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# From Vietnam to zombies

Airsoft club participates in themed scrimmages, p.10



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## This week

### DON'T MISS:

**On Nov. 17 from 6-8 p.m.** police officers and cadets will be in front of the main entrance to Roos Field to check the headlights and tire pressures of students' vehicles for safety before winter.

**The ASEWU Student Council** will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9 in the PUB student lounge at 3:30 p.m.

**Want to learn about how to prepare for the CPA exam?** Come to the Becker Professional Education presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 2:50 p.m. in PUB 261. Business casual dress is required and free pizza will be served. For more information, email ewu\_bap@yahoo.com.

EWU's award-winning original stage adaptation of **Tim O'Brien's masterpiece, "The Things They Carried,"** will be performed on Dec. 1, 2 and 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at the EWU University Theatre. Admission is free for students plus one with EagleCard and \$10 general admission.

Bina Walker will discuss **"Corruption in India and its Impact on Women"** on Thursday, Nov. 17 at noon in 207 Monroe Hall as part of EWU Women's Studies lecture series.

The EWU Association for Computing Machinery is raffling a **Kindle Fire** on Dec. 5. Email ewuacm@gmail.com to purchase tickets: one for \$2 or six for \$10.

**Washington state legislators** are coming to campus to talk about **budget cuts in education.** Be a part of the conversation on Tuesday, Nov. 15 in Hargreaves 201 from 7 to 10 p.m.

# Swoopin' up sports fans

Feathered mascot puts in work on and off the field, rallying support for athletics

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Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Working in a 15-pound suit that's 20 degrees hotter than room temperature might be tough. But when that involves teaching thousands of screaming EWU football fans how to "Dougie," it's worth the effort.

EWU's mascot, Swoop, has become a fixture at Eagle sporting events. Swoop can be seen strutting along the sidelines, high-fiving kids and dancing his tail off, all for the sake of entertainment.

"I love getting fans excited," Swoop said. "I like making people laugh. It's fun to learn a neat trick and then have people go nuts about it."

So, who is Swoop? Who is the man hidden beneath the beak? That is something Swoop takes steps to ensure no one can find out.

"It ruins the character," Swoop said. "It goes from Swoop, to being so and so. It's no longer the bird, it becomes a person. It's like figuring out who Santa Claus is."

The current Swoop is in his second year of representing Eagle athletics. He has had previous

experience as a mascot while attending a junior college. When he considered transferring, he chose EWU because he said it seemed to have the most exciting mascot program.

Considered apart of the EWU cheerleading team, Swoop receives a partial scholarship. With over 70 appearances every year and a full class schedule, it requires a dedicated individual.

Kyle Hoob, director of athletic marketing and sales, was part of the committee last year who interviewed candidates for the open Swoop position. Hoob said this mascot is the best he has ever had while at EWU.

"I hang out with some break dancers on Monday for a few hours," Swoop said. "It gives me a chance to work on handsprings and stuff. I'll do some workout stuff with the cheerleaders on Wednesday ... and [I am] pretty much going for a run or riding a bike every day of the week."

Hoob said Swoop's popularity with Eagles fans has dramatically changed in the past year. He has become a brand name for the university, which coincided remarkably well with the installation of the Inferno and the national championship in football.

For Swoop himself, he said the role has become more intense since he first stepped inside the suit.

"There's expectation now," Swoop said. "There's just not, 'There's Swoop.' [Instead, it's] 'There's Swoop, what's the next cool thing he's going to do?'"

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# EWU campus police search for assailants

Timely Warnings posted according to Clery Act

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In the past two weeks, EWU Campus Police reported one confirmed assault and another potential stalking case that both occurred on the Cheney campus.

On Nov. 2 around 7:50 p.m., a female student was assaulted in the area of the University Recreation Center (URC) and Louise Anderson (LA) Hall.

As of Oct. 26, Campus Police are looking into a case involving a male student who reportedly followed a female student near Kingston and Senior Hall and was also seen loitering near the bus stop at the PUB, according to the EWU Police Department Timely Warning.

The Timely Warning, posted on ewu.edu, stated that the suspect involved in last Wednesday's assault is a black male in his early to mid-20's, around 6 feet 2 inches tall with a medium build and a goatee.

The man reportedly grabbed the female student and attempted to take her to a secluded location.

Deputy Chief of Campus Police Gary Gasseling said that campus police received two or three tips for the assault case so far and, "at this point, we're working through anyone who could identify the individual."

When asked if the assailant who committed the assault could be a student, Gasseling said, "our suspicions are yes, but we have no way to prove that."

The suspect accused of stalking a female student two weeks ago is a white male in his mid-20's, around 5 feet 9 inches, clean shaven with short brown hair, according to the Timely Warning.

"Right now, we have no case [for the stalker]," Gasseling said. "The person hasn't been identified."

Stalking cases are not

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Photo by Casey Picha

A speaker celebrating el Dia de los Muertos dedicates an altar to one of the four altar recipients.

# Library welcomes the dead

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The Chicano Education Program and the EWU Libraries celebrated el Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, with two ofrendas, or altars, offered for four influential people in the Chicano/Chicana movement.

Day of the Dead is celebrated Nov. 1-2 in connection with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. This Mexican holiday is celebrated throughout the world in many cultures.

The ancient celebration allows families to reconnect with departed ancestors. It is a time to remember and celebrate the legacy of those who have moved on to the sacred lands of Mictlan, or the realm of the dead.

The presentations were done by students and peers from the Chicano Education Program. El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A), CHST 101: Introduction to Chicano Culture and CHST 218: Chicano History presented the background of the cultural

holiday, what the symbols meant on each ofrenda and told the stories of the four men and women who were honored.

After the presentations, Ms. Eastern Maria Elena Calderon and three dancers took center stage to dance in celebration of the holiday.

The ofrendas were specially made by students in the Chicano program. The altars contained the four elements of nature: earth, air, fire, and water. Pictures of the departed ancestors

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# Honorary degree policy under revision

Outdated policy failed to include doctoral degrees, changes made reflect the need for more variety

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EWU's Honorary Degree policy 303-04 is undergoing revision. The policy was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 2002.

The degree recognizes individuals who have made contributions related to the devotion of education, science and art to the university over time.

"This isn't a new policy. We've had this policy for years, but it didn't have

doctoral degrees, so this is actually a revision of the existing policy. The purpose of this is to add doctoral degrees," University Policy Administrator Trent Lutey said.

According to the policy draft dated this month,

degrees that earn credit at EWU are not awarded as honorary degrees.

Available degrees include Master of Creative Expression, Master of Human Services, Doctor of Arts, Doctor of Law and Doctor of Science.

Recipients of the award are suggested alumni who have had outstanding personal achievements and

have made contributions to the university in support of higher education.

According to Lutey, people awarded this degree are not always directly related to the university. EWU has not awarded this degree to anyone in the last ten years.

"I prepare the proposed revisions and I'm

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# Alumni donations rise despite down economy

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Despite on-going economic setbacks, alumni continue to support the university and its students through generous donations.

Much of the donations go toward student expenses that tuition can't cover. Other expenses include supporting scholarships, Eastern's four colleges, the Eastern fund, and academic departments, among many more.

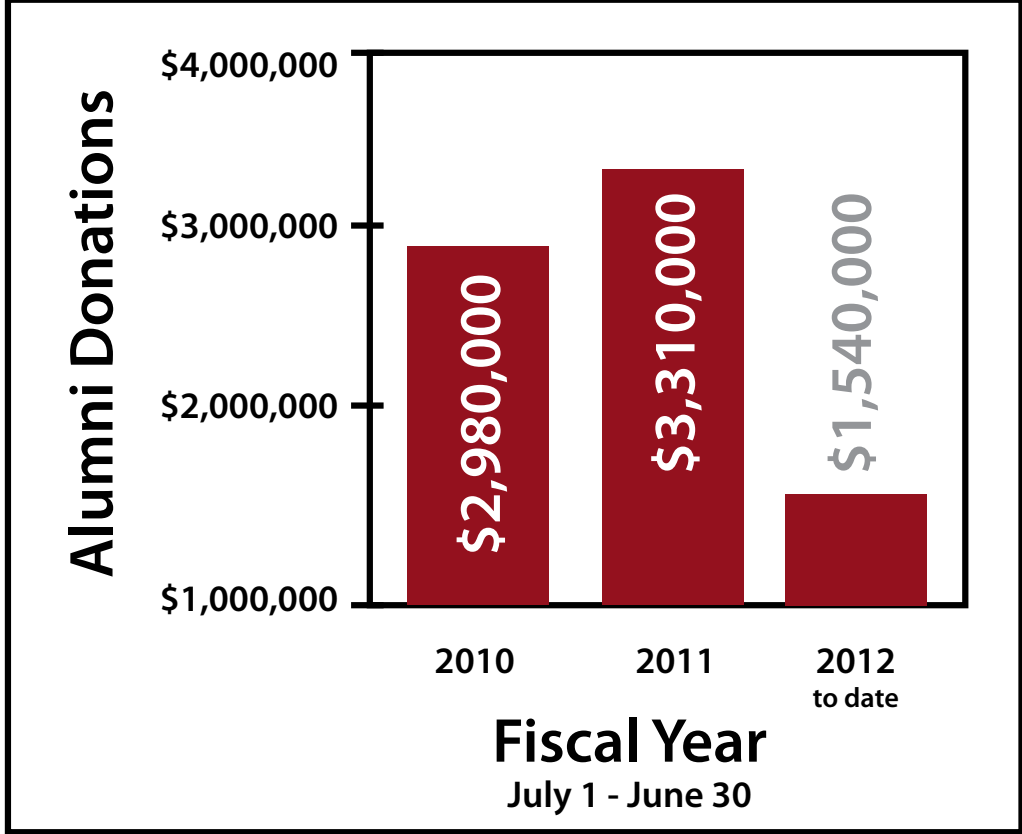
"The type of impact that we're seeing right now is not so much in participation, which is just slightly lower, but the impact that we're seeing is in the total dollar amount of donations," Pat Spanjer, assistant director of annual giving, said.

Over the past three fiscal years, Eastern has received approximately \$7,830,000 in donations, averaging about \$2,610,000 per year.

"We do have loyal donors and they continue to give at the level that they've given in the past," said Spanjer. "They give what they can."

According to Vice President for University Advancement and Foundation Executive Director Mike Westfall, results for the fiscal year 2012 look promising and are on track for an outstanding year.

Spanjer said, "With state budget cuts coming in as they are and also cutting financial aid for stu-



Easterner Graphics

Alumni donations help more than 1,000 students each year with expenses beyond tuition.

dents, it's really imperative that people give more than ever."

Donations usually come from Eastern friends and alumni. The Alumni House is currently contacting parents.

"Right now we're contacting parents because a lot of the other people we're calling now can't donate as much because of the whole recession," said senior Micah Woody, who works in the Alumni House.

In his conversations with possible donors, Woody typically talks

about the current events on campus, the Patterson remodel and about the National Championship.

"We have so much more school pride and recognition since we won the championship. When that kind of a thing happens at a university, it just causes the pride to go up," said Spanjer. "There are also so many things that happen academically and that build pride and it increases donations."

Last year, Eastern awarded approximately \$2 million in scholarships,

helping more than 1,000 students.

This year's funds will go towards supporting departments like Africana Education, Women's and Gender Studies, Chicano Studies, the Pride Center and the American Indian Studies program. Funds will also be contributed towards new classroom equipment and EWU's jazz radio station.

"They affect our students in so many different ways ... and all of these things impact the Eastern experience," Spanjer said.

# Textbook rentals make more sense saving dollars

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Students looking for alternatives to buying high-priced textbooks now have more options for rentals through the EWU bookstore.

The bookstore began renting textbooks last year, but after switching to a different wholesale partner, they are prepared to offer students a far greater number of titles.

"Last year, the entire year, we had 104 titles approved, that's all three quarters. This last quarter, we had over 200," said Jeff Wieck, university bookstore program coordinator. "Last year, through the whole year, we figured we saved students \$47,000 renting over buying them new."

According to Wieck, the bookstore's partnership with Missouri Book System last year saved students who rented 50 percent over buying new. Wieck says that their new partner, Bookrenter.com, has the potential to save more money.

"We've seen discounts as deep as 80 percent," Wieck said.

The bookstore rented 1,232 total books for fall quarter, compared to 296 last fall.

"Bookrenter really is the reason. They came in, we provided our entire book list, they came

back with like 200 of our titles. 80 percent of our titles were available at some discount," Wieck said.

"To be honest, buying a used book is still probably the best option for a student. The advantage to renting a book is it's half the money out of pocket initially," Wieck said. "The rule of thumb is if we're using it again and buying it back, you'll get half that new price."

In many cases, buying online is still a more economical option, as books can often be purchased far cheaper on Amazon or Half.com and can still be sold back.

Elemental Geosystems, a required text for one section of Geology 100, costs \$128.85 new at the bookstore, or \$96.65 used. A 90 day rental is \$51.15. According to the bookstore's own comparison charts, a used copy can be found for \$36 on Amazon. A student who needs Fundamentals of General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry for Chemistry 161 could save money by renting, as that book is \$149.69 on Amazon and costs \$71.82 to rent for 90 days. It is nearly \$200 new from the bookstore.

"We still strive to get as many used titles as we can. We brought in these rental options as a service to the students to give them more options," Wieck said.




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# Code blue stations enhance security, ensure safety around campus

Blue lights checked frequently by IT department, consequences for improper use include misdemeanor

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Code Blue Stations, also known as emergency phones, are available around campus to ensure the safety of students and faculty. Campus has thirteen Code Blue Stations. “Blue Lights,” another common name for the stations, are strategically located in areas with the most traffic, such as Lot 12, the PHASE, the Visitor Center and near Patterson Hall. Each station is equipped with a light and number that identifies its location. Upon pushing the button, the blue light flashes and a signal with a 50-foot radius goes out to campus police. When activated, the subject is connected with an operator who may ask for additional information in order to better assist the situation. False activation of a

station could see the perpetrator charged with a misdemeanor. “When those things are activated, the dispatcher can hear what’s going on,” said Gasseling. “If they’re hearing nothing in the background, it doesn’t mean nothing is going on.” Junior Melissa McFarland said, “If you feel unsafe, they’re a good thing to have close by.” If the campus police only have one officer on call and require assistance, the Cheney Police Department is called. However, the Cheney Police Department is not the responding agency for the stations. “We back them up on a routine basis,” said Cheney Police Department Commander Rick Campbell. The phones are checked quarterly by the university’s IT department, according to Gasseling. They check for function by physically pressing the button to make

sure calls can be received. “My only concern is how far in between they all are,” senior Henry McNulty said. Despite the seldom use of the phones, Gasseling said they’re still essential to campus safety. “We don’t take the fire alarms out just because we don’t have fires. We have to be prepared for the worst and that’s what the phones are for,” Gasseling said. The Code Blue Stations have been in place for more than 15 years, according to Gasseling. “I think we have to maintain those,” said Gasseling. “We think in today’s society that everybody has a cell phone, but that fact is not true and if some people don’t have a cell phone and they happen to be near one of those things and they understand what they’re for, then we’ve provided them the opportunity to keep themselves safe and for us to respond appropriately.”



Photo Illustration by Evan Sykes  
Emergency phone located in the parking lot behind Roos Field is one of thirteen “blue lights.”

## Ever wonder what they DO in those offices on the 40th floor?

### A Day in the Life of Sydney Walker

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### TO DO:

- 8:00 Strategize with partners re: new market approach for potential clients
- 10:00 Brainstorm tax issue - conference call
- NOON Lunch with client
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- 5:30 Happy hour w/ team

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GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY

# New graduate affairs representative brings fresh perspective

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The ASEWU has hired Josh Clayton as their new Graduate Affairs Representative. Clayton is a recent recreational management graduate and is hoping that his fresh outlook and previous experience will help lead the ASEWU to a successful year. According to the ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña, the process to select a new Graduate Affairs Representative is outlined in the ASEWU constitution. The process includes creating a hiring committee, which is responsible for selecting the top candidates for the position. From there, the ASEWU appoints who they believe to be the top candidate. Clayton decided late that he was going to return to graduate school for sports and recreation management. Once deciding to return, he jumped on the opportunity to fill the post. “I knew that since I was going to be going back and going to graduate school that I really enjoyed working with ASEWU last year, and I wanted to continue to work with them in some sort of capacity,” Clayton said. Clayton is excited for this year and is eager to implement many of his own goals as well as to aid the ASEWU in obtaining their goals. “My main goal is to kind of establish the old graduate senate student structure, re-evaluate that and see if there is a way we can make it better for the graduate students so they get equal representation from Cheney, Riverpoint and from each department,” Clayton said.



Photo by Evan Sykes  
Josh Clayton is the new ASEWU Graduate Affairs Representative.

The graduate program at EWU is home to over 1,300 graduate students, all of which is represented by Joshua Clayton. ASEWU recently laid out their six goals for the year. Clayton believes that his own personal goals are intertwined with the goals of the ASEWU. “As a whole, some of the goals that I share with the ASEWU is the child care facility, fitness center collaboration and transportation for the summer quarter for the graduate students, as well as the undergraduates,” Clayton said. When being hired for this position, Clayton thought that he would be able to immediately fulfill the goals that the ASEWU had. “The services that they were trying to implement last year, I felt like I’d be able to step into the position and get these things going off the ground,” Clayton said. Clayton hopes to be able to identify the students’ needs. Specifically,

he is providing a survey to the students that would identify the problems that students want to address. Clayton is hoping to create a survey that can identify what graduate students are looking for from the ASEWU. “It’s not going to be excruciating long. It’s definitely worth their while because it’s their response that tells us what their needs are. Otherwise we’re just putting money into a program that may not be getting used,” Clayton said. Clayton is planning to bring direction to ASEWU this year. He knows that there are needs that haven’t been met and he plans to address many of those needs this year. “There are a lot of programs and services that are already in place right now, but there are more needs right now than the services that are out there,” Clayton said. Clayton knows that he works for the students and says that more student input is needed. “I want to make sure that all the students are represented correctly because we are paid by the students,” Clayton said. Karl Almgren, a graduate student studying urban and regional planning, said there needs to be better communication between the students and ASEWU. “You can never have enough input from the students. We’re really reaching out to the students as much as possible and trying to assess what they want, how things are going, do they really even like what we’re doing, just make sure they’re getting a good value,” Clayton said.



# Dining Services seeks sustainability



Photo by Mikayla Napier  
An example of excess food Dining Services has at the end of an average day.

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Along with current sustainable programs at Eastern, Dining Services is interested in a program that would have “students feed students.”

Dining Services is immersed in a wide variety of projects to help students at Eastern. Dining Services is open to ideas that involve sustainability, donating excess food and helping to feed less fortunate students on campus, according to David McKay, director of Dining Services.

According to McKay, an idea that’s floating around amongst other schools is “students feeding students.”

“If you got a meal plan and you feel like you’ll have five extra meal points, you can donate those into a slush fund. ... If you’re having a down-and-out time, you can come and get a meal card that might have five meals on it,” McKay said.

Fila said this program is a great idea and that this could be beneficial for future students.

“When I lived in the dorms my freshman year and had a meal plan, I know many people who probably would have used a program like this,” Fila said.

“I think it’s tough right now,” McKay said. “Keep-

ing the leftover meal points available to students might be a great way for us to try to start on the meal waste. I think it would also pay some dividend to the students here on campus.”

Sylas Rohner, a visual communication design major, thinks that students feeding students would be a good idea.

“I think that is a very good opportunity for students to give back to the community. It seems easier for students to donate meal counts to help out students than to physically donate food,” Rohner said.

As of last spring, Dining Services has instituted a plan to compost its inedible food. McKay is hoping that composting will eventually come to the dining area rather than just being in the kitchen.

While Dining Services has implemented this plan, it still has no solution for the excess food that the program does not use. McKay said that Dining Services tries to not waste any of its food, but there is always some left over.

McKay said that in the past, they have donated excess food to local food banks but Dining Services does not set up the donations. Organizations other than Dining Services have donated food, just as student clubs have.

McKay said that Dining Services is not opposed to

donating residual food but he thinks organizing donations is best left to groups other than Dining Services.

“Since we don’t want to use a lot of state resources, we’re looking for that student group to embrace this. ... I think this a great place for a student organization or club to jump in,” McKay said.

Justin Fila, ASEWU student service representative, who is also the chair of the food service committee, thinks donating excess food would be a challenge.

“I, personally, think that it is a great idea, but I am not sure how feasible it would be for health reasons. If this is something that can be done, though, I would like to try to get it going and get other groups on campus involved with it,” Fila said.

Dining Services has programs such as the 20/20 project, which aims for dining services to be 20 percent sustainable by the year 2020. Sustainable means that the school produces its own food via community gardens or co-ops.

McKay said that all of dining services’ disposable silverware and plates are made from plant oils that are able to be composted. The goal is to be green and to be sustainable.

In addition, all of the fryer oil is recycled at local bio-diesel plants and eventually used as bio-fuel.

## Students judged fairly with arbiter

Plagiarism punished with failing grades and expulsion

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Three strikes and it’s expulsion from Eastern.

The university’s academic integrity policy underlines that cheating is prohibited. Violations are reviewed in order to determine proper punishment.

“Academic Integrity—the policy has been in place for about 10 years and it really came in place to give the students an avenue to have their concerns heard by an independent and non-biased perspective,” Associate Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies Mark Baldwin said.

The policy ensures that students are heard and given a fair chance to tell their side of the story. The policy was put in place for situations when a student and faculty member cannot agree on what happened in class.

Students can go to another faculty member who has been trained as an arbiter to hear both sides and then make a judgment about what they think most likely happened.

According to Baldwin, if there were no academic integrity policy in place and a student was accused of plagiarizing or cheating, there would be little a student could do.

Without a policy, students would have to go back to the teacher who accused them and try to convince them that what they think or saw was not what actually happened.

“Our faculties are very supportive and they listen, but I think once a faculty member has identified something they think is misconduct, it would be hard to convince them,” Baldwin said.

The first time a student is caught cheating, the faculty member determines what the response is. The end result could be a warning, redoing the assignment or getting a zero for the assignment.

If it happens a second time, the student will fail the course no matter what the faculty member says in the student’s defense. For students who violate the policy a third time, the president will be notified and will determine whether to expel the student or not.

The first appeal consists of meeting with arbiters, who are usually faculty members.

The faculty member is never someone associated within the same department.

If a student fails a course because they violated the policy, they get an XF grade on their transcript. If a student was to go to the Student’s Rights and Responsibilities Office, do a tutorial and then that XF grade gets turned into a o.o. Students can take that course as a repeat and replace the zero.

“There [are] resources we can plug them into. We can have conversations about what’s happening,” Rockwell said. “Sometimes students are just kind of out there suffering through things on their own and they won’t know [where] to go or who to see.”

The average number of violations turned in throughout each year is roughly 100. The university has never had to expel a student for cheating.

“Here’s the thing about academic integrity that I don’t think people equate: ... What we’re really trying to do is maintain fairness,” said Baldwin. “It’s not really to catch people

and punish them as it is to give everyone a fair evaluation.”

Assistant Director of General Undergraduate Academic Advising Patty Rockwell, said, “We try to tell our students [that] if they have any questions to come to us and ask. ... They don’t always know to seek help.”

According to Rockwell, an average of four to five percent of students end up on academic probation.

“There’s some that did well in high school and they get to college and find out the pace is different,” Rockwell said.

The pressure to stay off academic probation or get off probation could sometimes lead to cheating.

“There’s a lot of academic pressure — a lot of scholarships and financial aid depend on a good GPA,” said senior Melissa Patera. “I think sometimes there are other outside issues, like stress or family issues.”

Some popular forms of cheating include putting information in a graphing calculator, using cell phones and writing notes on the inside labels of water bottles.

“They’re good people, good students who get caught in bad circumstances ... and we forget that sometimes,” Baldwin said.

“It usually happens when students fall into a real desperate situation. They’ve not kept up in class, they have a paper that’s due, their grades are starting to suffer and instead of maybe being positive and constructive about it, they think, ‘if I can just cheat this one time.’ ... They’re not bad people,” Baldwin said.

Eastern’s academic integrity and academic probation policies can be found online.

## Larger loans create fear of impossible repayment

More than half of EWU students in debt from loans

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As the national unemployment rate hovers over nine percent, college students who have borrowed money to pay for their education are faced with the prospect that they may not be able to pay back the money as easily as they once thought.

The number of students at EWU taking out student loans has steadily increased in recent years. For the 2010-2011 school year, 7,545 students borrowed money. That is 56.5 percent of the student body. This is up from 6,854 in 2009-2010, 6,435 in 2008-2009, and 6,122 in 2007-2008.

“There are two factors there,” said Bruce DeFrates, director of financial aid and scholarships. “One is the increase in tuition

and cost. The other is that as other aid stays flat, students have to either work or borrow money. The Pell grants and state need grants have gone up, but not as fast as tuition,” DeFrates said.

Eastern’s full-time resident undergraduate tuition rate was \$1,495 per quarter for 2007-2008. It has rose over 49 percent to \$2,229.67 for 2011-2012.

For 2010-2011, the students who borrowed were an average of \$20,888 in debt. According to DeFrates, most of the loans are federally backed, although some students have private education loans.

Students at Eastern borrow more than those at Washington State University and University of Washington, but less than the students at Central Washington University and Western Washington University.

The socioeconomic status of Eastern’s students may lead to increased borrowing.

“Half of our population are independent students, and they may not have the family resources to draw on,” DeFrates said.

Brianna Randall and her husband Matt, both juniors, have a combined \$35,000 in student loan debt. Even though they both have jobs, they do not earn enough to pay tuition, fees, and living expenses.

“We’re very concerned about it, especially with the economy the way it is,” Randall said.

Eastern’s rate of borrowing and the average amount of money borrowed is lower than the national average. According to [projectonstudentdebt.org](http://projectonstudentdebt.org), two-thirds of graduating seniors in 2010 had an average of \$25,250 in student loan debt.

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Students tend to indulge more than they moderate

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Not a day passes that we don't hear about students getting wasted. Sure it's fun, but one of the greatest lessons to be learned here is moderation; something not many students seem to have.

Every day we overhear students in various majors talking about their wild nights partying.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with choosing to drink, have fun, let loose or even experiment. The unfortunate thing about taking it too far is that we tend to condition ourselves into these lifestyles, and forget our limits.

Not a month goes by that we too don't see another college student who tragically died in a night of binge drinking.

In mid-October of this year, Lydia Gale Clark, a Drake University student, died on her 21st birthday after taking 16 shots.

What a tragic waste of youth.

One of the most beautiful traits anyone can have is the ability for self control, to monitor and moderate ourselves. This includes those who would provoke a small, 21-year-old young woman to take

16 shots of hard alcohol. Perhaps those are the people who need the most self-discipline, to know when they should not instigate a potentially deadly outcome.

Sadly, college drinking has been on the rise for years, and with it, DUIs, alcohol poisonings, and assaults. And in this technologically advanced age, when we can send our photo to

China with \$20 and in a couple weeks receive a fake I.D. that can fool any cashier, it's no wonder why.

There's probably more of a cultural reason for this rise, however. It would take a book to understand it.

Suffice to say, the images we see in society tend to point to the same idea: that it's cool, it'll get you sex, and ev-

eryone does it. Wrong. Not everyone does it.

People will be people. We'll drink, we'll party, and we'll probably get into trouble.


This is the method from which we learn.

But the most important lesson we need to learn is the one of self-discipline. Without it, there is no limit, literally, to how stupid we can get.

Through the Eagle's Eye


Photos by Desiree Hood

“What do you do for fun on the weekends?”




“I go to Spokane and go shopping, or find stuff to do on campus.”

Sydney Chapell




“I have a roleplaying game on the sixth floor of Morrison.”

Robert Sevin




“I like to hang out with the guys and eat Arabic food.”

Mubarak Al-Dossary



“I'm on the hockey team, and always have a game on the weekend.”

Courtney Herom-Cobb



“I hang out with friends, and sometimes I drink.”

Anna Maryott

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Jackson's doctor found guilty divides Easterner employees

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Dr. Conrad Murray was found guilty Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2011, for involuntary manslaughter after he helped his friend and only patient Michael Jackson overdose on Propofol.

The trial began Sept. 27, 2011, and just over a month later the verdict was in. Jackson died June 25, 2009, and Murray pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter charges on Feb. 8, 2010.

Murray's sentencing is set for Nov. 29, 2011. Until then, he is being held without bail since the courts find him a threat to society. He's also been stripped of his medical license. He could receive up to four years.

Murray's defense was clear: Jackson was a dirty drug addict who administered the drugs himself. Murray claimed that Jackson only wanted to sleep. So Murray raised Jackson's medicine to Propofol, a strong hypnotic used in general anesthesia.

The Easterner office was full of varying opinions of Murray's guilt. Should Murray get sentenced for four years? Or should Murray get off the hook because Jackson was a drug addict who was administering the drug himself?

"For supplying a drug addict with his drugs, it's just wrong for him to get four years," Staff Writer Desiree Hood said. "It's Michael Jackson's own fault for overdosing."

Hood doesn't believe Murray should get off the hook completely, but doesn't think he should also be getting a lengthy prison term either.

"Michael Jackson was

a drug addict," Hood said. "And if you're going to overdose on drugs, regardless if he bought them from this doctor or if he bought them from some guy on the street, he was going to do them and was going to overdose at some point in his life."

Hood conceded that Murray was guilty only of cleaning up the crime scene from police but didn't think that that makes him guilty of manslaughter.

"Of course he covered it up on purpose, he is Michael Jackson," Hood said. "It doesn't matter who the celebrity was, they would always try to cover up a drug overdose like that. This isn't the first one."

Hood brought up celebrities like Heath Ledger, Brittany Murphy and Amy Winehouse. No one went to jail over those. And all of them overdosed on something.

"If you're going to do the drugs," Hood said, "then you're going to risk overdosing."

But others in the office didn't feel the same way.

"I think he should get four years," Derek Brown, Opinion Editor, said. "Why not? I mean, he's not going to get the full sentencing anyway."

For Brown, Murray covered it up, and this shows a sense of wrongdoing, a sense of guilt. It is that act alone that shows that Murray is in the wrong when it comes to Jackson's death.

"And Murray knew that Jackson was using Propofol as a sedative, that's negligence on Murray's behalf," Brown said. "If I knew you were going to shoot-up the Drano I just bought you and didn't do anything about it when I knew it would kill you, then covered it up once you were dead, I would have been part of the problem. Hence my guilt. Just like Murray: he straight contributed to Jackson's death. Therefore, he's guilty. Lock him up."

Tell us what you think. Do you think Murray is guilty of Jackson's death? Do you think Jackson did it to himself? Select letters will be printed in next week's issue.

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# College then and now: The journey from student to professor

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English professor Henry-York Steiner, Ph.D., has been teaching at Eastern since 1968. His experience as an undergraduate student at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa may differ from a typical present day college student.

Steiner painted the picture of a small, tightly knit campus community

that valued participation and a balanced lifestyle.

“It was a very collegiate atmosphere. ... Everyone dressed up,” he said. “Sweaters, slacks, skirts, ... no jeans. Men wore ties and sport coats to dinner.”

Many of the core requirements were different, Steiner explained.

Every student was required to take a freshmen “Great Ideas” sequence that covered the history of Western thought.

“There was no math re-

quirement, which was good because I did not do well in algebra and mathematics in high school,” Steiner said. “I was able to take lots and lots of courses in my [English] major.”

Like many students today, Steiner said that high school did not necessarily leave him prepared for college. “I basically coasted through high school,” said Steiner. “I was not working up to my potential. I was not really very happy.”

In the early 1950s when

Steiner attended Grinnell College, the United States was waging war in another country, just like today.

After his first year, Steiner was drafted into the Korean War.

“There was no deferment of any kind in those days,” said Steiner. “I did very well when I got back. I had grown up a lot. I had experienced something that none of my contemporaries had.”

Today, collegiate sports teams require a large time

commitment and can involve scholarships and awards. At Grinnell College, Steiner said, “No one had any idea that there was any reason [to play] other than just having fun. ... [It was] more like intramurals.”

Steiner explained that students at Grinnell College had access to a healthy roster of arts and entertainment events similar to those provided by Eagle Entertainment and the Eastern Arts Complex.

“We had a first-rate

concert series,” Steiner said. “String quartets, jazz bands, pop music ... plays, operas, movies. Everything was free.”

Social activities at Grinnell were also much more restricted than at Eastern, according to Steiner. For example, only seniors were allowed to have cars. “I had a car [as a sophomore]. It was sort of a secret,” he said, chuckling. “I paid a local resident ... to store it in their garage.”

Maybe times haven’t changed so much after all.



Bill Watrous, left, and students perform during one of his two clinics. Watrous has had a long career as a jazz trombonist, playing the trombone for most of his life.

Photo by Frank McNeilly

## Trombonist infuses lesson with style

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Bill Watrous came to Eastern to teach his jazz methods to music students and did a trombone performance in Spokane at the Ichiban Sushi Lounge on Nov. 3.

Watrous’s class involved him teaching and telling stories, including a story about drummer Buddy Rich getting insulted by comedian Don Rickles.

Watrous has had a long career in music performance. Trombone players at Eastern were well aware of his music and work long before Watrous came to EWU.

Junior Nathan Westlund plays the trombone and said how important it was for him to go to Watrous’s clinics and concert.

“I’ve been listening to Watrous’s music for 15 years,” Westlund said. “I didn’t want to miss seeing Watrous teach and perform because he is an icon in the trombone world.”

Watrous inspires musicians who play instruments other than the trombone.

Students who have not heard of Watrous before his clinic now have new ideas and methods to try out when practicing and performing to make them better musicians.

Sophomore Zach Hillebrant said how Watrous gave him new ideas on how to practice and interpret jazz.

“For playing jazz [improvisation], Watrous doesn’t pay as much attention to the note changes as much as he feels the music,” Hillebrant said. “Feeling the music more would help me look at sheet music less and help me come up with jazz licks off the top of my head.”

Watrous’s jazz clinic had student musicians playing in a small group setting with Watrous.

He would give his feedback after each group played a chosen jazz tune.

Freshman Lauren McKinley plays percussion and piano. She got to play piano during the jazz clinic.

“Watrous played with a lot of style when he played. After seeing him use so much style, I want to start using more style with my jazz [improvisation],” McKinley said.

Seeing a professional musician’s clinics and concert may be important because learning how professionals think and perform can open up more creativity in practicing and performing.

Sophomore Jacob Lorber plays the saxophone and said that he finds musical inspiration from artists other than saxo-

phonists.

“Seeing artists in person and learning their methods are what inspires me in music,” said Lorber. “That’s why I wanted to go to Watrous’s clinics and concert. I went to see Arturo Sandoval give a clinic and I learned a lot, even though he plays a different instrument.”

Watrous ended the day of jazz with his performance at the Ichiban Sushi Lounge in Spokane.

Some people had to stand during Watrous’s performance because every chair was taken. Watrous also sang “My Funny Valentine,” treating the audience to his vocal talents.

# Students share internship experiences, secrets for success

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This past summer, students sought and seized paid internships to explore their career options.

Romeal Watson, Career

Services internship coordinator, said, “An internship helps students calibrate the reality of what’s going on in the industry they’re going into.”

Direct contact with professionals is important to learn what an industry is

like and how to get ahead. This helps build your arsenal and intellectual armor, according to Watson.

“You have to understand that the internship opportunities aren’t going to fall on your lap,” said senior Erica Brindza, finance major.

Brindza interned at the consulting firm Seattle Mercer Human Resources, a position which she obtained through INROADS, the nation’s largest non-profit source of paid internships. From this internship, she received a job offer as a health and benefits consultant with the company.

“I knew I couldn’t just go to school and get good grades to find a job after col-

lege. I needed experience. A degree shows that you have the capacity to learn and an internship shows that you took what you’ve learned and applied it to the real world,” Brindza said.

Participating students are mentored by INROADS and placed into companies relating to their majors. According to INROADS, 92 percent of the interns in the past two years accepted

offers for full-time employment from their sponsoring companies.

“INROADS is funded by Fortune 500 companies seeking to diversify staff and bring minorities into the corporate market.

The summer internships offered are paid and range from \$6,000 to \$10,000 a summer,” said Watson.

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Members of the Alpha Omicron Pi women's fraternity participate in a previous Jingle Bell event.

Running for charity — with bells on

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**N** Nov. 19, Alpha Omicron Pi women's fraternity will be at Riverfront Park volunteering for the Jingle Bell Run/Walk to support the Arthritis Foundation.

The Alpha Omicron Pi women's fraternity has 77 members and they will all be volunteering in some way.

The sisters will be course marshals, working the elf village childcare, and running or walking the event.

The Arthritis Foundation is the fraternity's national philanthropy, or community service project.

The sisters are excited to participate in any way they can.

Alpha Omicron Pi has been involved with the Arthritis Foundation since 2006, assisting with both the Jingle Bell Run/Walk and Bloomsday in the spring.

"Several of our sisters and active members

have arthritis. I had no idea how many people it affected close to me," Ellen Stuart, philanthropy chair for the fraternity, said.

The Arthritis Foundation was founded in 1948 and offers services for the more than 100 types of arthritis and similar conditions.

The foundation tries to help people control arthritis by providing health education, pursuing legislative and policy changes, and offering programs to improve the quality of life for people living with arthritis.

According to the foundation, arthritis affects one in five adults and over 300,000 children, making arthritis the leading cause of disability in the U.S.

"Personally, for me, I could assume at some point in time, I'm probably going to have arthritis," Stuart said.

The Jingle Bell Run/Walk is a 5K course starting in downtown Spokane at Riverfront Park. The course for children is a 1K and they are running alongside elves.

In addition to running or walking the course, there will be costume contests, team challenges, and many other events.

The event costs \$25 and \$30 if participants want a running chip to qualify for a spot in Bloomsday. Children under eight years old are \$10 with a shirt and free without a shirt. The price will increase by \$5 on Nov. 18 for adults.

There are prizes given for raising money as well. For every \$100 raised, participants get a pair of crew socks with the Jingle Bell Walk/Run logo.

If participants get a team of five members together, they get a crew neck long-sleeve shirt with the same logo.

Alpha Omicron Pi has a team already listed on www.SpokaneJingleBellRun.org under the name AOIIEWU. They welcome any students who want to join their team.

"Knowing that you are helping people by actually having fun and doing this walk is something cool," Chelsea May, panhellenic delegate for the fraternity, said.

Photo courtesy of Ellen Stuart

Invisible Children documentary exposes Central African conflict

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A screening of Invisible Children's documentary, "Tony: Lose All. Gain Everything," will be shown at EWU on Wed. Nov 16 at 7 p.m. in Showalter 109.

This will be the third screening of the film at EWU.

Invisible Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending a 25-year-long conflict in Central Africa.

"This film follows the story of a boy named Tony who has grown up in the midst of this conflict," Stasha Durante, an unpaid intern for Invisible Children, said in an e-mail interview.

"He has been affected by the LRA first hand and he was one of the first boys that the founders of Invisible Children met on their first trip to Uganda."

Circle K will be sponsoring the event.

"Circle K is the collegiate-level of an organization called Kiwanis International, which works to serve children around the

world by completing service projects to better their communities," Ashley Podplesky said.

Podplesky, president of Circle K at EWU, has organized the two previous screenings of the film on campus.

"I booked a screening for the fall 2010 tour," Podplesky said in an e-mail interview.

"We had such a great turnout that Invisible Children booked a screening with us for the spring 2011 tour the next day. ... It only made sense to have them back for a third time."

The film attempts to embody the affects and struggles of warfare being waged by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), led by Joseph Kony.

"The Protection Plan is working to build AM and FM radio towers in the rural areas of Central Africa that are currently being affected by the LRA," Durante said.

"These radio towers will broadcast messages to members of the LRA urging them to defect and we are already seeing huge success in this. The towers

also provide the most vulnerable communities with much needed communication as well as an Early Warning Radio Network that can warn the villages of current LRA attacks."

The LRA works around the borders of Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic and Sudan.

They have been known to use the borders of these countries to keep themselves safe from Ugandan troops. The U.S. Military attempted to stop the LRA in 2008, but was unsuccessful.

The LRA has been accused of attacking villages, killing civilians and abducting people to bolster troop numbers. Many of the LRA's soldiers are children who have been captured in the attacks.

The LRA is fighting to re-establish the traditions of the people of Northern Uganda, or Acholi, that they believe have been suppressed since the British colonization of Uganda during the 19th century.

Their original goal was to overthrow the Ugandan government.

Nuclear women ignored by history, celebrated by lecturer Huttenmaier

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On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Kathleen Huttenmaier, senior associate of the women's and gender studies department at Eastern, discussed five women who made a sizeable impact on the develop-

ment of the atomic bomb, particularly in the 1940s.

The women that Huttenmaier lectured about were Lise Meitner, Leona Woods, Maria Goeppert-Mayer, Natalie Michelle Govenski and Elizabeth Riddle Graves.

Meitner influence Otto Hahn and helped to confirm his work with nuclear fission,

work for which he would later win a Nobel Prize.

Huttenmaier emphasized that though women were contributors to early nuclear development, men controlled the industry and were quick to criticize women and that many contributions from women are still overlooked.



Graduate student Clayton Hanson (right) poses with JEOPARDY! host Alex Trebek (left).

Who is a trivia-savvy graduate student?

History buff makes the jump from pub competition to primetime, competes for top honors on JEOPARDY!

The history department will have a new claim to fame on Nov. 28 when graduate student Clayton Hanson competes on JEOPARDY!

Hanson, who is working for his master's in public history, will be featured on the NBC show at 7 p.m. the Monday after Thanksgiving.

Hanson started his quizzing career in pubs. He and roommate Eric Peters competed against a table of five Gonzaga professors at the South Hill

Applebee's during their Thursday trivia nights. One evening, they lost by one point, only to return another time and beat the Zags.

Hanson tried out for JEOPARDY! online. He tested well and was invited for an interview in Seattle, where the show tested him again and gave him a personality interview. He competed there with other applicants in a JEOPARDY! simulation.

They accepted his application and in early Oc-

tober he flew to Los Angeles, where the Nov. 28 showing was taped.

Hanson works for the history department as a graduate student assistant, as well as maintaining a website, a Facebook page, and writing programs for visitors as needed at the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Center.

While watching the show, tweet questions for our follow-up Q&A with Hanson. Tweet to us at @EasternerOnline.

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# Green Dot Spot

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Last summer, a woman I grew up with went missing. She texted a friend and said something like, “I am going to see my ex, at this location.” When she was late for a party, the friend went looking. It was four days until her body was found. And while it is up to a jury to decide guilt or innocence, it would appear that she died at the hands of her ex. She was 47-years-old. Her death reminds me of how important this work of trying to end violence is. Her death motivates me. Too often, individuals come

to see me after their break up. Usually by the time they come to me, they have put up for months with intrusions and actions that amount to stalking. In my work, I try to help the person get out of the situation safely. But what I would really like to see is that person’s friends take action much earlier. I’d like them to speak up when they first notice the extra jealousy, or behavior that is controlling. I’d like them to check in with their friend, “Are you okay? You shouldn’t be treated like that. I know someone who can help.” I’d also like to see the friends of the person who won’t let go say, “It’s not right to treat her or

him that way.” If we stand together and speak up, we can work to end family violence. If we get educated on the issues ,we can speak intelligently and promote healthy, equal relationships. By doing proactive and reactive green dots, we can change the culture. It starts with individuals making commitments like these: Next time, I am going to stop and ask, ‘Do you need help?’ I am going to do a paper and learn what contributes to power-based personal violence. I am going to attend the green dot 6-hour bystanders’ training. So if you’re interested in changing the culture, my first question for you is: What’s your green dot? My second one is: How many green dots are you going to contribute?

## Swoop:

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Hoob said he and Swoop have been working together to create video skits for halftime during the upcoming basketball season. Swoop will swing into residence hall rooms before games to encourage everyone to head over to Reese Court. To be a mascot, it takes more than just enthusiasm to get fans involved. “[It’s] more than dancing. It’s the ability to physically express an idea,” said Swoop. “You can be a great dancer, but can’t communicate. That just makes you a cheerleader.” With two years of mascot experience before ar-

riving on EWU’s campus, the current Swoop has gained an understanding of what kind of suit best fits his skills. “I hate working in mascot suits that restrict movement because you can’t be entertaining if you can’t move,” said Swoop. “You practice what you can do and then you learn the limitations of what the suit can do.” Swoop said he has pushed to modify the beaks on the helmets so the vision is better. He has made small adjustments on the body that allow for greater movement and air flow. This keeps the suit from getting too hot, causing a lot of sweating. “It’s lighter before the game then after the game,

which is actually kind of disgusting to think about,” Swoop said. Swoop said he would like to have a bigger presence on campus. He could assist in campus events where an active person would be beneficial. Information to request Swoop can be found at goeags.com. So, who is underneath the mask? Well, he might be sitting next to you in class or eating at the table across from you in the PUB. “It’s kind of fun, actually,” Swoop said. “You get to walk around campus [and] if it was a really good football game or something, you hear people talking about it. You just kind of sit there and grin.”

## Crime:

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very common occurrences in Cheney, according to Cheney Police Department Commander Rick Campbell. “It’s been several months, maybe a year or so since the last stalker case was reported, as I recall,” Campbell said. According to Gassel-

ing, the Timely Warnings posted to Eastern’s website are mandatory police reports in compliance with the Clery Act. According to securityoncampus.org, Jeanne Clery was a 19-year-old Lehigh University freshman who was raped and murdered while asleep in her residence hall room on April 5, 1986. Jeanne’s parents, Con-

nie and Howard Clery, discovered that students hadn’t been told about 38 violent crimes on their daughter’s campus in the three years before her murder. They joined with other campus crime victims and persuaded Congress to enact a law so that students could be informed. Originally known as the Campus Security Act,

the Clery Act requires colleges and universities across the U.S. to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses. Gasseling said that, statistically, the campus police do not get many reports of assaults and other similar cases, such as stalking. Based on the number of reports that are filed,

these may not be common occurrences. However, there is always the possibility that cases like these happen and students don’t report them to campus police. “If these things do happen, they need to be reported,” said Gasseling. “Students don’t know if this is the second, third, or even fourth time this crime has been committed or where

it could be leading to.” If anyone has information related to either of these cases, or any other crime that may have been committed on campus or in Cheney, call EWU Police directly at 509-359-6310 during normal business hours, Police Dispatch at 509-535-9233 after hours or EWU Police Tip Line at 509-359-4286.

## Revision:

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responsible for putting them out on the website for people to discuss them, make suggestions and ideas,” Lutey said. Decisions of the policy and its revisions are determined by the Graduate Affairs Council. The council also reviews candidates for the award by recommendations of the University Medals and Awards Committee.

“Many universities award honorary degrees to important people. ... That’s not academic medal,” said Lutey. “It’s just a way of recognizing someone who’s not affiliated with the university.” The policy is scheduled to be finalized by Jan. 27 at the Board of Trustees meeting, according to Lutey. The Honorary Degree policy can be found on EWU’s webpage. Policy revisions are posted on Eastern 24/7.

## Internship:

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“The number one thing students should do is find professionals in their career paths, whether in their local communities or another part of the country. Network with local professionals, local advisers and attend career conferences,” said Watson. Students need to be prepared to bring in new perspectives and be able to answer tough questions. “Employers will ask why you want to do what you’re doing. You must be able to say what you’re passionate about it,” Watson said. “They’ll also ask you about your personal take on where the industry should go or on developing their products. Students who can answer these questions are the ideal students they want.” Students are encouraged to talk to their major advisers and set an appointment at Career Services to learn more about internship opportunities. Career Services offers mock interviews, personality tests, and advice on professional development, résumés and cover letters. “The Career Services office’s and staff member’s job is to help navigate student’s career paths,” said Watson. Career Services encourages students to use their tuition to the fullest. “What students don’t realize is that they could get a lot more out of their tuition money if they really used all the universities resources. You’re getting a great value

here at Eastern, given all the resources available,” said Brindza. Brindza encourages students to look for clubs and organizations on campus that relate to their major. “Don’t just go to school, get involved. Use the resources on campus. That’s how you get opportunities.” Brindza said, “It’s not just one thing that helped me get ahead. Maintaining involvement [on campus] played together to get me where I wanted to go.” “When students become juniors or seniors, they start to think, ‘Oh, what’s going to happen next?’ You really need to think about that so much sooner. Freshmen need to think about internships now to try out their majors,” said Brindza. “You can’t rely solely on academic knowledge. Take academic experience as an element of your professional career. Experience your field hands-on,” Watson said. Junior Quinita Whitfield, a health services administration major, interned at Kaiser Permanete as a pharmacy administration intern in Portland, Ore. She found this as an opportunity to figure out what she wanted to do and gain another perspective on what health care is about. INROADS also helped Whitfield prepare for her internship placement by giving her three mock interviews and advice. “If you want to apply [for an INROADS internship], apply now to be among the first to apply. Start earlier for more opportunities,” Whitfield said.

## Dead:

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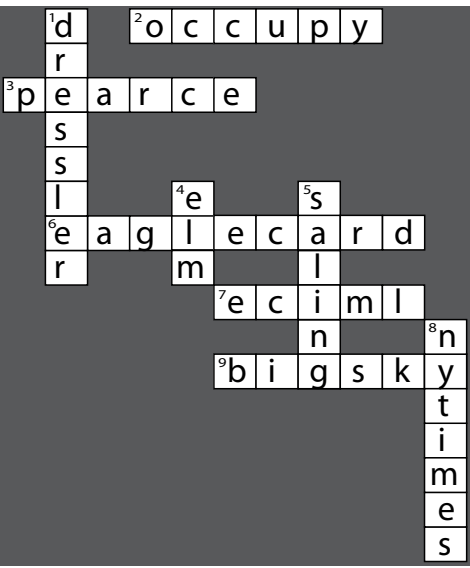
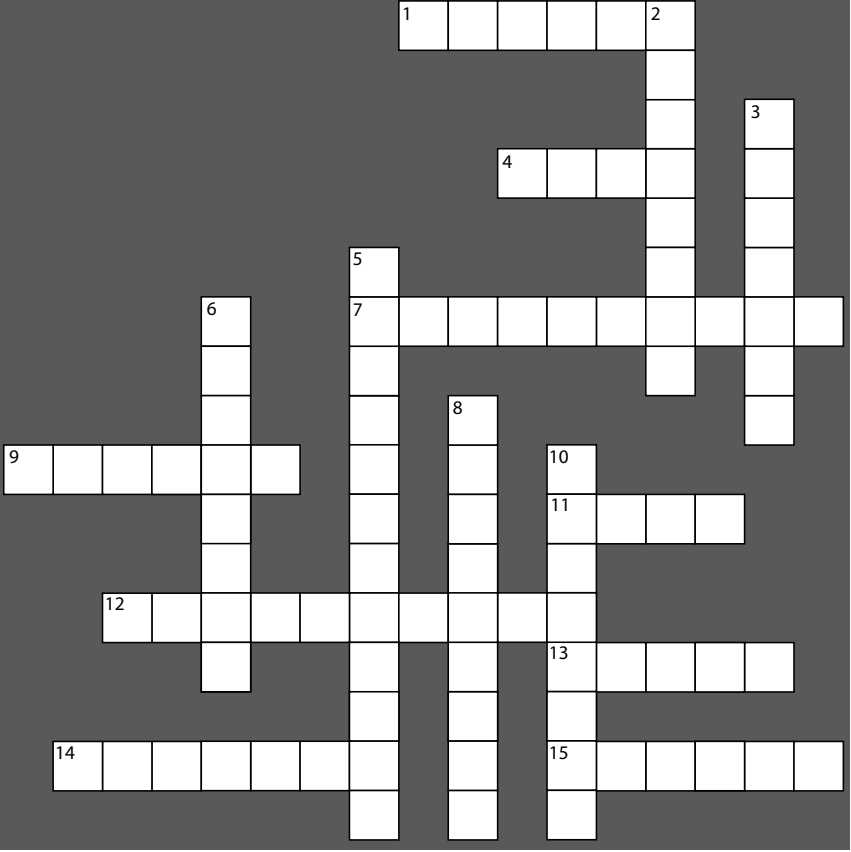
were present on the altars, as well as candles to help light the way back. Incense is traditionally burned on the altars to cleanse the area of negative energy. The four influential people were chosen because of the impact they had on the Chicano/Chicana movement. Josefina Fierro de Bright fought against racial discrimination and better pay for migrant workers

during the Great Depression. Dona Marina Malintzin Malinalli served as a translator, negotiator and cultural mediator during the 16th century. Gloria Evangelina Anzaldúa was a leading scholar of Chicana/Chicano culture and contributor to feminism. Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association. These four men and women shared the honor this year. Russ Posten, a senior, read for the event and was

glad to do it. “We were looking for Chicanas that were really diverse and had a really big impact,” he said. “I think Gloria and Josefina were good choices.” Jerry Garcia, director of Chicano studies, wanted to teach history and culture with this event. “We heard two people walk by the altar today and say, ‘Aah, today must be Cinco de Mayo.’” said Garcia. “That’s why we have to teach people the history.” The library entryway was filled with students who came to the presentations for various reasons. “It was

part of my class grade for Chicano studies,” Montse Franco, a student, said. “I have taken four years of Spanish and I love el Dia de los Muertos,” Emily Bond, another student, said. Regardless of the reason, the various students and faculty that attended the event left with knowledge of the cultural holiday. “A lot of people came to learn about a culture that maybe they are totally unfamiliar with and people walked away with a greater awareness of the culture,” Garcia said.

## EWU CROSSWORD



Answers to issue 7

### ACROSS

1. This dining option is on the second floor of the PUB.
2. This building is attached to the rear of Martin Hall.
3. The “A” in MARS lab.
4. Hall on the northeast corner of Cedar and North Tenth.
5. The Easterner offices are in this hall.
6. The “C” in CAPS.
7. EWU’s mascot’s name.
8. Main Street Dining is located in this building.
9. The “O” in SOAR.

### DOWN

1. The “S” in ASEWU.
2. This Center is on the third floor of the PUB.
3. “Dia de los Muertos” means this. (4 words)
4. These stations have emergency phones. (2 words)
5. The “I” in EPIC.
6. The hall southeast of Senior Hall.

Jump start your career at these sites:  
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[www.inroads.org](http://www.inroads.org)  
For more opportunities, contact  
[rjwatson@ewu.edu](mailto:rjwatson@ewu.edu)  
[aloftis@inroads.org](mailto:aloftis@inroads.org)



# Police Beat

## Nov. 1

### 1:20 a.m. Malicious mischief

A female student reported that the back window of her car had been broken out. The incident happened during a dispute with another student at a party located around Sixth and K streets. Officers were able to identify a suspect, who agreed to pay for the window. The incident has been forwarded to OSRR.

### Malicious mischief

The arm of the vehicle gate near the crime lab was broken off. The broken piece was left in the bushes. There are no suspects at this time.

## Nov. 2

### 11:00 a.m. Fire call

An officer was dispatched to Morrison Hall after a smoke alarm was activated. A steam pipe broke, releasing a large amount of vapor into an area as well as knocking down an employee. There were no injuries, but some interior damage was done to the building.

### 11:00 a.m. Collision

An employee, stopped for a pedestrian, was rear ended near the Music Building. The damage was minor.

### 7:50 p.m. Assault

Police are investigating an assault that occurred

in the area between the URC and Louise Anderson Hall. The suspect grabbed a female student and tried to take her to a secluded area. The suspect is described as a black male in his early to mid-20s, approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall, with a medium build and a goatee. He was wearing dark colored clothing, possibly sweatpants and a hooded sweatshirt. Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call the EWU Police Department at 509-359-6310 or EWU Police Tip Line at 509-359-4286.

## Nov. 4

### Rape

A rape was reported in Brewster Hall. The incident occurred on Oct. 28. Both the victim and the suspect are students. The suspect has been arrested and booked into the county jail.

### 9:45 a.m. Theft

A cell phone was stolen from Kingston Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

## Nov. 6

### Traffic stop

An officer pulled over a vehicle that was missing both tail lights. The driver had a warrant out for his arrest for making false statements to police and malicious mischief.



Photos courtesy EWU Police Department

The EWU Police are seeking the person pictured above. He is a person of interest with regarding an Oct. 24 theft that took place at 11:20 a.m. at the URC. If you can identify the individual, please contact Officer Mahan at 509-359-6507 or the Cheney Police Department at 535-9233.

To all our men and women  
who have served our country —  
Thank you.

THE EASTERNER

## HISTORY OF EASTERN IN PICTURES



Courtesy EWU Libraries, Archives & Special Collections  
Business computing in the early 1980s was still dependant on mainframe computers. Data storage was on magnetic tapes and output was on tractor feed paper, both of which are visible in this image.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe  
Today, data is stored digitally on shared servers, with 60 percent of the servers virtualized to save power. Tapes are no longer utilized in EWU's systems. Out of the 300 servers in use, 180 are used as virtual servers.



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## The Easterner's “Best of” business nominations

Who's the best in the area? You decide. We are taking nominations for your favorite businesses through the end of the year. Then the voting begins.

**MOVIE THEATER:**  
VILLAGE CENTRE CINEMAS  
REGAL NORTHTOWN MALL  
AMC RIVER PARK SQUARE

**GROCERY STORE:**  
WINCO  
WALMART – AIRWAY HEIGHTS  
ROSAUERS

**BOOKSTORE:**  
BARNES & NOBLE  
AUNTIE'S BOOKSTORE  
TREE OF KNOWLEDGE  
2ND LOOK BOOKS

**CLUB:**  
DEMPSEY'S BRASS RAIL  
ZOLA'S

**MEXICAN:**  
EL RODEO  
IONIC BURRITOS

**PIZZA:**  
ROCKY ROCCOCO'S

**BAR:**  
EAGLE'S PUB

**SPOKANE AREA MALL:**  
SPOKANE VALLEY MALL

**GENERAL RESTAURANT:**  
SUSHI MARU  
SARANAC PUBLIC HOUSE  
ELK PUBLIC HOUSE

**COFFEE SHOP/STAND:**  
BIGFOOT JAVA  
THOMAS HAMMER

Make nominations on Facebook  
(The Easterner), Twitter  
(@EasternerOnline)  
or write us at  
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Upcoming  
EWU Sports

Nov. 11

EWU  
Women's Tennis  
in San Diego State  
Fall Classic  
at San Diego, Calif.

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EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Corban  
at 6:05 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Gonzaga  
at Spokane  
at 7 p.m.

Nov. 12

EWU  
Women's Tennis  
in San Diego State  
Fall Classic  
at San Diego, Calif.

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EWU  
Cross-Country  
in NCAA  
West Regionals  
at Stanford, Calif.

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EWU  
Football  
vs. Cal Poly  
at Pomona, Calif.  
at 6:05 p.m.

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EWU  
Volleyball vs.  
Portland State  
at 7 p.m.

Nov. 13

EWU  
Women's Tennis  
in San Diego State  
Fall Classic  
at San Diego, Calif.

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EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Hofstra  
at 1:05 p.m.

Nov. 15

EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. South Dakota  
at 6:05 p.m.

Nov. 17

EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. San Diego  
at 6:05 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Oregon  
at Eugene, Ore.  
at 7 p.m.

Nov. 18

EWU  
Volleyball vs.  
Sacramento State  
at 7 p.m.

Nov. 19

EWU  
Football  
vs. Idaho State  
at Pocatello, Idaho  
at 3:05 p.m.

Nov. 22

EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Oregon State  
at 6:05 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Hawaii,  
at Honolulu, Hawaii  
at 10 p.m.

Nov. 25

EWU  
Volleyball in  
Big Sky Conference  
semi-finals  
at Portland, Ore.



Photo by Josh Friesen

The Eastern airsoft club uses BBs in simulated military combat. They have used a variety of themes including World War II, Vietnam, ‘Halo’ and a zombie scenario.

Exciting themes make airsoft club a blast

Military combat, minus casualties

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Dane Fiedler crouches behind a wall and catches his breath. He can hear shouting all around him, some in English, but most in German. The German’s camp had attacked his camp as they were sleeping. Fiedler peers around a wall and spots three German infantryman making their way towards him. Fiedler grasps his airsoft gun, turns the corner, and unloads a volley of BBs. Fiedler became a member three years ago when Peter Harral first established the club. Fiedler has been the president of EWU’s airsoft club for a little over a year. The club travels to Spokane once a month to play with Spokane Airsoft, a group dedicated to allowing all fans of the sport to play. The airsoft club attracts people from all over eastern

Washington, northern Idaho and Oregon. What sets EWU’s airsoft club apart is the fact that many of their airsoft games are themed. “They do anything from reenactments of World War II, Vietnam and Desert Storm to made-up themes,” Fiedler said. “I know last month there was a zombie-themed game.” According to Fiedler, Spokane Airsoft does a lot to try and immerse the player into any given theme as much as possible. This includes vehicles mounted with airsoft guns. During a three-day long World War II reenactment, there were two separate camps and players had to be on full alert the whole time. “It was just really cool to see everyone dressed up like it was 1942. They had the old school jeeps and stuff. The people on the German side actually spoke German, too,” said Fiedler. “They got really into it.” One of vice president Gus Froese’s responsibilities is to come up with new and exciting themes to give their

battles a little extra shot of adrenaline. “[I want to do] something other than, ‘Here’s a bunch of soldiers versus another bunch of soldiers.’ Maybe we could do science fiction stuff. Just whatever the club members want to do,” Froese said. According to Froese, he really wanted to stray away from the typical death match or capture the flag style. The club is currently hashing out a “Rambo” game type where one person would battle a whole group. “We have to figure out some kinks to it,” Froese said, laughing. “We have to figure out a way to get everybody on board with the same plan. Because if the whole group knows where [the one person] is at, then it’s not really fair.” Many people believe that airsoft is the same thing as paintball, but with different guns. Fiedler and Froese contend that this is not true. “Paintball is more fast paced, more competition level whereas airsoft is more realism,” Fiedler said. “With paintball, it’s not

like simulated combat as much. ... With airsoft, you can dress up in whatever camo you want,” Froese said. “If you want to be a soldier on [a] Normandy beach, you can get a Thompson M1A1.” Danaye Smith, whose been a member of the club for two years, agrees. “It pretty much gives a really different feel than paintball. Paintball doesn’t have stuff like that,” Smith said. While the first priority of the club is to have fun, they also take things seriously. Smith runs practice every Saturday afternoon in Medical Lake. “The practice I run helps the team prepare for competitive game play,” Smith said. “We focus on tactics, teamwork and strategy.” The airsoft guns the club uses are not the same as those found at Walmart or Cabela’s. The club’s guns pack quite a punch. While most are spring operated, the guns the club uses are automatic electric guns, which are a much higher quality. “They fire a faster feet

per second and they also can fire more per second,” said Fiedler. “They’re fairly accurate. An upgraded one can be accurate up to forty-five yards. According to Fiedler, with a bigger gun comes a bigger cost, up to \$200, as well as a higher risk of getting injured. However, the club insists that everyone has the proper equipment. Shatter-proof goggles are required and some members go as far as wearing mouth protection. “Teeth are something that do get hit every once in a while, and [the BBs] will shatter your tooth,” Fiedler said. While he would love to see his club grow, Fiedler believes that many people do not think of airsoft as a legitimate sport. “There’s a misconception of what airsoft is, that it’s a bunch of immature kids in a backyard. That’s not what we are,” Fiedler said. “We do take some things seriously, but then we do take some things casual. ... Come out and check us out and see what it’s all about.”

Last lineman standing

Co-captain one of remaining starters

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Gabriel Jackson came to Eastern five years ago and after starting two games his freshman year, he has been an anchor on the Eagles offensive line. His veteran leadership on and off the field has kept the injury-riddled line from falling apart this season. Born and raised in Tacoma, Wash., Jackson was originally recruited by the Air Force Academy Preparatory School. His career didn’t last due to a medical discharge. “I got to Tacoma and I was trying to find another school to play football at,” said Jackson. “I ended up calling the football staff here at Eastern, told them my story and they had me come out and work with their scout team.” When he isn’t bringing down opposing pass rushers, Jackson is working on his criminal justice major and studying psychology. “As far as classes go, I really enjoyed my psychology classes and that’s why I started my psychology degree,” said Jackson. “But I have a lot more classes to finish with that.” Last year’s football season was definitely the highlight of his career, but this year’s season is unique in a whole different sense. All but one starter on the offensive line was injured this year. “I am the last guy,” said Jack-

son. “Our starting right tackle got hurt before the season even started. Our starting right guard went down first game of the year. So it’s been kind of crazy.” The players stepping in, mostly young guys, all did a good job, according to Jackson. “Coach [Aaron] Best, offensive line coach, is one of the smartest football coaches I ever met in my life,” Jackson said. “He coaches everyone the same as if you’re starting, so when you do get to go play, you are ready to step in.” “We rely heavily on senior leadership,” said Best. “And [Jackson] being available in all games has helped the less experienced players to learn and create chemistry.” Patrick Mealey had to switch positions from tight end to center midway through the season. “The size was definitely an issue at first. I was small compared to the guys I was playing against,” said Mealey. “Switching positions and starting on such short notice was a challenge, but I had a lot of great guys helping me out.” Some people may view this season as a disappointment, but Jackson would disagree. “Even though it was my last home game and we don’t have a shot at the playoffs anymore, I believe that you don’t come here just for yourself. You come to build for the seasons after and I hope I can build on that and that this program keeps improving years from now,” Jackson said. “My new love is snowboarding,” said Jackson. “I picked it up a couple of years ago and I can’t wait for the season to start.”

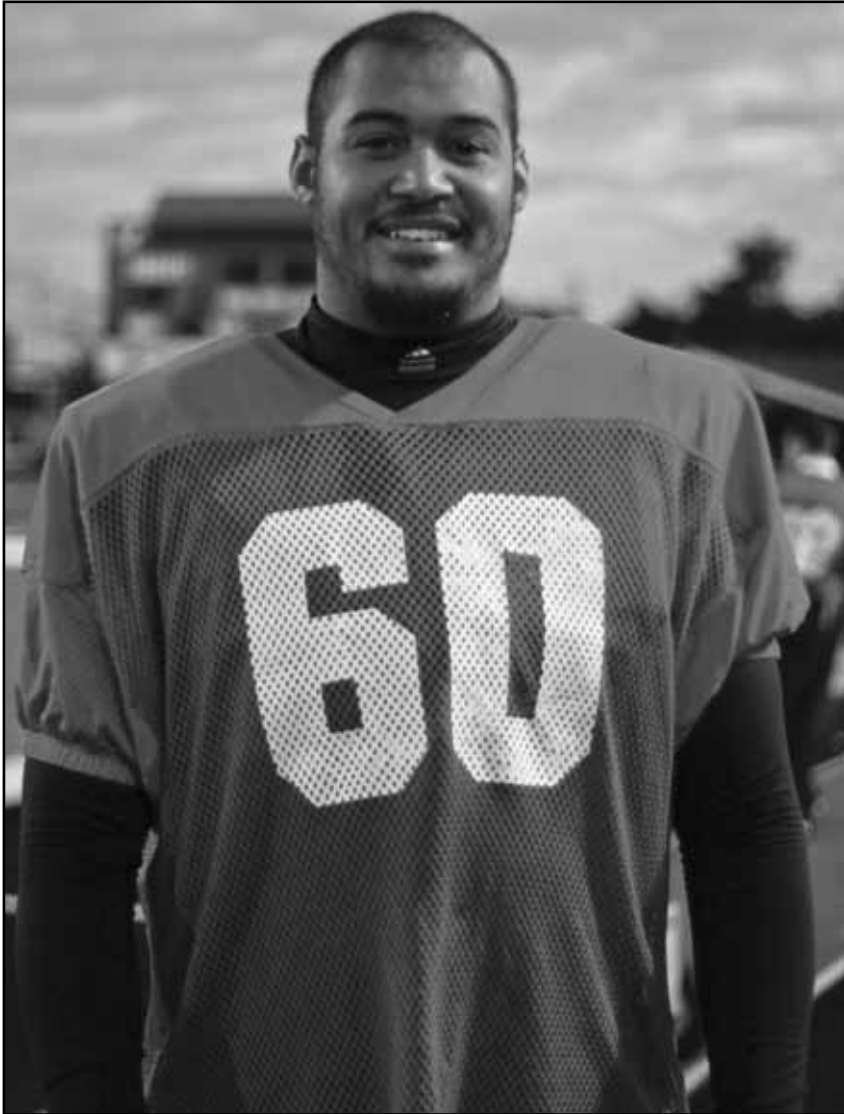


Photo by Evan Sykes

Gabriel Jackson has been part of the offensive line since his freshman year.

“I was at the Rail Jam last year,” he said, “but I’m too scared to hit the rails yet.” With football season underway, the risk of potential injury involved with snowboarding puts Jackson in a controversial situation. The future is unclear for

Jackson. If he doesn’t make football into a professional career, he hasn’t decided on what to do. One thing is for sure: it’s going to be a new chapter in his life. “I’m going to go to my pro-day and hopefully put up good numbers and see where that takes me,” Jackson said.



EWU Sports  
in Brief



Ryan

**Eagles defeat Knights** — Eastern women’s basketball won their exhibition game against the Warner Pacific Knights, 91-67. Senior captain Brianne Ryan led scoring with 28 points. Behind Ryan, sophomore Chenise Pakootas scored 14 points while senior Chene Cooper scored eight. Three freshmen also had their moments in the game, as Melissa Williams had 10 rebounds and six points. Kylie Huerta had seven points and Kayleigh Ryan was 4-of-4 on free throws.

**Women’s hockey sweeps Seattle** — The women’s hockey team defeated the Seattle Women’s Hockey team in a two-game series. In the first game, the Eagles won 5-4 in overtime with Alexandra Gellhaus scoring three of the five goals, and Becky Fullerton and Katie Higgins scoring the remaining two. On Nov. 6, the Eagles won 7-3 with Vanessa Vargas and Cloie Cornell having two goals a piece.

**Jarrett and Walker score scholar awards** — Kicker Mike Jarrett and goalkeeper Jamie Walker were named November’s Scholar Athletes. Jarrett, a communications major, recently broke the record for extra points and extra points attempted in the Homecoming game against Northern Colorado. Walker made 80 saves during her junior year and was ranked second in the Big Sky Conference for saves per game and saves percentage. She also earned two defensive Big Sky Player of the Week awards.

**Volleyball chops Lumberjacks, gets mauled by Bears** — Eastern volleyball avenged their loss against Northern Arizona, 3-2, on Nov. 3. However, the Eagles’ five-game winning streak was snapped after a shut out by Northern Colorado, 3-0, in a game on Nov. 5. Junior Shelby Puckett, who had 35 kills between both games, went out with an ankle injury in the third set of the Northern Colorado game. Despite the loss to the Bears, the Eagles are still ranked third in the Big Sky Conference.



Photo by Evan Sykes

Keisa Monterola will be looking to break the Eagles’ indoor and outdoor pole vaulting records. Her mark of 14-1 1/4 at Pan American Games was higher than both Eastern records.

Venezuelan pole vaulter chases Olympic dream

Monterola places fifth at Pan American Games

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Pole vaulter Keisa Monterola charges and plants the pole in the box, launching herself in the air. She throws her body over the bar before descending down to the pad as the crowd roars throughout the arena.

Monterola, a transfer student from Clackamas Community College (CCC), placed fifth at the 2011 Pan American Games with a mark of 14 feet, 1 1/4 inches in Guadalajara, Mexico, Oct. 24. She will be looking to break Eastern’s pole vaulting record and qualify for the 2012 Olympics.

Monterola represented EWU and her home country of Venezuela in the games.

While her 14-1 1/4 mark is less than a foot better than the Eastern pole vaulting record of 13-2 1/4, it does not count because she was not competing in an NCAA sanctioned event, according to Eastern’s athletic website.

From her approach to her takeoff, Monterola visualizes her jump until she leaves the ground.

“Right in that moment, everything goes so fast,” Monterola said. “I don’t think about anything except for being aggressive

Monterola’s pole vaulting accolades

- Venezuelan indoor national record holder
- Venezuelan outdoor national record holder
- 2005 IAAF World Youth Championships: Silver
- 2005 South American Junior Championships: Silver
- 2009 NWAACC Track and Field Championships: First
- 2010 NWAACC Track and Field Championships: First
- 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games: Gold
- 2011 Pan American Games: Fifth

[because] that is what it will take me to finish my jump.”

To prepare for the October competition, Eastern jump coach Eric Allison helped Monterola focus on extra techniques and base work.

“It was a lot sooner than we would normally get someone ready, so it was a little bit rushed,” Allison said.

The preparation for the games was difficult for Monterola as she had just finished the process of moving from Clackamas, Ore. to Cheney and getting ready for school.

“I was worried because this was a big competition,” Monterola said. “I needed to be ready, I wanted to be ready. Eric got me ready in three weeks, which was impressive.”

Although she did not achieve her goal of winning a medal, Monterola was proud to represent her native country and the university.

“I was competing against world champi-

ons,” said Monterola. “It’s a whole new level, so competitive. I got close to the podium.”

With the Venezuelan team having already picked their coaches, Allison was unable to go to Guadalajara, Mexico.

“I thought she was going to jump around 13-6,” Allison said. “I was pleased, especially after only three weeks of training. She’s not in vault shape yet. I think it speaks highly of how far she’ll go this year.”

Monterola’s parents got her into sports when she was four years old.

She has been pole vaulting since she was 12 years old with Russian coach Alexander Radchich.

“Vaulting wasn’t very common for girls,” Monterola said. “I got the national record and made the national team. Nowadays, there’s a lot of girl vaulters trying to do what I did.”

Monterola’s pole vaulting ability progressed over the years.

In 2005, she won a silver medal in the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) World Youth Championships and the South American Junior Championships, clearing the 13-11 mark in both competitions.

Although she had successful training in her own country, Monterola’s transition from Venezuela to the U.S. was difficult. After spending a year in Seattle, Monterola transferred to CCC where she pole vaulted and was a jumper for the track team.

“It was a really hard transition because I didn’t have a coach for a year in Caracas,” Monterola said. “It was a whole [new] process, like starting from zero.”

Head track and field coach Keoni McHone remembers Monterola’s determination, as well as the struggles she endured when she first came to CCC, such as the running and sprint exercises.

“She wasn’t used to the conditioning,” McHone said. “On top of that, [she was] not getting the nutrition she needed.”

Despite initial problems, Monterola was able to adapt.

She placed first at the 2009 Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges (NWAAACC) track championships in the long jumps and pole vaulting.

In 2010, she would

place first in pole vaulting while achieving a personal best of 14-2 1/2.

Monterola would also win a gold medal in the 2010 Central American and Caribbean Games with a record setting mark of 13-9 1/4 on July 25.

Although she had reached a new level of success, McHone recalls Monterola always having a smile on her face whenever she was competing on the CCC track.

“She enjoyed the time she had with all of the other athletes,” McHone said. “She still liked to have fun, make friends and do the other things a collegiate athlete likes to do.”

With the Pan American Games over, Monterola will be adjusting to the Eastern practice schedule to prepare for the upcoming season.

“We can still do quite a bit for her strength-wise and speed-wise,” Allison said. “There’s some technical flaws in her jump that we can clean up.”

Monterola is focused on training for the upcoming indoor and outdoor track seasons.

She knows she has a long way to go if she wants to qualify for the Olympics and break the school record.

“I know I can qualify for the Olympics,” said Monterola. “If I can jump 14-1 in three weeks, I can jump higher than that with training longer.”

Walk-on freshman makes most of opportunity

Outside hitter’s desire to play for Eastern turns into reality

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Passion lies inside freshman outside hitter Kelsey Julian as she replaces graduated players from EWU, starting 22 of 23 matches in the 2011 volleyball season.

Julian is a three-sport athlete from Kennewick, Wash. and walked on for the 2011 season. The choice was between volleyball, basketball and track.

“Volleyball was the sport I loved,” Julian said. “There is a high intensity, volume and feeling of getting that block.”

Julian averages 1.01 kills



Julian

Julian’s stats

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|--------|-----|-------|------|
| Digs   | 42  | D/Set | .45  |
| Blocks | 60  | B/Set | .64  |
| Kills  | 91  | K/Set | .97  |
| Points | 122 | P/Set | 1.30 |

per set and 0.60 blocks. Twice, she had a career-high seven kills against University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) on Sept. 10 and Montana on Oct. 28.

Julian had potential from the start, according to Head Coach Miles Kydd.

Julian attended the Eagles’ volleyball summer camp where Kydd and staff observed the potential that was inside Julian, as cited on goeags.com.

“She is not an intimidated player; she took the bull by the horns and went for it,” Kydd said.

Julian is the most energetic

and ecstatic player on the court, according to middle blocker Amanda Brown.

“She is always pumping up the team,” middle blocker Talia Fermantez said. “You can just feel the fire coming out of her.”

Julian energizes the team whether there is a win or loss, according to Fermantez.

“She isn’t a player you are going to see back down,” Kydd said.

Julian manages to balance 18 credits and volleyball.

“The busier you are, the more you get done,” said Kydd. “The girls are good students and do a great job of balancing their time.”

Julian misses lectures because of traveling and spends spare time off the court completing homework to stay caught up with classes.

“It’s not too terrible,” said Julian. “I just learn to balance it.”

Julian received offers from different schools and decided on Eastern.

Julian has family that lives in Spokane and gets to play with girls she loves.

“I have never met girls that get along and play so well together,” Julian said.

EWU had a good recruiting class, as stated by Kydd. The team had a lot of starters graduate, which left opportunity for freshmen to fill in the vacant spots.

Recruiting had holes for middles, so Brown and Fermantez were able to step in and start, according to Kydd.

According to Julian, it is not an accident she came to Spokane.

“I believe everything happens for a reason,” Julian said. “Anything that has happened in my life has brought me to this point and I feel so blessed to have this opportunity.”



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