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## This week

### DON'T MISS:

Students, faculty and staff are invited to learn about campus and community resources for veterans pursuing higher education at the **EWU and VetCorps First Annual Resource Fair** on Jan. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PUB MPR. For more information, contact Heather Bahme at 509-359-6533 or hbahme1@ewu.edu.

Band Invitational I Finale Concert will be Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Showalter Auditorium. It will feature the **EWU Wind Ensemble and guest high school concert bands**. Dr. Gary Gilroy from California State University, Fresno, will be the guest conductor and event clinician.

**The Faculty Percussion Recital** will be Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature Michael Waldrop as a soloist in the Music Building Recital Hall.

Students in Dressler Hall will have the opportunity to have their valuables engraved for free as part of **Operation ID** on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. Students who miss this opportunity can take belongings to the campus police at the Red Barn.

**Wear Red Day is scheduled for Feb. 3.** It's how the American Heart Association is asking for support against heart disease. For more information and to learn of events around Wear Red Day, visit GoRed-ForWomen.org or call 509-536-1500.

Looking for a free way to build your personal library or experience a cultural event? Apply for the **Stewart Book Scholarship**. You could receive \$250 for up to two books other than text books or \$100 for a cultural event plus one book. Details at ewu.edu/bookscholarship. Apply by Feb. 3.

**The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program** is offering \$25,000 and \$2,000 awards. For more information, visit <http://www.buick-achievers.com>. The application deadline is Feb. 29.

## Rolling waves of jazz

Radio station airplay stretches across the world

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KEWU-FM 89.5, Eastern's jazz radio station, has been playing for students and the EWU community for over 60 years.

"We have more listeners than we have students," said Marvin Smith, chair of the theatre and film department and general manager at KEWU-FM. "A lot of people listen to us across the country. ... We have had contact with people who have listened to us in Europe and Australia. It's really cool when somebody in Australia is listening to you. Talk about a charge."

Founded April 7, 1950, they originally went by KEWC-FM. From 1950 to 1986, they operated as a class D station, meaning they had a transmitter output of 10 watts and a limited service area. In the late 1970s, the board of trustees applied to the FCC to become a full broadcast FM station.

In 1986, KEWU-FM started broadcasting at 10,000 watts and broadened the coverage area immensely. The station has been under the general management of Smith since 1983 and has become known for its small market jazz.

To request a song, see what is playing, listen live or for more information on KEWU-FM 89.5, go to <http://jazz895standard.blogspot.com>.

"The reason why it is a jazz station is because it filled a niche in the market. ... Jazz was a good fit," Smith said.

Elizabeth Farriss, KEWU-FM program director, is the only full-time employee and runs the daily operations of the station. She also listens to a lot of jazz. "Mostly, I have to sift through lots and lots of music that comes in because that is what KEWU is all about. It's all about the music."

KEWU-FM was named Best Small Market Jazz Station in 2005 and Farriss was named Best Small Market Jazz Programmer in 2005 and 2009 by Jazz Week Magazine, the definitive jazz radio resource.

The station offers the option to listen live from their website, through their blog or on the radio. Live disc jockeys play from 4 p.m. until midnight but the station is on-air around the clock. The sta-



Photo by Casey Picha

Ed Warren is one of the Jazz disc jockeys at KEWU-FM 89.5.

tion disc jockeys are spread out through many different majors.

Joe Youmans, a junior, heard about a pledge drive the station was having his freshman year and came in to answer phones. He has now been a disc jockey for al-

most two years and plans to disc jockey until graduation.

"It's important for people to know we are here. It's affiliated with the university ... and I don't think very many Eastern students know they even have a campus radio station," Youmans said.

## Senator justifies position on budget

By Kristie Hsin

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ASEWU hosted Sen. Michael Baumgartner in a town hall meeting concerning budget cuts and issues surrounding higher education.

The town hall meeting was held Saturday, Jan. 14 in the PUB multi-purpose room.

Baumgartner, who represents the sixth district in Spokane, believes the main issue surrounding budget topics and higher education is structural.

"The state has a structural budget problem," Baumgartner said during the meeting. "Essentially, the state has promised too much money to too many people."

The state, on odd years, has a long legislative session where the state budget is written and decisions are made. The following year, the short sessions are suppose to be for making minor adjustments to the previous year's decisions.

According to Baumgartner, issues discussed are not always implemented, but still stay on the books for later budgeting and discussion.

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## Beyond the playground:

Bruises from bullying heal but the scars still sting

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Bullying comes in many shapes and sizes and affects everybody no matter their gender, race or class. Elsie Mills\*, an Eastern student, suffered through two years of bullying in high school and carries around the effects today.

"At the beginning of my sophomore year, [my family and I] moved to a tiny town in Montana," Mills said. "Three senior girls wanted to be friends with me, and sure, I'm down, because I didn't know anybody."

Shortly afterwards, the girls started spreading rumors that caused other classmates to avoid interaction with her. "This was a huge disadvantage for me because I didn't know anybody else yet, yet they all hated me," Mills said.

Bullying might not take place on the playground at EWU, but there is still a chance that it can happen. That's why the university has instituted an anti-bullying policy to ensure a safe environment for the campus community.

\*a pseudonym to protect Mills

The policy defines bullying as "behavior that is intentional, targeted at an individual or group, repeated, hostile or offensive and creates an intimidating and/or threatening environment which produces a risk of psychological and/or physical harm."

"I started being called terrible, racist things to my face and behind my back. My eyes were too slanted, or my face was too flat, or my boobs weren't big enough," Mills said.

According to Director of Human Resources Rights and Risk Jolynn Rogers, bullying can fall under three categories: criminal, discriminatory, and inappropriate behavior. The investigations are used to determine the type of bullying and whether or not bullying has actually occurred in accordance with the policy definition.

Until 2010, EWU had no such policy. It was created after a meeting of The United Faculty of Eastern Bargaining Team in 2009. This team is a part of the United Faculty of Washington State. The goal of these groups is to ensure fair working conditions that promote students' learning conditions through collective bargaining agreements.

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## Teachers rank in top 20

By Kristie Hsin

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Eastern ranked 11th in the top 20 institutions nationwide for producing national board certified teachers.

Aimed to improving the skills of teachers in the classroom, this certificate is awarded by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

The National Board Certification, an advanced teach-

ing document, is valid for 10 years and is similar to a teacher's license.

"Pursuing National Board Certification is a significant professional commitment for career teachers. It is an indication of both the preparation and the dedication of the alumni of our program that we rank so high in this measure," said Education Department Chair Christina Valeo in an email. "Our

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## Student liaisons stand up to state

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Eastern is continuing its partnership this quarter with the Washington Student Association (WSA). WSA is a student run organization that advocates for student rights. According to Kelli Crawford, ASEWU legislative affairs representative, WSA rep-

resents 11 student body organizations from across the state of Washington. WSA is a non-partisan, non-profit organization.

"Together we fight for affordable and accessible higher education for all as well as increasing student voice and rights both at the capitol and on their own campuses. All

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## Bus re-routes again

By Trevor Parus and Christina Jordan

FOR THE EASTERNER

STA will change times associated with bus routes 66, 68 and 29 effective Jan. 15. The 68, which is the local Cheney bus route, will be servicing the PUB after stopping at the K Street Station. According to Molly Meyers, STA media rela-

tions, this is due to rider requests.

The Jan. 15 changes are the result of an overhaul to the STA system that occurred in September 2011. In September, STA reduced service by seven percent. According to Meyers, STA implemented a "leaner but better system" at this time.

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# Former Eastern employee passes away, leaves legacy

### Daughter recalls time spent with late mother

**By Kristie Hsin**  
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Whenever Vicki Heller goes into her kitchen, she is reminded of the memories and time she spent with her late mother, Phyllis Brown.

Brown, age 86, passed away Dec. 22, 2011 in Spokane. She is survived by her 12 children and 21 grandchildren.

“I will be maybe using a cooking utensil that she gave me or see something that she had given me and it would bring up memories of times in the past,” said Heller. “She loved to read and cooking was her passion.”

Brown worked as a secretary in the English department before later working in the campus bookstore. Brown was also a member of the St. Rosa of Lima Catholic Church in Cheney.

Joanne Craner, former Eastern faculty member and friend to Brown, said, “Phyllis was a good friend and trusted employee. She worked well with the faculty and the students and the staff and she was just a wonderful person.”

Craner was the campus bookstore manager before her retirement in 1995.

“She typed all the book orders when I was there. She answered the phone and she interacted with the faculty and students,” said Craner. “She was always on time, she was always busy and she was very pleasant to work with. ... I’m certainly going to miss her.”

Craner was among the many who attended Brown’s funeral held at the Cathedral of Our Lady Lourdes in Spokane.

“I see her children and realized what a wonderful mother she was to her 12 children,” said Craner. “She was very special. She was wonderful. She had a full life and she was very active.”

Brown was born Oct. 30, 1925 in New York. There, she married George Brown in 1950, whose military career took the family many places. After her husband’s retirement in 1966, the family moved to Cheney where Brown was part of the EWU community for more than 20 years.



Phyllis Brown (center) with friends preparing to ascend in a hot air balloon.

In an effort to spend more time with her mother in the last eight years of her life, Heller went out with her every Friday and did whatever she wanted to do.

“She liked to shop for clothes,” said Heller. “All the times she was raising kids, she had to be pretty conservative. As she got older and retired and the kids grew up and were able to take care of themselves, she liked to shop. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She could look right at you in all seriousness, but she was quite funny all the same.”

Heller’s father had expressed the desire to farm all his life. In 1966, the growing family moved to a farm outside of Cheney where her last sibling was born.

According to her daughter, after four months of being on the farm Brown said she was never moving back to the city. She loved it very much.

In her last few weeks, Brown went downhill rapidly, according to Heller, who also said her death was very peaceful.

“She was not really conscious, but I recall seeing her open her eyes towards the end and it was pretty sad, but we were all relieved for her because her quality of life had just disappeared all together,” Heller said.

After her retirement, Brown spent time traveling to Ireland, England and Scotland with her sister.

Widowed at 49, Brown was often viewed as a strong woman by her family and peers.

“I would say raising her 12 kids was her biggest accomplishment. Being a wife and a mother—I mean, that was everything to my mother. She wanted 12 kids. ... That’s what she put her whole life into,” said Heller. “My mother’s greatest joy was seeing her family together.”

# State promotes survey of local government’s ethical standards

### Eastern faculty and staff issued web survey to be completed by Jan. 20

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In order to provide input on ethical culture, all faculty and staff have been issued a web survey from the Washington State Executive Board.

The Washington State Executive Ethics Board is responsible for promoting integrity and public trust in the state’s government through education. The board consists of five members who are appointed by the governor.

President Arévalo and the board asked that faculty and staff members com-

plete the survey by Friday, Jan. 20.

“We were tasked by the legislature this past June to do employee surveys regarding their ethics culture and their agencies,” said board Executive Director Melanie De Leon. “I think it’s important for faculty members to understand that well, yes, they are engaged in teaching and research, but there’s also these other set of laws that they have to conform to and I think it’s important for the community to know whether or not the people teaching their children follow the ethics law.”

The purpose of this survey is to gain information

about the school’s employees and their knowledge of the state’s ethics, laws and culture. The anonymous survey takes five to 10 minutes.

“They’re asking about how familiar people are with the agency ethics program. ‘Are you familiar with the rules of ethical conduct? Have you ever received training?’ And then it asks about ethics violations,” associate to the president and Chief of Staff Laurie Connelly said.

Results of the survey will be used to improve the performances of the Washington State Executive Board, while also improving its ethical practices. This is the

second time this particular survey has been issued to EWU employees.

“Overall, it benefits the state if it raises people’s awareness of the ethics rule because compliance with the ethics rule is in everyone’s best interest,” Connelly said.

De Leon said, “I think having an ethical work force and a group of professors and instructors is inherently positive and would be a good role model for students. I think if you have an ethical role model as a student, it’s helpful.”

The survey can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVQNKK6>.

# Student receives national award after nomination from co-worker

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Mia Vercruyssen received recognition for her inspiring work and was selected as National RA (Residents Assistant) of the Month. She was nominated and selected for the month of October because of her efforts in organizing homecoming events while continuously juggling a heavy course load and her normal Community Advisor (CA) duties.

Vercruyssen is finishing her last year at Eastern and her third year of working for Residential Life services. She was nominated for the award by fellow CA Kayla Ash.

After the nomination was reviewed by the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, it was nominated to be reviewed by the National Association of College and Uni-

versity Residence Halls (NACURH) to receive a national award.

According to her peers, what separates Vercruyssen from the competition is not just her dedication and hard work but the positive attitude with which she does everything.

“One of the best examples of her encouraging and uplifting her staff was seen during Eastern Washington’s homecoming week,” Ash said. “Mia actively participated in all the events that worked into her schedule with a smile and gave 110 percent without ever having to be asked.”

When the rest of the staff was worn and went to bed, Vercruyssen stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish decorating the residence hall.

According to Ash, as the busy week continued, the staff was exhausted, but Vercruyssen kept everyone’s morale up with her smiles, jokes and overall positivity.

“Mia also devotes a lot of time to her programs and makes residents here in Louise Anderson Hall want to participate,” Ash said.

Vercruyssen said that she loves working with people, helping and organizing events. Being a CA utilizes those skills and she gets to be a positive influence on the other students living in Louise Anderson Hall.

“I’m from Hawaii so the transition to Cheney and college was very tough,” Vercruyssen said. “But my CA did a very good job of helping me transition and so I wanted to do that for other people and then I just loved it after that.”

Community Advisors work as a resource for hall residents. The CA’s job is to help with anything residents need, whether it’s getting information about campus resources or setting up programs where they can get to know

# Faculty donate portions of pay

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Each year, some faculty members participate in the Giving Campaign by donating money that goes back to help programs at EWU. The faculty can allocate the money that they donate to an array of departments and colleges at Eastern. This includes any of the four colleges, athletic association, EWU libraries, scholarship funds and other departments.

According to Patricia Spanjer, director of alumni advancement, donations can be taken out through payroll deductions and can be as small as \$5 a pay period (\$120 per year). Employees can choose to donate by printing out a form for a one-time contribution, or an indefinite number of donations can be made via payroll deduction.

Spanjer says that the goal is to generate 100 percent participation amongst faculty members and, while this has not been achieved, she says that feedback has been good.

“Financial support for our students shows our en-

tire EWU community that we believe in our mission,” Spanjer said in an email.

Every year the Giving Campaign is themed. Last year’s theme was “Tis the season to give.” The campaign theme will change, the donations will not, according to Spanjer.

“We change the theme of our faculty and staff campaign every year, but we will always encourage 100 percent participation, asking employees to contribute any amount to help support our students,” Spanjer said.

Eastern already has a scholarship campaign for the month of January, called “Round it Up for Scholarships.” From Jan. 17-31 at the bookstore, students and other customers can choose to round up to the nearest dollar to donate towards EWU general scholarship funds.

According to Spanjer, it is hard to accurately tally the total amount collected but says that the idea is supportive of the faculty.

“We have not heard any opposition. EWU employees are very dedicated to and supportive of our students,” Spanjer said.

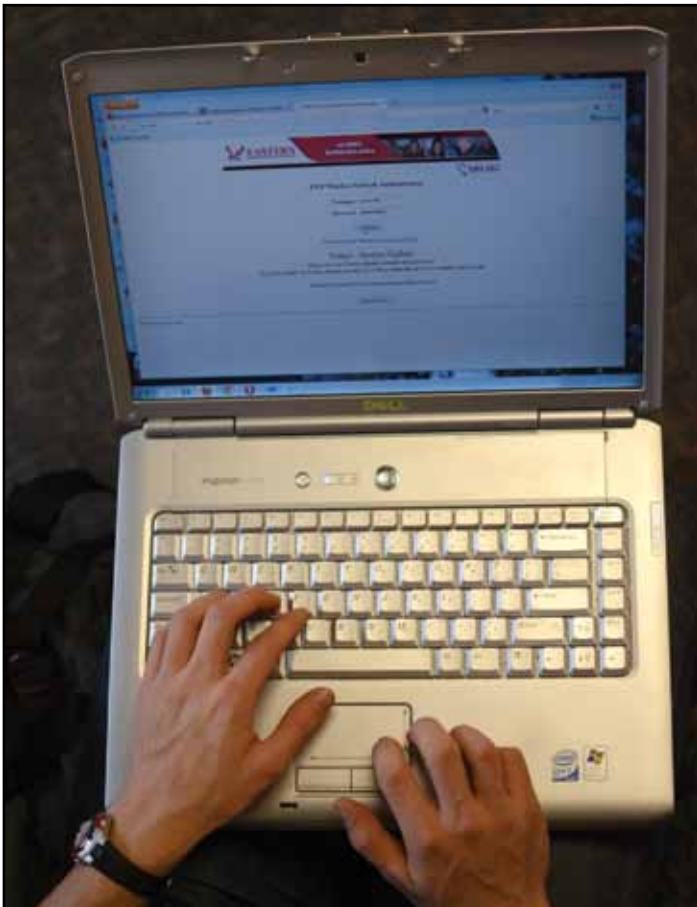


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Students will soon sign in to EWU’s online network more easily.

# Fewer log-ins needed for EWU resources

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The Information Systems Department has implemented several steps to limit the number of times a faculty member or student has to log in on a campus computer.

Identity and Integration architect John Gasper said, “The idea is that when you go into one application and it prompts you to sign in, for the rest of that browser session, ... when you get to a different place that would normally require you to log in, they’re just going to pass right into that application.”

An example would be if a student logs into EagleNet, then after wants to log in to Blackboard. Both actions require their own login and password.

“Even though they’re all Eastern web access, you had to sign into different

accounts and some of them may even have the same username and password, but others may have a different username and a different password,” Gasper said.

Having a single sign-in username and password makes web access through smart phones easier for students and faculty as well.

One of the main issues is the propagation of so many usernames and passwords. The department’s main goal is to get that number down to one username and one password per student.

“It’s really annoying to have to always sign in again and again whenever I want to use a computer on campus,” said junior Marissa Shaw. “Especially when all I needed to do was print something out real quick.”

Freshman Kelly Leman said, “I think only having to sign in once each [session] is

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Rokko's Teriyaki and BBQ has a cultural logo. The red and white sign resembles the Japanese flag and hangs outside Rokko's entrance.

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# Cheney to chew on teriyaki

Parents of Eastern student set to serve Japanese-style teriyaki and barbecue using local ingredients

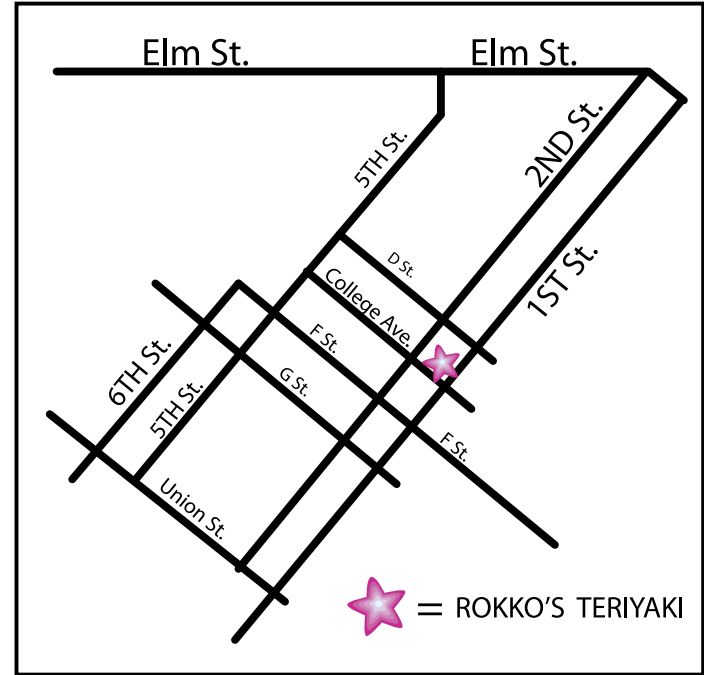
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Cheney has feasted on pizza, Mexican food and burgers, but the city will soon welcome a family owned teriyaki restaurant. Rokko's Teriyaki and BBQ, located at 506 First Street, is still in the process of being finished, with the installation of appliances, decorations and electrical work taking place.

The opening of the restaurant has had minor setbacks with electrical difficulties and interior remodeling. Originally, it was supposed to open a couple of weeks ago. However, restaurant owner David Hall has not been deterred by these setbacks and is determined to make the opening unforgettable. "I want the opening to be perfect," Hall said. "I want to open right the first time and

not have to close down and remodel." David and his wife, Inez Hall, owned a diner in Seattle 20 years ago. Inez's mother also owned a restaurant in Japan, so running a restaurant is not a new experience for the Halls. The Hall family came to Cheney about four years ago on a soccer recruiting trip for their daughter, Amanda Hall. Amanda is currently pursuing a nursing degree at Eastern and will be working as a cook for her parents' restaurant.

They decided to open a teriyaki place in Cheney during Amanda's trip when the coach asked where they wanted to eat. "My daughter said, 'Let's go eat teriyaki,'" David said. "But there was no teriyaki place. The coach said, 'We could eat Mexican food, cheeseburgers, or pizza.'" Rokko's will be serving fresh, homestyle entrées



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with locally grown ingredients. "We are making all of our own sauces; we make our own teriyaki sauce, [and] our own salad dressings," David said. All of the vegetables in season will be gathered from the Spokane area and 98 percent of the food will be completely fresh. "You won't see a truck

pull up in front of the building unloading frozen beef," David said. "We want to provide a meal that you feel like is a meal at home rather than food that is processed," Inez said. Rokko's will be more of a "Japanese street food place," according to Davis, but will

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## Ranking:

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current students are following in the footsteps of some fantastic classroom teachers. The fact that so many Washington schools appear on this list does not surprise me." According to Valeo, the state has a reputation for having extremely high expectations in teacher preparation. In order to qualify for the certificate, teachers are required to submit four portfolios that feature proof of their teaching experience

and behaviors, examinations of their student work and video recordings of their classroom behavior. As of 2011, The University of Washington ranked third, Western Washington University ranked fourth and Central Washington University fifth. Washington State University is ranked sixth with Eastern at 11th nationwide. "I think the impact teachers can have on their students is literally inestimable. So often in our lives, we look back on those learning opportunities and marvel [at] how much we were shaped, whether or not we realized it at the time, by the words or

actions of one of our teachers," Valeo said. "I think that's pretty cool that we've been regarded as a top university for our teachers," incoming junior Bolivia Louise said. "This just sets the level of education I know I'll get here at Eastern." Once a student is admitted to the education program and has completed their preliminary coursework, they spend four quarters in schools where they will eventually student teach. "This is a real strength of our program because these pre-service teachers have become acclimated, formed relationships, and are ready to contribute to those learn-

ing environments. By the time they step forward as the classroom leader in their fourth and final quarter, they have demonstrated multiple times that they have the content knowledge, the pedagogical skills and the professional disposition to be an effective beginning teacher," Valeo said. Seattle Public Schools, Lake Washington school district, Evergreen school district and Spokane school districts are among six of the top 20 school districts in the nation, according to [http://www.nbpts.org/userfiles/file/2011\\_District\\_NewNBCTs.pdf](http://www.nbpts.org/userfiles/file/2011_District_NewNBCTs.pdf).

## STA:

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"Based on analysis and customer feedback after the September 2011 Service Change, STA is making minor adjustments to improve reliability and route connections," according to STA's website. Lisa Welk, a tenant at the Eagle Point Apartments and a student at EWU, is happy with the changes to route 68. "I'm very happy that they decided to go to the PUB because it gives us more time before we have to go to class, and it's more convenient. It will also lessen the traffic on Washington Street because the bus will be stopping less often," Welk said.

In the mornings, the 68 route will arrive at the PUB at 6 minutes before the hour. Welk believes that this time is enough to get to class. "I think that's a good enough time. It's probably the latest time that would be sufficient to get to my classes, most of them anyway," Welk says.

Previously, the 66 route continued as the 29 on the same bus to the Riverpoint Campus. However, the 66 bus will terminate at the Plaza, and another bus will continue as route 29. According to Molly Meyers, the 66 interline was not making its time points. In addition, the 60-foot articulated buses were not as full going to Riverpoint, so the 29 will be

a regular-length bus. Students who previously rode to Riverpoint via route 29 will now have to get off the 66 at the Plaza and wait five minutes for the 29. If they happen to miss this connection, the longest they will have to wait will be 20 minutes, according to the new bus route schedules. "Beginning next week, every 15 minutes route 66 will accommodate 60-foot articulated buses," Crawford said. Prior to the Jan. 15 changes, route 66 alternated between 60-foot articulated buses and regular-length buses. According to Meyers, this change is due to a 30 percent increase in Cheney ridership. Jenna Schneider, a tenant at the Eagle Point Apartments and a student at EWU, believes that there could be some changes made to the Cheney bus route schedules. "The schedule that has the bus leaving at 20 minutes after the hour should be changed because you have to sit around for 30 minutes to catch the bus. I might as well walk. It would take less time," Schneider said. Meyers thinks that with in the next few months, more schedule changes are likely to be made again. "We're always evaluating and we're always looking to improve," Meyers says. For more information regarding these bus schedule changes, visit [www.spokanetransit.com](http://www.spokanetransit.com) and click on the link to the Jan. 15 bus route changes that is on the homepage.

## Voice:

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in all, WSA represents over 100,000 students," Crawford said. WSA is the result of a 33 percent tuition increase in 1981. In turn, students created the Washington Student Lobby. In 2009 it was renamed to WSA. "Students realized they needed a voice or they would lose access to education," Crawford said. Recently, Crawford and fellow student Shelby Pelon attended a liaison training session in Olympia, Wash., which would prepare students to be able to properly articulate their views and understand the process of how lobbying works. "This training covers lobbying, how bills are made and sponsored, how to give testimony, etc. There is also team building activities and plenty of practice sessions so that we can present a cohesive message to the legislators," Crawford said. WSA is also partnering with the United States Student Association (USSA), which is the nationwide lobbying organization for higher education. The USSA represents all 50 states, each of

which elects a representative for their state. To increase the student's voice, WSA is looking to incorporate community colleges and technical schools (CTCs). Many of the CTCs are underrepresented, according to Crawford. Pelon, who was trained to become the liaison for EWU, thinks that WSA is important to help represent students. "The Washington Students Association is so important to students at Eastern because it allows their voices to be heard on a larger scale. Through this amazing association, issues that students have both at Eastern and throughout the state of Washington are taken into consideration and heard from the students' perspectives. It gives students a chance to partake in government and to make a change," Pelon said. This quarter, ASEWU plans to host events to help raise student awareness. On Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. in the PUB room 204, ASEWU will be hosting Statewide Day of Action, which is hosted simultaneously at schools across the state of Washington. During this event, ASEWU will let students know how they can get involved by attending Lobby Day in February in Olympia.

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# Welcome to the end of the world: Volume 2012

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In many long years from now, children may ask, “Where were you when the world came to an end?”

Well, the winter birds will be poolside, sweating out dreams in the warm Arizona nights. Politicians will be swindling, deferring responsibility indefinitely, never getting anything accomplished.

And in the great Pacific Northwest, we’ll await snow in the snowless aftermath of a globe in warming.

According to many modern doomsday theorists, the world will end on Dec. 21, 2012. At least that’s the idea.

And this time, they mean it. However, if history and science mean anything at all, then all we have to do is take a look back and see how many times the world has come to an end.

Remember the year 2000 and the Y2K debacle? At midnight, on the first of January, every computer on Earth would think it was 1900. Of course, they’d also think everything was still running on steam, and consequently the world would explode.

More extreme views held that the rapture would occur — the sec-



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ond coming, judgement day, etc. Midnight came and went, and everyone woke up with hangovers. Some lasting two days.

Many people thought the same thing in 1998 because 666 multiplied by three (as in, there are three “sixes” in 666), equals 1998. Yeah, that didn’t happen.

In 1997, Marshall Applewhite led 38 people to their untimely deaths after believing an alien

spaceship was going to appear behind the comet Hale-Bopp. Their only ticket aboard, according to Applewhite, was suicide.

Nothing.

But the greatest disappointment came in 1844 when a Baptist preacher named William Miller predicted Jesus would return to Earth that year. Thousands of people gave away all their earthly things on the eve of his return, some even went broke.

You can guess why they call it the “Great Disappointment.” Yeah, it was like that.

A comprehensive overview of doomsday prophesies could fill a set of encyclopedias. If one were to search all historical, religious and new age incidences of someone claiming that the world was coming to an end, they’d find that it’s very commonplace.

So what makes 2012 different? Why should we care? Is there any truth to it?

According to [www.2012hoax.org](http://www.2012hoax.org), “the Mayans actually never made a single prediction related to an apocalypse, but it is claimed by 2012 proponents that the Maya could predict future events.” That’s like predicting that someone will steal your sandwich based on the fact that they could steal your sandwich.

Mainstream Mayanist scholars say that there is no evidence that the Mayans themselves thought that the world would come to end on Dec 21, 2012. They might throw a big party, but that’s about it.

Then there’s a lesser known fact that the pseudo-scientists never mention: the Mayans, like Nostradamus, have predictions with dates that occur 2,000 years after 2012. So much for the end of the world.

There are, however, very real threats that could hinder our existence in 2012: nuclear war, the point of no return for global warming, a pandemic, the sudden eruption of the Yellowstone super-volcano (which is, according to geologists, long overdue), economic collapse due to greed, leaving all of us scrambling for resources, and so on.

The world will probably not end in 2012.

Civilization could end in 2012 due to human ignorance, but not prophecy.

Most likely, everyone will wake up on Dec. 22, 2012 with really bad hangovers, ready to do the same thing 10 days later as they count down the last moments before 2013, and wake up, again, with really bad hangovers.

# The year is 2176 and there are still no flying cars

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America won’t remain an idea and a way of life 400 years after her birth if she doesn’t invest in education along the way. She will merely be a country.

In 2176, freedom now means living outside of jail and is connected with terms like “eking out” and “hanging on.” Jail is a death sentence if you don’t have people from the outside that will bring you food.

This is a future where there is still no cure for cancer. There wasn’t enough research. But heart disease and cancer are not the leading causes of death anymore. There’s no more fight over health care because it’s worthless. The few medical schools left teach basic, primitive practices. The competitive schools are overseas but are too expensive for Americans to attend.

Social problems have ballooned. Slums cities are filled with sicknesses. Medical professionals are equivalent to witch doctors by 2012 standards. The 2176 economy doesn’t pay them much, so real talent is on foreign soil. Rural areas, defended by small com-

munities of survivalists, suffer from high infant mortality and low birth rates from diminishing mid-wifery skills.

The 2176 infrastructure is overtaxed. Trip times are lengthened by traffic jams because few roads still connect with their intended destinations. Power is intermittent. Crumbling systems require knowledgeable maintenance and resources, both of which are difficult to come by. What’s left of the rails are controlled by what’s left of the government, which is an uneducated, squabbling aristocratic system interested in how the people can serve their individual interests.

Only a few people know how to fix and maintain irrigation systems. When crops fail because of droughts or shortages of clean water, it means starvation for hundreds of thousands of residents.

The diminished ability to transport products has caused the skyrocketing of prices on goods that can’t be grown or manufactured within a 100-mile radius. Coffee is only for the rich, the .001 percent.



Meyer

“Books are in hard copy, but since no one understands much of the old language any more, many are recycled for the paper inside.”

The desperate 2176 economy and poverty has taken us out of the world market. We’re overlooked except when large, foreign corporations evaluate our manpower and locations for their polluting factories. Here they find workers willing to expend themselves for basic necessities.

The Internet would be considered to have something to do with fishing if anyone had ever heard of it. Words like redundancy and ambiguous have been lost in 2176 much like the lost words of 2012: “addititious,” which means “pertaining to or resulting from addition”; “thymogenic,” which is defined as “due to emotion”; and “rumc-hunder,” which is fine silk.

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By 2176, we’ve lost languages like Ojibwe, Lakota and Navajo, not to mention some foreign languages.

Most Americans don’t know what’s happening

globally because there’s no means.

No one reads a newspaper. Word-of-mouth is more reliable than the propaganda-ridden fliers posted in the slum cities. There are no movies except for government-sponsored shorts. Hollywood has relocated overseas. Official news is full of public relations bites from the government and corporations.

Art is something only “truly appreciated” by the very few rich. Many of America’s treasures are now overseas or destroyed by time and lack of preservation.

Music is something to do after dinner as a family to pass evening hours. There is no television in these markets. No one can afford them and the science behind them is light years beyond the basic reading and writing that Americans pick up from diligent mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles.

No one can remember all fifty states. Worse yet, in

Deseret, the newly formed country in the American southwest, power-hungry leaders murder tens of thousands of people in similar style to Nazi Germany. But no one remembers the Nazis. No one is educated enough to know how to rule peacefully or wisely. No one debates the value of human life any more.

This is a future without education. It’s a future where low standards were all taxpayers could afford. Where laziness ruled over studies in philosophy and history classes were replaced by international politics 204.

Instead of improving education with each generation, we tried to hold ground, but we slipped backward instead.

Instead of investing tax dollars into education, we gave the money to politicians so they could live luxurious lifestyles. We allowed this.

We pumped funds into advertising to keep up appearances and frittered it away on all sorts of projects that cost far more than they should.

Instead of informing the ignorant minds diligently and gracefully, we turned people away. We discouraged those striving for self-

betterment. We wanted the degrees and titles of educated people to be worth more so there would be less competition for better jobs.

Little did we know that we were stagnating the intellectual progress of society with our elitist stinginess.

So how do we turn it around? How do we recover the ground we’ve already lost?

First, we must go to class. Read, study and ask the dumb questions that we’re all too embarrassed to ask. Learn!

Second, talk to your friends, neighbors and family about the value of education to you. Write us. Share your thoughts about education with our readers. If enough of us are talking about it, demanding education, then social pressure will be too heavy to resist.

Education means more than just a degree to get the job to get the money to buy the stuff. Education means learning from the past and present to improve the future. It means building on social philosophies, debating more ideas and seeking answers. It means that we must apply ourselves to learn everything that has come before and improve upon it before pushing those after us to also take thought ahead exponentially.

# Washington to become seventh state to legalize same-sex marriage?

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In a sudden—and stunning—reversal, Gov. Christina Gregoire (D-WA) is in support of legalizing same-sex marriage in the state of Washington.

Only six states now allow same-sex couples to marry—Massachusetts, New York, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire and Connecticut. Washington may become the seventh state in the union to legalize it.

During a media conference in Olympia, Wash., the Governor addressed her new stance on same-sex marriage: “It is time in Washington state for marriage equality. It is time; it’s the right thing to do.”

However, her change of heart doesn’t come without controversy.

Sen. Mike Padden, (R-



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Spokane Valley), has been vocal about his position against gay marriage.

“Marriage has always been understood as a comprehensive relationship between a man and woman, as husband and wife, grounded in their complementary nature and their ability to naturally conceive and give birth to children, as father and mother,” Padden said.

For Padden, it’s the traditional definition of marriage that he does not support changing and stated that he would “oppose any bill that attempts to redefine marriage as anything other than its historic definition as a union of one man and one woman.”

Even Washington state’s Attorney General Rob McKenna is opposed to legalizing same-sex marriage.

“My view of marriage is based on my religious faith,” McKenna said. McKenna believes that it’s too early to impose same-sex marriage on the people. “Our society is still moving, as [President Obama] said, evolving.”

The Republican side of the debate is based on a religious understanding of marriage. But it is in stark contrast to their usual political stance of individual responsibility: the idea that we’re all responsible for our own actions and answer to no authority but ourselves. If we choose to believe in God and honor him or her, and answer to his or her authority, that is our business as well. And the government takes a backseat to our personal affairs.

Why, then, has the Republican Party taken such a firm stance against same-sex anything—from gay marriage, to openly serving in the armed forces—especially since it goes against their own policy of individual responsibility?

There are, however, Democrats who oppose same-sex marriage, too, even here in Washington state.

The answer is more political than it is religious.

Not long ago, some politicians realized that if they used religion to their advantage,

they could create a large base of voters to keep them in power. All they would have to do is feign their devotion and fealty to a higher power and play along long enough to get voted in.

Some would say that this has been going on since the beginning of civilization (Plato’s uncle Critias, about 450 years before the advent of Christianity, openly stated that he believed that religion was an invention of the ruling class to keep the people in fear, hence giving them power).

Instead of doing what is right, politicians on both sides of the aisle instead do what is in their own best interest in order to remain in power. And pandering to a religious base for votes, even though it goes against their political philosophy of individual responsibility and freedom, has become paramount.

Power, with musty undertones of greed, drive these politicians at a primitive level. And they’re using religion to legitimize their big-

otry. Religion, like anything else, can be used for good or bad. Unfortunately, we’re seeing it being used poorly here. This doesn’t help the image that religious people want to convey, as most religious people want to love their neighbors, even their enemies.

America right now is in the midst of a civil rights movement to recognize the

humanity in all people, not just some. By not allowing same-sex couples the same rights as everyone else, we tell them, rather blatantly, that they are lesser people. The only other times America held these views of its own people were ugly—slavery, segregation and genocide. But we overcame those obstacles. Now it’s time to overcome another one.

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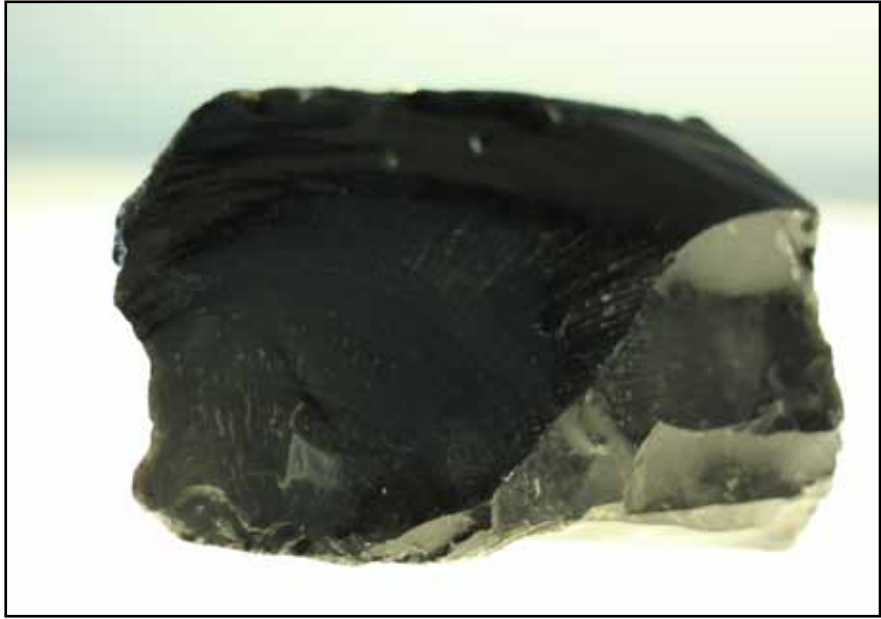
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(Above): The remnants of an activity involving bone china school children used to complete during trips to the museum. (Right): A collection of bird nests and reeds. (Left): A piece of obsidian housed in the museum. (Below left): One of the many bones left from the collection.



# Remains of Anthropology Museum unearthed

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Few current EWU students know that Hargreaves Hall once housed a locally renowned anthropology museum.

The museum, whose contents are currently in storage on campus, served as an attraction for local grade schools, students and visitors from Idaho and other parts of Washington state.

It was originally located in the basement of the old Hargreaves Hall until the fire marshal deemed it unsafe.

After being moved out of Hargreaves Hall, the museum was to be reinstalled in Isle Hall (home of the anthropology program), but the space was used for the relocation of The Easterner's offices in the early 2000s.

Most of the items are now in storage in Cheney Hall, but several boxes were unearthed in The Easterner offices recently.

Whale bones, a stuffed owl, a map of the Pacific coast -- these items hint at the history of the museum.

Dr. Jerry Galm, EWU professor of anthropology, recalls the museum fondly.

"It used to be one of the top draws to this campus," he said.

"If you looked at an older official highway map, it would say, 'Anthropology Museum' in larger letters than 'Eastern Washington University.'"

"For 25 years, it was an absolutely wonderful contribution to our campus," Galm said. "It highlighted our program, gave students a place to work, [and] connected this institution to the community."

Galm explained that the museum was known for its detailed, student-produced dioramas of the 10 acknowl-

edged cultural regions of North America.

In addition, it housed rotating exhibits, local artifacts and donated or loaned items from other institutions across the country.

Almost all of the museum work was done by volunteers, Galm said.

EWU students also had the option of taking museology courses, in which they led tours, helped build and maintain exhibits and learned about museum curating.

"It's one of those small little gems that add to Eastern," Galm said.

"Local people were very proud. ... The Native American community took pride in it because the exhibits were so well done."

Many in the anthropology program, Galm explained, would like to see the museum restored.

"It's getting close to a decade of [being] in limbo," he said, shaking his head. "It's really too bad that we were



Photo by Amy Meyer

Some of the collection's reeds and rocks. The museum has been in storage for more than a decade.

unable to get it reopened. It's time we did something with the materials."

When asked about the future of the museum, Galm was hopeful.

"It could be set up again

soon," he said.

"Things were removed carefully and are ready to be reinstalled. We have faculty qualified [and] ready to teach museology."

Galm paused.

"We did this all ourselves. We have the wherewithal right now. We just need the space."

"It was a big winner for campus, and it could be again."

## Bullying:

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agreements.

According to Suzanne Milton, chair of the United Faculty of Eastern Bargaining Team, the topic of workplace bullying came up and a need for a policy was addressed.

From this, the Joint Committee to Eliminate Discrimination and Harassment was created and eventually led to the creation of the now

standing anti-bullying policy.

Alice Emerson, a psychologist at Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), says the effects of bullying vary from person to person.

"With bullying, ... especially for people that are in primary or secondary school, it's harder to gain protection from that," Emerson said.

"I was picked apart for two years," Mills said, "but what I think did the most damage was whenever I'd make a friend, I'd find out the horrible things they'd say behind my back to every-

one else. I don't show it, but I have terrible self-esteem. I don't think I'm pretty because I'll never be white, and whatever I do to make myself look what I think is 'prettier' is something that makes me 'whiter.'"

"Every second of every day in whatever situation, I feel a giant racial barrier between myself and the people I surround myself with because for two years, I was isolated in a bubble that people considered 'ugly' or 'bad.'"

"It makes me self-conscious and whenever I inter-

act with people, I'm thinking, 'They don't respect me because I'm Asian,' and it's because I don't respect me because I'm Asian."

"I mean, my whole family is white, all of my friends are white, everyone at school who were telling me racial jokes or pointing out how different I was were white."

CAPS is a service on campus that can be used to help cope with the effects of bullying.

Another effective way of dealing with bullying is to identify it and report it.

Unfortunately for Mills, this was not an option she used.

"In an extremely strange way, I coped with the bullying by not defending myself and reassuring myself that I was OK, but rather by identifying with my [bullies]."

"In a way, pretending I was one of them rather than having to deal with the fact that I was me," said Mills.

According to Milton, the only way to stop bullying is to make it unacceptable.

"Bullying won't go away unless you create a culture

that doesn't accept it," said Milton.

\*This is a pseudonym used to protect the individual's privacy.

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Building blocks of Education

Students aged 9 to 14 compete in First LEGO League state finals

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Smiling children and adults surrounded a large competition board, cheering on teams and watching the first Spokane Region FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Qualifying Competition at EWU on Saturday. The FIRST LEGO League was founded in 1998 by Dean Kamen, founder of FIRST, and Kjeld Kirk Kristiansen, member of the LEGO Group. They came together to form FIRST LEGO League to teach children to be excited about science. “This event is about the kids. It’s about them hav-

ing a good time, learning ... about those [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics] areas and being able to connect with Eastern,” Patrick Spanner, a senior and head referee for the event, said. FLL is a robotics program for children ages nine to 16 nationwide. The competition this year consisted of a presentation in front of judges showing that research was done on the theme “Food Factor.” The judges also looked at the different robots and chose winners, and judged teams on their core values throughout the day. But the major event that brought so many smiles to the children was the competition table.

Children had two minutes and thirty seconds to program their robot to achieve the most points on the challenge table. The table consisted of different elements all relating to food and food contamination. The robots scooped up bacteria and placed it in a sink, placed groceries on a table, and picked corn from the bed of a pickup truck. From the bacteria to the truck, everything was made of LEGOs. Teams had three attempts at the table to score the highest round of points. The winning team for the table competition was Team WHAT and the overall winner for all four phases was the Robo Bugs.



Photo by Doug Ault

Children and parents wait to hear the winners of the LEGO competition. To see a short movie of the kids and their big day, visit EasternerOnline at: <http://bit.ly/AyTtPV>

Reading Council offers gateway to literacy

Council holds events like book walks, book bingo and book fairs to bring reading to elementary schools

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As budget cuts continue to plague the education system, it becomes difficult to access the necessary materials that enable children to learn. The Eastern Reading Council (ERC) is making an effort to help relieve the burden by donating books to children and school libraries. “Often times, schools don’t have access to materials,” said Brittany Olson, president of

the club. “This is a way for us to get books back into schools at no cost to them.” The council usually holds book fairs twice a year. The profit is turned into Scholastic Dollars, which are credits that allow them to purchase books from the Scholastic Books warehouse. About \$1,000 in profit was made last year, according to Vice President Meriah Young. Last week, the council gained \$2,199.02 in profit from their book fair. Activities the ERC provides for children are book

“Our mission statement is: promoting literacy by putting books into the hands of children.”  
Meriah Young

walks and book bingo. Book walks work like cake walks. Children walk around squares numbered one through 10 and music plays. When the music stops, the children stand on a square. A number is pulled out of a con-

tainer and if a child is standing on that number, they receive a free book. Book Bingo is played like regular bingo but the prize is a book. The ERC has donated books to Franklin Elementary School in Spokane, Medi-

cal Lake Elementary School and Sally’s House. According to Dustie Beierle, a member of the ERC and an employee at Sally’s House, Sally’s House is an emergency foster care receiving facility for children from ages two to 12. According to Olson, about 50 books have been donated to Sally’s House. The council’s main member base consists of education majors, but students from any major are welcome to join. Usually six officers are elected every year. Currently, there are only three. They are

looking for officers to begin their term by April 1, 2012. Dues are \$10 per year and members get the chance to attend literature conferences, network and provide a service to schools and children. “I’m in the elementary [education] program as a reading major and reading was a huge part of my childhood and education,” said member Lindsey Richardson. “I love that the ERC provides books for students so they have the same opportunity to love reading as much as I do.”

Procrastination station: get over it today

Ideas available for slacker students  
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The winter quarter at EWU has begun with a full week already crossed off of the ten-week schedule. Some students are reading ahead in their books, writing out a schedule and reading their course syllabi to make the next few weeks easier. Other students are realizing that this quarter may be harder than they had expected. These are the students already behind in their reading, in addition to having not even read the syllabus before it was shoved into the bottom of their bag. The Academic Success Center (ASC) in Monroe Hall offers a variety of services to help students keep up with a full workload. The ASC offers tutoring online and one-on-one, PLUS groups for certain

Smarter Studying Tips from the Academic Success Center:

- Pay attention in class.
- Take good notes.
- Keep an organized notebook for each subject.
- Know the purpose of each assignment.
- Ask questions in class.
- Review often and retain up to 80 percent of the information.
- Plan a time and place to study.
- Take short breaks while studying.
- Don’t cram. Study a little each day.

programs, TRiO for eligible students and online resources for study tips. “We are interested in helping those students not only that are struggling with class, but those that are doing well but want to do excellent,” Carmen Perez-Frayne, student support services assistant director in the ASC, said. “Be proactive and be honest with yourself about areas you maybe need some guidance and support. And don’t be afraid to ask. That’s the proactive piece,” said Perez-Frayne. “A lot of it boils down to

effective time management.” Amy McGreevy, a student support services retention specialist in the ASC, can also offer students a variety of tips for studying and time management. “Writing essays, studying for tests; it is a process. ... If your idea of studying for a test is the 48 hours beforehand, then you have missed out on a great deal of opportunity to be successful on that test or that paper,” McGreevy said. If students are feeling stressed and need to talk to a counselor, EWU offers

counseling and psychological services (CAPS) in Martin Hall. Debby Frederickson, client services coordinator for CAPS at Eastern, suggests sitting down and finding out what is getting in the way of getting your work done. “When you get your syllabus, ... sit down and read that syllabus through so you know what the expectations are and highlight your deadlines,” Frederickson said. “One of the things that I find to be most helpful is if I do a little bit every day. ... If you look at the big project and break it down into littler steps, sometimes it is not as overwhelming.” Perez-Frayne suggests keeping a planner to schedule projects for the quarter and spending time with the syllabus as well. “And the other big tip I give to students, which won’t seem like an obvious one, is get to know your professors if you can. ... That is a really powerful relationship if you decide to use it,” she said.

Mike Super wows with “lavenous” show

Illusions leave crowd speechless  
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Magician and illusionist Mike Super, most famous for winning the NBC prime-time show “Phenomenon” as the greatest mystifier and \$250,000, performed a magic show at Showalter Auditorium on Jan. 12 with the help of Eagle Entertainment. Super has performed on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and has a 2011 Merlin Award for Entertainer of the Year. Super started off his show with a trick that left the audience absolutely speechless. Using a marker and a large drawing pad, he drew a bowling ball and wrote out “bowling ball” on the pad. He closed the drawing pad and held it out in front of him in a way that his torso could not be seen by the audience. As he bent the pad and moved his torso around, an actual bowling ball dropped to the floor. After the audience gasped, he opened the pad and the drawing of the bowling ball had vanished. The show consisted of re-

filling an empty Coca-Cola can, card tricks, the infamous string and scissor trick where the string gets longer or shorter depending on where it’s cut, and putting a newspaper back together in the blink of an eye after ripping it to shreds. Super also made it snow at the end of the show -- literally. An interesting part of Super’s show was the voodoo magic he did on a student. With Super’s own voodoo doll, he used a cigarette lighter to singe the hands of the doll. When he asked the student if his hands felt hot, he responded with a yes and asked the student to open his hands toward the audience. In the palm of the student’s hands were actual charcoal marks. Super also stuck a needle into the voodoo doll’s backside, causing the student to go flying out of his chair. Evan Dornfeld, a sophomore, said his favorite part was definitely the voodoo. “That was just creepy,” he said. Super’s performance was very different and unique in the aspect that he not only did magic tricks and illusions, but also used comedy to interact with the audience.

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# Police Beat

## Jan. 11

**Midnight Agency assist**  
EWU officers assisted in setting up a perimeter near Fish Lake. A Cheney officer was involved in a pursuit with a vehicle until the driver stopped the car and escaped on foot near the lake. The K-9 unit was called but the driver was still not apprehended. Later, officers were able to identify the driver based on items in the vehicle.

**4:30 p.m. Marijuana violation**  
A bag of marijuana was found on the floor in front of the EWU bookstore by a security guard. The bag is believed to have fallen out of a backpack when it was left in the cubbies sometime between 4 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. Officers are currently reviewing security camera footage.

**5:30 p.m. Theft**  
A Macbook Pro laptop was reported stolen in Dressler Hall. The incident is under investigation.

**Jan. 14 Theft**  
A student reported that their iPhone was stolen the night before at a party. No

one has come forward and the incident is under investigation.

**Theft**  
An iPhone was reported stolen from the Music Building. A high school student was visiting campus for a concert when the phone went missing from the student's instrument case. The incident is under investigation.

**10:30 p.m. Open containers**  
A vehicle was stopped for an equipment violation. An arrest was made after officers discovered open containers and marijuana inside the vehicle.

**Jan. 15 1:30 a.m. Alcohol violation**  
Four students in Streeter Hall were contacted by officers regarding alcohol. One student was arrested and three others were referred to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

**3 a.m. Agency assist**  
A female was reported screaming in the area of Normal Park Road. Officers made contact with residents of a home and noticed a very strong odor of marijuana. Three students were arrested and transported to Spokane County jail.



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**Jan. 16 1 a.m. Possible drug violation**  
Officers were called to Streeter Hall after the strong odor of marijuana was reportedly coming from a room. Three students were contacted and all were cited with minor-in-possession violations, but there were no drugs left to be seized.



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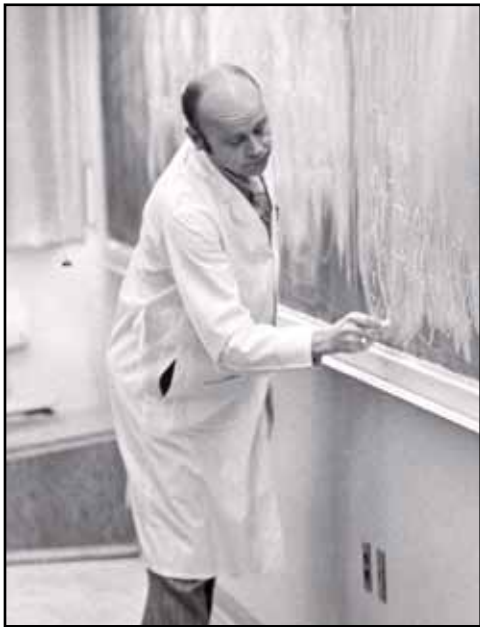


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**Left: A classroom at Eastern. Lectures were often accompanied by notes and formulae, written with chalk on a blackboard. Right: A modern classroom at Eastern. Dry erase boards now dominate the school's classrooms instead of chalkboards.**

## Green Dot Spot:

The violence prevention advocate.  
Educate yourself and your friends.

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These articles have spoken about the need for individuals to be both proactive and reactive green dots. While we must not forget to do the work of broad-based cultural change, such as changing cultural norms, working to end patriarchy and privilege, the Green Dot strategy has another focus.

The Green Dot is intended to be implemented as a supplement to—not a replacement of—broader, long term social justice and anti-oppression work.

It is conceptualized primarily as a framework and action plan to address the imminent risk of power-based personal violence. As such our emphasis is on the immediate precursors to violence, rather than the broader, underlying issues, according to Dr. Dorothy Edwards.

To bring about change, we must focus on stopping violence in the present moment and continue to work to create a safer world for tomorrow.

Broad-based cultural change takes generations. Stopping violence that is about to occur can happen immediately.

For years, our society has done work to reduce victimization, but we have not seen a reduction in violence.

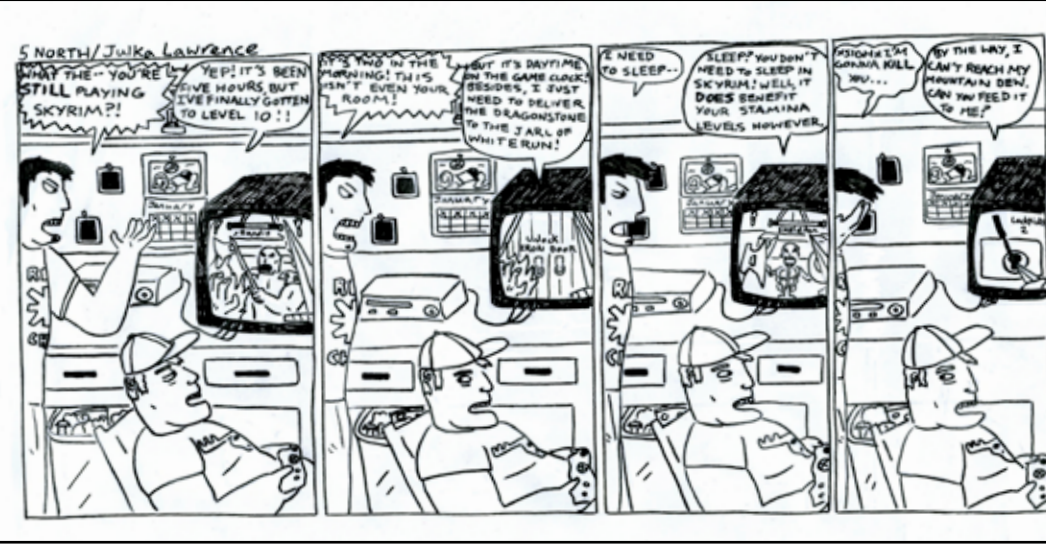
If bystanders act in the moment, we will see violence reduced, even as we work for the broad social change. Until then, we need to attain a critical mass.

To reach the tipping point, we need every non-violent person to take action the moment they sense that violence is about to occur.

We can teach the skills to help you identify the moment to take action, we can teach techniques to take action, and we can help you overcome your obstacles to taking action.

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If you want to attend it, please send an email to [advocate@ewu.edu](mailto:advocate@ewu.edu). Together we can change culture.





Baumgartner:

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“Some folks in higher education think the discussion is, ‘How do we get more revenue to the system and that’s what the key is to higher education.’ I think the situation is going to be [us having] to prioritize higher education, making tough decisions over some other funding programs,” Baumgartner said. On the topic of state budget for health care costs discussed during the meeting, Baumgartner said that Washington state has applied for a Medicaid grant wavier, allowing the state to get funding in terms of a lump sum. This will give the state more flexibility with how Medicaid dollars are spent.

“[A] big challenge to the state budget is health care cost. Health care continues to rise far faster than inflation,” said Baumgartner. “Even if we did what the government wanted to do today and didn’t make any structural reform, ... we would be right back here having this budget challenge discussion a year from now because it wouldn’t have incorporated some of these structural reforms to bring these costs down and give us a balanced budget.” Washington state is required to have a balanced budget on the operational side, unlike at a national level where the federal government regularly runs budget deficits and prints and borrows money. The issue of taxes and how the state raises revenue

was also discussed. The state collects taxes on a gross basis, making Washington an easy place to start a business. According to Baumgartner, however, it’s also a really hard place to keep a young business going because people can get taxed before they make a profit. “The challenge with federal money is that the federal government starts us on a program, gets the program started and then takes the money away and the state then gets sued ... trying to eliminate the program,” Baumgartner said. Other issues that were on the table for discussion included welfare and EBT fraud, tax reform, and job growth. “I don’t see how any middle income student can get through college now without a tremendous amount of debt

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and I think that really changes the decisions making process. I think it should be to the demise of what we’re going to do here in the state of Washington,” Baumgartner said. Freshman Zink Kennedy said, “I know from reading previous articles that Washington is taking a big chunk out of higher education. I’m

affected because I’m paying more and there’s less and less programs offered.” Kennedy has unsuccessfully been trying to find work on campus. Due to major budget cuts, things like work-study programs are decreasing their number of available positions. The work-study program, which the governor has proposed to eliminate, has about eight million dollars and affects about 8,000 students across the state and is a major savings in operating costs for universities, according to ASEWU legislative affairs Kelli Crawford. “I think it was a great chance for a lot of people to actually meet Sen. Baumgartner. It’s a good chance for people to have one-on-one questions and I also think that it was a great opportunity

for us to talk about what his priorities are and luckily, he’s been a strong supporter of higher education, currently and in the past. It’s also really encouraging for us that he is open to tax reform because that is one of the biggest issues, especially for students,” Crawford said. Crawford’s biggest concern regarding the budget and higher education is the State Need Grant. According to her, the grant is currently considering cutting back how much money is awarded and the amount of people the grant is awarded to. “That’s a major issue because we are already not giving it to everyone who qualifies, so of course cutting that affects even more students,” said Crawford. “Historically, once a program is eliminated, it doesn’t come back.”

Relay:

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that into strategy and prep,” he said. Coach Kerr would have to agree. “The four men know they have something special,” Kerr said. “It’s not like a clique though. But there sure is a point of pride to be on the relay.” Sophomore Michael Okoro, who ran the 200-meter outdoor event at the Big Sky Championship last year,

feels that this relay team is a notch above the competition. “We work hard and the people that are on [the team] have a lot of guts. They’re willing to go out and dig deep,” said Okoro. “I don’t think a lot of other teams have that. The guys on our team will really just run as hard as they can and practice as hard as they can.” Junior Nick Olsson, who helped his 4x400 team place fourth in the Big Sky Championships last year, believes that one of the team’s biggest advantages is their experience with each other.

“[Our biggest strength] is how well we know each other. If you pull a team together that is really new, they can have really bad hand-offs and that can make or break your entire team,” Olsson said. “There’s going to be no problems between us. ... We’re really good at pushing each other.” One thing coach Kerr believes is a great opportunity for his athletes is the chance to compete against Olympians. With the 2012 summer Olympics in London fast approaching, now is the time when Olympic

hopefuls begin to open their seasons. “The competition that our athletes will face is kind of unique to our sport,” Kerr said. There are kids that will be competing against Olympians at some point. In the past, we’ve had some of our team warm up with or next to some of the Olympians competing in the same event.” “Getting to watch them compete is just a great experience in itself, to see that caliber of athlete,” Kerr said. According to Wall, the 4x400 is seen as the finale of a

track meet, as it is usually done last. Wall feels like this adds to the 4x400 team’s motivation. “The rest of the team is done with their events, so it’s kind of cool because you get the whole team surrounding the track and going crazy for us,” Wall said. “It kind of pumps us up.” Wall said that beyond the goals of winning the conference, he believes this team has the ability to rewrite the record books. “The school record is pretty reachable. We’re hoping to possibly gun for that,” Wall

said. “We’d like to win conference too, but NAU [Northern Arizona University] is looking pretty good. ... We’re looking to battle them quite a bit.” Okoro said that he does not just want to win the conference. He is confident this team has a bright future. While he acknowledged that qualifying is difficult, Okoro has confidence that the team has the ability to make it to nationals. “We want to win the conference relay championship indoor and outdoor and hopefully make it further than that,” he said.

Vercruyssen:

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other students in the building. CAs are also in charge of safety. To help ensure this, they go on rounds to make sure policies are being followed and everyone is comfortable. “Basically, it’s creating a community environment in our hall,” Vercruyssen said. Aside from the recognition

on the National Residence Hall Honorary Of the Month (OTM) website, she will be receiving a certificate or a plaque at the next conference. To Vercruyssen, the recognition is the main award. “It was more than enough to receive the letter and find out that I was even nominated for an OTM,” Vercruyssen said. “And then that I won regionals and then nationals.” Vercruyssen is majoring

in communication in public relations in addition to minoring in Japanese. She plans to go back home to Hawaii and work. She would like to teach English for a year in Japan before returning to graduate school. When she isn’t studying or helping other residents, Vercruyssen enjoys a wide variety of activities. She loves to cook, eat, read, exercise, do arts and crafts, and organize events.

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is a good thing because I always forget my password.” Another big issue the department is facing is how most of the computer systems implement authentication in different ways, some easier than others.

The department authenticates for not only current students, faculty and staff, but also for alumni. This project has been on-going since the end of last year, according to Steven Casteel of ASEWU Technology. When the revisions will be finalized has yet to be determined. “I think the biggest

benefit for this is going to be with mobile devices and not having to log into the Wi-Fi every time they want to access the Internet,” said Casteel. “It’s just going to be more convenient for students but it’s not something we’ve discussed at too good of length. I know it’s going to be done sometime this quarter but I don’t know what time.”

Rokko’s:

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include teriyaki. Inez has cooked Japanese foods her entire life. Her 86-year-old mother, Chiyoko Uehara, just came to Cheney from Seattle. “She’s the one we rely on

the most to cook the proper way,” David said. So far, Rokko’s has held a few tastings around town and did a small catering job for 300 people. Both went well and received positive feedback. The Hills sold their house this past July. They came to Cheney to look for

a place to rent and during this time met Steve Emtman. Emtman, a Spokane native and former NFL defensive end, owns a few buildings around Cheney and decided to help the Hills open the restaurant. David and Inez will be the primary cooks at Rokko’s.

“I’m the one who is going to make all of the sauces and a lot of the prep work,” Inez said. “David will primarily be doing the cooking on the grill. I like to stay away from open flames.” There will be job openings for students, according to Inez. “I can’t be here

24/7 as much as I would love to.” “We hope to be open on weekends and late nights,” Amanda said. According to Inez, the goal is to provide a healthy, nutritious meal at a reasonable price and also have a place to hang out. “This could be a cute













town,” David said. “We’re going to make it the hip and happening block.” Rokko’s is not announcing a specific opening day because they don’t want a big crowd where people will have to wait for a lengthy amount of time. Instead, they plan to open within the next few weeks.

Enter the Dragon

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EWU’s Division for International and Educational Outreach, partnered with the Spokane Chinese Association, will be celebrating the Chinese New Year this Sunday, Jan. 22 from 1-6:30 p.m. at Central Valley High School in Spokane. The actual Chinese New Year is on Monday, Jan. 23. This year is the Year of the Dragon. The celebration will include a cultural fair, stage show and dinner. This is the 11th annual Chinese New Year celebration put on by the Spokane Chinese Association and features a real Chinese dragon dance stage show. The cultural fair is free and will be from 1-3:30 p.m. with the stage show starting at 3:30 p.m. and costing \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Both the cultural fair and stage show will be held at Central Valley High School with the dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. at the Hong Kong Buffet in Spokane Valley. Patrons wishing to attend the stage show and dinner will pay \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. To purchase tickets or to inquire more information, contact the Spokane Chinese Association at 509-720-8825 or SpokaneCA@gmail.com.

	<b>THE RABBIT</b> <u>1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011</u> Rabbits are gracious, kind and sensitive. They like to express themselves through art. They have strong memories and like to make other people laugh. They are good at creating fun and excitement in their lives and the lives of others.		<b>THE ROOSTER</b> <u>1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017</u> Roosters are honest, bright and talkative. They have a tendency to flip-flop on issues and can be passionate about many different things.
	<b>THE DRAGON</b> <u>1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012</u> People born in the year of the Dragon are proud, noble and passionate. They are stately, magnanimous and loyal to their friends. They can tend toward perfectionism and are goal-oriented.		<b>THE DOG</b> <u>1922, 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018</u> Dogs are gentle, lovable and kind. They are loyal and courageous under pressure. They like to stay comfortable and dislike overly loud people.
	<b>THE SNAKE</b> <u>1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013</u> Snakes are deep thinkers and tend toward the mystical. They are intelligent but can be secretive. They are good communicators and can put others at ease with just a word.		<b>THE PIG</b> <u>1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019</u> The year of the Pig gives birth to people who are honest with those in their lives. They are loyal and sincere, and they expect others to be the same.
	<b>THE HORSE</b> <u>1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014</u> Horses are warm-hearted and interested in improving themselves. A horse is the spotlight of his community and likes to help others. They like to stay active and are kind to most people that they meet.		<b>THE RAT</b> <u>1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020</u> The Rat is hardworking, industrious and shrewd. People born in the year of the Rat are also charming and have magnetic personalities. It's said that finding a poor Rat is rare, since they are good in business.
	<b>THE SHEEP</b> <u>1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015</u> Sheep/Goats have friends throughout many different social classes. People born in a Goat year are tender, kind and generous. They like to live quiet lives.		<b>THE OX</b> <u>1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021</u> The Ox is dependable, patient and methodical. They pay attention to the small things in life and aren't the type of people to be noticed by superiors. They can be poor at communication.
	<b>THE MONKEY</b> <u>1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016</u> People born in Monkey years are lively and active. A Monkey has a strong desire to be her own person and live in a way that allows her to be free of restraint. Monkeys have a genuine interest in helping others.		<b>THE TIGER</b> <u>1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022</u> The Tiger is rebellious, passionate and generous. A person born in the year of Tiger is here to make a splash in whatever area he chooses. They are tolerant, staunch and vigilant. In ancient times, the sign of the Tiger was associated with emperors and kings.

Corrections for Issue 11, Jan. 11:

Page 4: The graph, “Percentage of Eastern students who reported physical, emotional or sexual abuse” was misnamed. The info was from the National College Health Assessment Survey .

Page 3: “Assault case person of interest” contained confusing information. The ‘sexual assault’ was attempted. Since the suspect is still at large, he cannot be officially charged.



Upcoming  
EWU Sports

Jan. 21

EWU  
Women's Tennis  
vs. Portland  
at Eugene, Ore.  
at 10 a.m.

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EWU  
Men's Tennis  
vs. St. Mary's  
at Boise, Idaho  
at 2 p.m.

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EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Portland State  
at Portland, Ore.  
at 2 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Portland State  
at 7 p.m.

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EWU  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Seattle Women's  
at 1 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Hockey  
vs. Trinity Western  
at Langley, British Columbia  
at 7 p.m.

Jan. 22

EWU  
Women's Tennis vs.  
Oregon  
at Eugene, Ore.  
at 11 a.m.

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EWU  
Men's Tennis  
vs. Boise State  
at Boise, Idaho  
at 1 p.m.

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EWU  
Women's Hockey  
vs. Seattle Women's  
at 1 p.m.

Jan. 26

EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Montana  
at Missoula, Mont.  
at 6 p.m.

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

Jan. 27

EWU  
Track and Field  
in UW Team invite  
at Seattle  
at 9 a.m.

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EWU  
Men's Hockey  
vs. Thompson Rivers  
at Kamloops, British Columbia  
at 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 28

EWU  
Track and Field  
in UW Team invite  
at Seattle  
at 9 a.m.

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EWU  
Men's Tennis  
vs. Whitman  
at 10 a.m.

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EWU  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Montana State  
at Bozeman, Mont.  
at 6:05 p.m.

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EWU  
Women's Tennis  
vs. Seattle  
at 5:30 p.m.

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EWU  
Men's Basketball  
vs. Montana State  
at 6:05 p.m.

Women's hockey drops two games at home

Team shows improvement with newcomers to squad

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After 55 days since their last game, EWU women's hockey was back in action, losing back-to-back contests against the Spokane Women's Hockey team.

The Eagles lost 3-2 on Jan. 13, and 7-2 on Jan. 14, dropping the Eagles to 3-9 for the season.

In the Jan. 13 game, the Eastern women had a one-goal lead heading into the final period. Ultimately, it was a margin Eastern could not maintain. Spokane tied the game just two minutes into the third period. Spokane's Jacklyn Haines's backhander, with just 1:55 left, found the back of the net and proved to be the winning goal.

"We knew if we could get up, if we could get our third before their second. ... We could do a few things," head coach Pat Hanlon said. "Maybe lay back, counter-punch a little bit more, but it didn't happen that way."

After leading for most of the game, it was a hard ending for Eastern.

"It's tough that we lost," said junior forward Becky Fullerton. "Overall, I think we played pretty well as a team [with] this being our first game after winter break."

According to Hanlon, Eastern women's hockey has never beaten Spokane.

With some new additions to the squad this quarter, including sisters Vanessa and Melissa Vargas, Hanlon is optimistic about the team's potential.

"We're going to have some fun this quarter," Hanlon said.

"We're getting deep enough now that we're not having this big drop-off in talent. That really helps our flow, and we're not overplaying people either."

Vanessa Vargas's presence was



Photo by Evan Sykes

Sophomore defenseman Alexandra Gellhaus skates to steal the puck from an opposing player. She is a native of Canmore, Alberta.

evident early Jan. 13 when she scored a goal, assisted by junior Becky Fullerton, less than two minutes into the first period.

Fullerton, who had two assists in the Jan. 13 game, and Vargas were on opposing sides only a few months ago, as Vargas had previously played with Spokane.

"To be honest, we actually hated each other on the ice," Vargas said. "We would get at it. It was kind of intimidating at first, meeting each other."

After Friday night, both teams had a quick turnaround with little time to recover for Saturday afternoon's match-up.

"Let's go get something to eat, go to bed and come ready to play,"

Hanlon said after the first of the two games.

On Jan. 14, it seemed like the Lady Eagles had plenty of energy left. In the first period, Eastern shot out to a one-goal lead after Fullerton hit Vargas with a pass on her way to Spokane's goal. Vargas slammed the puck into the upper net at the 12:15 mark.

Five minutes later, Vargas struck again on an unassisted fast-break goal, skating from left to right in front of the goalie before striking to score. Barely halfway through the first period, it was 2-0 Eastern. However, the Eagles would not score again.

Down 3-2 heading into the final period, the Lady Eagles were

unable to stop the offensive onslaught of Spokane, conceding four goals in the final 15 minutes.

"I don't know if we ran out of gas," Hanlon said. "When they start going, ... we don't have the experience to dig out of that [and] just kind of calm the tide a little bit."

Sophomore Miranda Spencer, the starting goalie on Jan. 14, pointed to the last 15 minutes as the deciding factor. "We got tired the last period," Spencer said. "We just need to work better as a team."

EWU women's hockey is home again, hosting the Seattle Women's Hockey Club, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 22 at 1 p.m.



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Aaron Konzek dives into the EWU pool. The pool is free for all students.

Zumba, movies make splash

Jaguar shark scene from shallows

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The pool at Eastern is home to water-sport classes that are available for all students and provides somewhere else to work out other than the University Recreation Center (URC).

Located in the Aquatics Center, the pool is used by athletes, students and the general public.

The pool has planned activities for students, according to aquatics manager Greg Schmidt.

"The aquatic center will be hosting a 'dive-in' movie after the men's basketball game on Jan. 21," said Schmidt. "Eagle Entertainment will put on relays for about 15 minutes. Then there will be a diving exhibition for 15 minutes, followed by the movie, 'The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou.'"

Students can either soak

in the pool or sit in the pool stands for the dive-in movie. Since the movie is rated R, all attending students must be 18 or older.

According to Schmidt, JFK Library has an extended license for showing movies on campus which means that a movie from JFK Library can be shown to a large audience of students on campus for free.

The aquatic center is looking to get a new projection screen.

"What I want to do is get a projection screen for the pool so that dive-in movies can be hosted once a month," said Schmidt. "The bigger screen would also be great for showing training videos to a large amount of students."

Senior Jessica McDonnell works at the pool and said it is a great place to go for a workout.

"The pool is a great place to work out because it's not crowded like the Rec Center. The most crowded I've seen the pool get is about 25 people," McDonnell said.

The pool is hosting a brand new class called Aqua Zumba.

Sophomore Ashley Christensen, an Aqua Zumba instructor, explains why the class is beneficial.

"With the pool, there's a lower amount of impact on muscles and joints and the ability to burn more calories because of the water resistance," said Christensen.

Christensen explained the differences between Zumba and Aqua Zumba. According to Christensen, Aqua Zumba is not the same as water aerobics. Aqua Zumba involves quicker movements and has different music.

"Aqua Zumba is targeted towards upper body strength while land Zumba focuses more on core and leg muscles," Christensen said.

Students with injuries can do Aqua Zumba because they can work out without bearing weight on their injuries while in the water.

"Options and modifications are available for injuries," Christensen said.

Men's 4x400 relay team sprints toward big goal

Eagles setting their sights on Big Sky title

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The men's 4x400 meter relay track team is gearing up for another solid season. Usually predicted to finish in the middle of the pack, the team runs with a chip on its shoulder. They want to prove their doubters wrong. Their goal: Win the Big Sky Championship.

In his sixteenth year as Eastern's track and field coach, Stan Kerr has big ambitions for his relay team.

"Our goal is to win the Big Sky Championship. That goes without saying,"

EWU Men's 4x400 Relay All-Time			
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1987 - 3:12.21	1988 - 3:12.27	1989 - 3:14.19	1987 - 3:14.33
1998 - 3:13.04	1983 - 3:13.50		

said Kerr. "We know we have our work cut out for us."

Because of this mentality, Kerr is not afraid to make sure his athletes are as ready as they can be for their events.

"I put a lot of run in their legs. You can't bluff your way through a 400-meter race," he said. "You look at what runners have done in the past here and modify their workouts to the personalities

and physical skills that our current runners have."

Kerr said that nutrition and social habits also play a major role in making sure his runners are in the best shape possible.

According to Kerr, there is a sense of honor in the relays.

"The guys understand how good they are: confident, but not arrogant," said Kerr. "You're honored because you earned that spot."

When it comes to the 4x400 relay, Kerr said he has a group of six men chosen. However, only four will compete in the relay in the Big Sky Championships. The indoor events take place Feb. 24 and 25 in Flagstaff, Ariz.

The Big Sky Conference has a cap of 22 athletes that can be taken to the championships.

"You throw in all your throwers, your distance runners and your field [participants] and 22 gets full pretty quickly," Kerr said. "[They] usually [have] to be someone who's qualified for an individual event and they'll be in the relay."

Kerr said that he anticipates all six relay hopefuls will qualify for individual

events, which will give him a lot of flexibility regarding who he can plug in.

One of those six is senior Brad Wall, who currently holds the indoor and outdoor 400-meter school record. He thinks that this 4x400 team is special.

"We've got some young guys [on the team]," Wall said. "Last year, we ran a 3:13, ... which was faster than the 4x400 the year before."

Wall says that he feels there's a tight camaraderie with his fellow relay runners.

"The [4x400] is such a tough event. You've got three other guys and you're relying on each other. You kind of have to work that



# Chiverton running down his dream

Junior transfer finds his place on Reese court

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Long before Collin Chiverton stood at a towering 6 feet 6 inches, swished 3-pointers and dunked with ease, he was a two-year-old emulating NBA legends on a Fisher-Price basketball hoop.

"My parents just put a basketball in my hands," Chiverton said. "I'd sit there and watch the greats: [Michael] Jordan, [Larry] Bird, [John] Stockton and Karl Malone."

According to Chiverton, he would mimic their moves right in the living room on the toy hoop that still stands at his parent's home. As he got older, he moved on to the driveway and continued practicing his moves and shooting on the hoop hanging over the garage door.

"My life has always been about basketball," said Chiverton. It was always my favorite sport."

Carl Foster, an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) coach, was one of Chiverton's biggest influences. Chiverton was a seventh grader, but he would play up with the eighth graders. Foster took him under his wing and trained him.

"I went to a workout, and it was just me and one eighth grader," Chiverton said. "After the workout, he told the eighth grader to keep playing football and told me to stick with basketball and that he was going to help me."

His mom was also a big influence in his life. She suffered from a stroke when Chiverton was a senior in high school.

"Just to see her go through day-to-day situations and work hard," Chiverton said. "She still tries to do everything she used to be able to do, but she can't. It's just amazing to see her work so hard. I applaud her and I'm proud of her. I wouldn't be the man I am today if it wasn't for my mom."



Junior Collin Chiverton leads the men's basketball team in scoring with 297 points and 3-point field goal percentage with .423.

Photo by Aaron Malmoe

By the time he was a freshman in high school, Chiverton knew that basketball was what he wanted to do. He picked it over football because the schedules interfered. By his junior year, he had given up on football altogether.

According to Chiverton, the decision wasn't too hard. Basketball was a love and football was just a like.

"I just stuck with basketball," Chiverton said. "Even during the summer, I would wake up at 7 [a.m.] and go work out."

In Chiverton's senior year in high school, his team was ranked

ninth in the nation by USA Today. All five starters and the sixth man went on to play Division I college basketball.

"It was the first time for a high school in San Jose [Calif.] to have accolades like that," Chiverton said.

After playing for Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City as a freshman, Chiverton went to City College of San Francisco where he averaged 19 points, five rebounds and 2.5 assists and led the team to a 32-1 record with a 27 game winning streak. He then capped it off with the California Community

Colleges Athletic Association state championship title.

Chiverton met Eastern head coach Jim Hayford right before the state championship game. Meeting Hayford was the biggest reason he decided to play for Eastern, according to Chiverton.

"He came into the office and it was kind of love at first sight between a coach and a player," Chiverton said. "We both sat down and we were just honest with each other. I[have] had a great relationship with coach Hayford ever since I met him."

"When I first saw film of [Chi-

verton], I could tell he was a tremendous talent," Hayford said. "I then called his former coaches and got really high recommendations. He and I hit it off right away."

Hayford is extremely pleased that the first recruit he made as Eastern's head coach is such a talented player.

Even though he's been battling injuries this year, he is the front runner for Big Sky Newcomer of the Year.

The team of mostly seniors received Chiverton very well, not only recognizing his talent, but also connecting on a friendship level.

"When you look at the bench when he's not playing, he is the greatest encourager on the team," Hayford said. "This shows a lot about what kind of person he is."

Senior forward Cliff Ederaine is happy with what Chiverton brings to the court.

"Being on the floor, he creates driving lanes for me. And if they rotate, he's open for shots," Ederaine said.

Up until this point, Chiverton hasn't been able to show his full array of basketball skills due to nagging foot injuries, but as he gets healthier, we can expect to see him in full force next year.

When asked who he models his game after in the NBA, Chiverton said, "I want to model my game after Carmello [Anthony], but right now with my injuries, I try to be more like Kobe [Bryant]."

Chiverton loves to attack the rim and can finish in a wide variety of ways.

Recently, however, he has stayed more perimeter-oriented due to his injuries.

"Even now, I get nervous before games," Chiverton said. "I say a prayer, I think about my grandma, because she's the one who told me to never change my dreams when I was little, and I just get in the zone. I realize who I'm playing, go over the game plan in my head and when the tip-off comes, there's no emotion just like it."

## Six intramural sports available for students to play

Teams play for t-shirts and bragging rights

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A new quarter has drifted lazily onto the Eastern campus.

Along with new classes, new professors and new experiences comes another slate of intramural sports to choose from.

There are six intramural sports during winter quarter to choose from at Eastern: basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, bowling, tennis and dodgeball.

Director of Campus Recreation Programs Mike Campitelli believes that the intramural sports program hopes to give students something fun to do.

"Intramural sports are designed as a catch-all for everybody," Campitelli said. "Here's your chance to go out and play [different sports] with your buddies and just have fun and not worry about winning or losing."

Campitelli feels that there are three integral aspects to intramural sports: sportsmanship, accessibility and safety.

"We think we do a good job of putting those things

out there for students to play," he said.

Campitelli can not stress enough that any student can play an intramural sport if they want to. According to Campitelli, even if someone does not have a team, they can still play as a free agent.

"We want them to know, all they got to do is get in touch with me and we will find a way to get them in this program," said Campitelli.

Unlike club sports, it is not necessary for students on intramural teams to practice.

This is one reason why senior Jordan Heintz eventually chose intramural sports over club sports.

"I played club volleyball and it was pretty fun too, but I eventually just decided to not have to deal with [practice]," Heintz said. "You do it when you want to do it. ... [Club sports have] a lot more commitment."

Heintz, who was recognized as one of the intramural athletes of the fall quarter, feels like students should do intramural sports as much as they can. According to Heintz, intramural sports are a great way to give yourself a chance to interact with and meet new people.

"Even if it's just one person that wants you to play, ... it's a great way to meet people. I've met a lot of people here," Heintz said.

Campitelli has the same mindset. Whether it is through an intramural sport or a different activity, he wants students to break free of life within their own residential hall.

"Just get out and do something. Get involved with some club or organization," Campitelli said. "Do something that's connected with your interests, and your university and your friends."

Josh Ashcroft, senior director for housing and residential life, was the 1999-2000 Intramural Athlete of the Year at Eastern. He says some of his best friendships were formed through intramural sports.

"Some of my best friends now are people that I played intramurals with when I was a student," Ashcroft said.

Campitelli remarked about how the people in college truly remember are the people you interact with the most.

"When you leave school here, ... you are not going to remember the people you sat next to in math class," said Campitelli. "You're going to remember the people



Jared Jaeger, Casey Lockey and Chris Barkley are making up their own intramural sports team.

Photo by Josh Friesen

that you played on a sports team with."

Commitment and competition level are two of the main reasons why students might chose intramural sports over club sports.

According to Ashcroft, a student can typically do more than one intramural sport.

"Usually, you have to choose between [sports]. ... Here, you can get involved with volleyball, soccer and football all at the same time," Ashcroft said.

Freshman students Jar-

ed Jaeger, Casey Lockey and Chris Barkley all plan on playing on the same team for multiple intramural sports this winter.

The three freshman live in Streeter Hall and say that students on their floor compete against one another in intramural sports. They also feel like intramural sports give them chances to meet people they play against.

Lockey and Barkley both agree that intramurals allow students to compete and get away from

the drudgery of class and homework. Jaeger's motivation, however, is different.

"[To] win shirts," he said.

This also proves to be a motivational tool for Heintz, who has his share of intramural championship T-shirts.

"Gotta win that shirt. That's the best part. It's what everybody goes for," Heintz said. "The best part is after you get them, wearing it out to classes the next day and showing it off."



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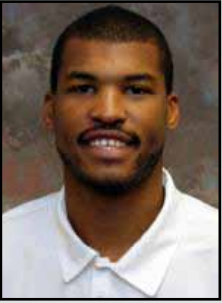
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EWU Sports  
in Brief



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**Eagles lose in Seattle to the Redhawks**— The Eagles men’s basketball team was defeated by the Seattle Redhawks in a non-conference game, Jan. 16, 91-78. Junior Collin Chiverton once again led the Eagles in scoring with 26, his third-straight 20-point performance. Behind him was senior Cliff Colimon with 15 points, while Laron Griffin, senior forward, ended the game with a season-high 11 points. Senior Cliff Ederaine twisted his ankle, playing for only 19 minutes. The Eagles are 9-10 for the season, and currently tied with Portland State for fifth place in the Big Sky Conference.

**More Eagles qualify for Big Sky championships** — The UW Preview paved way for seven more Eagles to qualify for the Big Sky Indoor Track and Field Championships. Senior Brad Wall qualified for the 400-meter-run with 48.60 seconds while sophomore Michael Okoro hit a mark of 21.90 in the 200-meter-run. In addition to the sprinters, other qualifiers include Zach Nielsen, who hit a mark of 18.05 meters in the weight throw, while senior distance runner Kyle King ran a 4:12.12 mile and Bowe Ebding qualified for the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter events. On the women’s team, Whitney Leavitt won the 200-meter-run with a time of 25.55 seconds, while junior Keisa Monterola won the pole vault with a height of 4.16 meters.

**Women’s tennis heading to Oregon** — The Eastern women’s tennis team will be resuming their season after a two-month break with a trip to Eugene, Ore., as they take on the Portland Pilots Jan. 21 and the Oregon Ducks Jan. 22. The women were selected to place fifth in the conference in the Big Sky Conference coaches’ preseason poll.

**Men’s tennis faces Gaels and Broncos** — The EWU men’s tennis team will be traveling to Boise, Idaho, Jan. 21 to face the St. Mary’s Gaels, and will then stay overnight to face the Boise State Broncos Jan. 22. The men were selected fourth in the Big Sky Conference coaches’ preseason poll.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Senior point guard Chene Cooper scored 15 points and had four steals in the game against Northern Colorado. Cooper is leading the Big Sky Conference in steals with 64.

Bears barely beat Eagles

Women’s basketball now 4-2 in Big Sky

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The EWU women’s basketball team was looking to extend their winning streak to four, only to have it broken by the Northern Colorado Bears, 56-53. The loss drops Eastern to fourth in the Big Sky Conference standings.

The Eagles came into the game with a win over Sacramento State, while the Bears had just lost a one-point game to the Portland State Vikings.

The first half of the game was rough for Eastern Washington, as they only made 27 percent of their attempted field goals, resulting in 17 points.

Coach Wendy Schuller felt her team did not do a good enough job defending the post.

“Our post got sealed, just absolutely buried in the paint,” Schuller said. “Overall, we have to do a better job of getting ourselves not stuck on their backs the way we did.”

Senior Brianne Ryan shared Schuller’s assessment of Eastern’s struggle in the interior post defense.

“We were not all that aggressive in the first half,” Ryan said. “We were just going through motions. It was one of the worst halves we’ve had [all season].”

The Eagles were able to gain momentum in the second half, with back-to-back 3-pointers by Ryan and fellow senior Chene Cooper.

Eastern was able to tie the score 49-49 with 5:40 left in the game. However, the Bears utilized their offense and clawed their way to victory.

Cooper, who is ranked first in the Big Sky Conference for steals, led the Eagles in scoring with 15 points while Ryan had 12. Sophomores Aubrey Ashenfelter and Laura Hughes scored nine and eight points, respectively.

“The second half, we

EWU Women’s Basketball		
Record		
Overall season		10-9
Big Sky Conference		4-2
Leading Scorers		
Brianne Ryan		356
Chene Cooper		188
Carrie Ojeda		183
Aubrey Ashenfelter		128
Chenise Pakootas		120
Laura Hughes		110
Field goal percentage		
Laura Hughes		.485
Carrie Ojeda		.448
Chenise Pakootas		.444
Brianne Ryan		.412
Melissa Williams		.404
Kylie Huerta		.382

came out more aggressive,” Ryan said. “We did better, [but] we couldn’t close it out.”

While Schuller recognized the team played a good second half, she also realized the team should have brought this momentum earlier in the game.

“You can’t wait until the second half to do those kinds of things against a good team like that,” Schuller said.

Both teams had a number of fouls: the Eagles had 13 while Northern Colorado had 10.

Eastern will be on the road Jan. 21 to face Portland State, who is currently ranked first in the Big Sky Conference.

According to freshman forward Melissa Williams, the Eagles will be working hard in practice and scouting in preparation to face the Vikings.

“All we know is we got to come out and play as hard as we can and we should be able to take care of them,” Williams said. “Every game is an opportunity for me to get better.”

Ryan will be working on her shooting and ball movement.

“Especially me right now,” Ryan said. “I’m struggling [with shooting] from the outside.”

Cooper reflects on EWU career

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When watching Eastern women’s basketball, one thing is clear about starting point guard Chene Cooper: she plays fast. With bright red streaks through her hair and a short stature, the senior broke a 27-year-old career steals record, surpassing the previous record of 212, in the Eagles first conference game of the season.

This year, Cooper leads the Big Sky conference in assists, steals and assists-to-turnover ratio. The vocal floor leader also excels off the basketball floor as a criminal justice major and a two-time Big Sky All-Academic team selection.

**The Easterner:** As a point guard, how would you describe your game?

**Chene Cooper:** I have the ability, I think, to score, dish and do everything. I don’t want to be just a point guard. It’s easier to defend me and defend my teammates, so knowing that they have to guard me as well as others makes it easier. They don’t know what I’m going to do. They don’t know if I’m going to shoot it or pass it.

**TE:** So do you get more enjoyment out of flying down the court and pulling up for a three or dishing to somebody else?

**CC:** I love dishing. I’d rather pass before I shoot, but if the shot’s open, I’ll take the shot. Point guard, mainly, to me, [is to] get others involved first and then looks for [their] shot second.

**TE:** You’ve already etched your name in the EWU women’s basketball record books. Do you ever think about some of your career accomplishments?

**CC:** I never think about it. Even in high school, I never thought about records or what’s going to happen. Just go out there and play every game like it’s your last game.

What happens, happens. It’s pretty good. It feels good to be in the record books, especially at my size. People who are doubting me, from high school days, even doubting me coming to college saying I wouldn’t be able to do it. So it’s just something inside myself. I proved everyone wrong. It feels pretty good.

**TE:** What would it mean to reach the NCAA tournament for you, personally?

**CC:** A dream come true. I want that. That’s the only thing. Our bottom goal, we want to win the Big Sky, but we’ve done that. We haven’t gotten to the NCAA tournament with this team and this group of kids, so that would be amazing to say that I played in the NCAA tournament. So hopefully we can reach that. That’s our goal, we want to be there.

**TE:** In your final season, do you find yourself trying to slow down a little bit and trying to savor the moments as they come?

**CC:** It hasn’t hit me yet that this is my last season, but I think it’s really going to hit me on senior night and all that. Time definitely has flown by. I can’t believe that I’m a senior this year. I remember freshman year like it was yesterday, so I kind of want the season to slow down a little bit so I can enjoy it.

Once it’s gone, it’s gone. You’re going [to] miss it. ... I already feel myself missing it. ... I say I’m not going [to] miss the running, but they say I’m going [to] miss the running. I’m just trying to savor every moment, every day. It’s a blessing to be here.

**TE:** What do you like about the point guard position?

**CC:** I love being a point guard. To me, it’s the most important position out there. Coach always says we’re the leader on the floor. We’re her voice on the floor. So you have a lot of responsibility out there. She says if something doesn’t go right, it’s our fault out there getting everyone in line, knowing the

plays. You got to know where everyone’s at. I want to be the leader. I want to take the most responsibility. I think I do that out there.

**TE:** Is that something that comes natural, being the vocal leader?

**CC:** Yeah, it comes natural. I’m a little bossy one. You can’t get me to be quiet or shut up at all, but my AAU coach told me that since I was so small, I had to be a pest with my mouth. I had to take advantage, you know, do other things that an averaged sized person wouldn’t do, so I just had to stand out there. It just flowed. Always being a point guard, you have to be more vocal and be a leader. So I think it comes natural to me.

**TE:** Tell me about your major, criminal justice.

**CC:** I love all the shows, [like] “CSI” [and] “Criminal Minds.” It just attracts me. I want to make a difference, and I feel like being [in] criminal justice, that’s just like [being] in the law, not exactly a police officer, but having to help people. To me, that’s like you’re helping people be safe, rather [than] you’re protecting them as a cop or investigating something. You’re making a difference out there. Since I was [young], I’d always say I want to be a judge or something like that. It [changed] after I got older. My dad was in the army, and I feel that he helped. I didn’t exactly want to be in the army but something along that track, so it kind of runs in the family.

**TE:** If you could go back to the freshman Chene Cooper, what advice would you give her?

**CC:** Keep working hard. Don’t give up because freshman year, being away from home, was probably the hardest thing, because I’m big on family. If you can get through your freshman year, you can get through anything. So I would say don’t give up on your dreams and don’t let no one tell you [that you] can’t make it and be successful.

Students get a chance to experience Navy Seal training

TRX works on body, balance and stability

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The yellow straps that can be found in the University Recreation Center (URC) and at YMCA locations in Spokane are a gateway to a different kind of intense workout.

Total body resistance exercise (TRX) was developed by U.S. Navy Seals for the

purpose of creating a workout that can be taken anywhere.

The workout uses suspension straps that attach to the tops of doors, metal bars, or hooks.

Melissa Elfering, fitness director at the URC, is TRX certified.

Since TRX began fall quarter 2009, it has continuously gained popularity as a group exercise class.

TRX began at Eastern after other universities, like WSU, had success with their classes.

TRX can be modified to work out different parts of the body and work on different goals.

“TRX works on core strength, upper and lower body strength, balance and stability, along with the full body,” Elfering said.

“Each TRX class has around 20 students,” said Elfering. “When more students attend the class, cardio is mixed in with the TRX workout, giving both a cardio and strength workout.”

The suspension straps can

be adjusted to modify the intensity level of the workout.

The trainers for the TRX class go through training from both the company and fitness director in order to be able to successfully teach students with different fitness levels.

“The TRX company trains students to be TRX certified at Eastern once a year,” said Elfering. “Each trainer also gets evaluated on their training from me each quarter.”

Junior Jessie Knowles is taking the TRX class and considers it a great workout.

“I get to choose my own weight options and have more control,” Knowles said. “I am planning to sign up for the TRX class again for spring quarter.”

Junior Sarah Wilkerson is trying out TRX for the first time and explains her fitness goals by adding it to her routine.

“I run four times a week, do yoga, and [core] training,” Wilkerson said. “My goal is to get a better physique, build my cardiovascular endurance, and stay active.”