER

Her mother played for Eastern from 1979-82. Her father taught her the fundamentals of the game. Her younger sister will be suiting up for the Eagles in the fall. But Brianne Ryan is not just caught in a family tradition.

She is making a name for herself. Brianne's mother, Neil Ryan, is the third leading rebounder in school history with 1,008. Her father, Thomas Ryan, did not play basketball in college but played a huge part in teaching Brianne the game while he coached her through eighth grade.

"I come from a basketball family, so I've always been around it," said Brianne, who began playing basketball in the third grade. "My dad helped out with my teams in third grade and then coached my teams in sixth and seventh and eighth grade."

The 6-foot junior guard grew up in Maple Valley, Wash., with her brother and two sisters, but her family moved to Lynden, Wash., when she was in the fifth grade. A year later, Brianne joined the Amateur Athletic Union where she began to shake her early struggles on the court and started getting the hang of the game.

"I kept working on my shooting form and my dribbling. I was progressing as the years went by, and you could see the improvement," said Brianne. "Then I realized I had talent, and the confidence formed from that."

Brianne attended Lynden Christian High School where her team placed second in state during her sophomore year and third during her junior season. Following her junior year, she had already committed to EWU.

"When you play [Amateur Athletic Union] basketball during the summer and you realize all the college coaches are coming to watch you, you're like, 'Oh, wow. I will have a chance to play at the next level,'" Brianne said.

During her senior season, she led her team to an undefeated season and a state championship. Brianne was named the 1A Player of the Year and was the Most Valuable Player during the her team's state championship run.

"It was a great feeling, stepping onto the court and knowing we were going to beat [our opponents]," said Brianne about her championship team. "It is one of my favorite mo-



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ments."

Brianne also earned All-Northwest League honors in basketball and volleyball.

During her freshman year at EWU, Brianne played in 27 games, starting 19 of them. She ranked second behind Kyla Evans in 3-point field goal percentage, and her percentage beyond the arc increased by nearly 20 percent when the Eagles entered conference play.

But it wasn't until her sophomore campaign that Brianne broke out and began to display everything her parents taught her.

"Her father was always about the fundamentals and defense," said her mother Neil. "He said, 'You have to play defense to win.' And of course, I always stressed rebounding."

Brianne was named the Big Sky Co-Defensive Player of the Year and ranked in the Big Sky's top 15 in steals and offensive rebounds. She ranked second behind Julie Piper in numerous statistical categories, including total points (282), field goals made (109), field goals attempted (261) and field goal percentage (.418). She also averaged the most play minutes of any Eagle with 28.5 per game.

So far this season, Brianne leads the Eagles in points per game, free throws made, minutes per game and four other statistical categories.

"We have kind of been waiting for this to happen," said Piper. "We have always known



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Above: Brianne Ryan goes for two of her career-high 33 points in Saturday's game.

Left: Neil Ryan, Brianne's mother, played for EWU's women's basketball team from 1979-82, tallying 1,008 career rebounds, good for third all-time.


she's really athletic and had the ability to score like she does now. It's been great watching her go from being a great defender and a pretty good offensive player to really rounding out her game this year."

Ryan's 17-year-old sister Kayleigh will attend EWU in the fall, and the sisters will play together for the first time since high school.

"It is going to be a great opportunity to play Division I basketball with my sister," said Kayleigh. "I definitely look up to my sister and what a player she is. She's always been a really solid player, and I look up to her skills and her attitude."

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Ryan, Cooper lead Eagles' dismantling of Hornets

Juniors achieve career-highs

BY MATT DAVIS
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For nearly 20 minutes, Brianne Ryan could not miss.

She connected on nine of her 10 shots in the first half and scored 20 of her career-high 33 points in the opening 20 minutes of the women's basketball team's 98-70 rout of the Sacramento State Hornets Saturday.

But Ryan was not the only Eagle dazzling the Reese Court crowd with career highs.

Fellow guard Chene Cooper compiled a career-high 14 assists while adding 11 points for her second double-double this season.

"Brianne and [Cooper] did so many things well tonight," said Head Coach Wendy Schuller. "Brianne was finishing her shots in the lane, knocking down threes and playing really tough on the defensive end."

"[Cooper] pushed the tempo all night. She makes it hard for opponents to press us because she handles the ball so well. She is elusive and quick and just impossible to catch."

The Eagles scored 21 of the game's first 30 points while shooting 54 percent from the field during the first half. Eastern led 54-33 heading into halftime.

Eastern showed no signs of letting up in the second half. With 11 minutes 33 seconds left in the final half, the Eagles had built a 35-point lead behind what Schuller called a team effort.

"We never talk about individual numbers and statistics because none of that can happen if the rest of the team isn't running the floor as hard as they can," she said. "I was so impressed with everyone's effort. It takes an entire team to get those kind of statistics."

Including Ryan and Cooper, five Eagles

reached double-digits in scoring. Senior Tatjana Sparavalo finished with 14. Senior forward Julie Piper and freshman Chenise Pakootas each scored 10.

Continuing the theme of the evening, freshman forward Laura Hughes collected a career-high seven rebounds while chipping in eight points.

Down big for most of the game, the Hornets attempted to get it all back in chunks as they tossed up 28 3-pointers and only connected on seven. The Eagles also outrebounded the visitors 50-36 and controlled the paint with a 42-24 edge.

"We did a great job of attacking tonight," said Schuller. "Sac State plays a very unique style of basketball, but we decided the best way to handle their system was to just roll with it. We thought the team did a great job adjusting to the flow and rhythm."

The Eagles completed a season sweep of the Hornets and improved to 8-9 on the year and 4-1 in Big Sky Conference play, currently good enough for third place behind Montana State (5-0) and Northern Colorado (5-1). Eastern will travel to Portland, Ore., Thursday to battle the Portland State Vikings, whom the Eagles beat 70-62 at home Jan. 8.

Ryan's 33 points were just five shy of the Eagles' all-time scoring record of 38, which is currently held by Vanessa Jones who played for Eastern from 1989-'92. Ryan scored 21 during the first meeting with the Hornets in Sacramento, Calif., Jan. 13.

The Eagles will return home to Cheney to play the Northern Colorado Bears on Feb. 3 and the Idaho State Bengals Feb. 5. Both games will be played at Reese Court.



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