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This week

DON'T MISS:

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.

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, visit GoRedForWomen.org or call 509-536-1500.

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 **EWU Women's Commission** will host an update on campus safety and sexual assault and hear the concerns of women students, faculty and staff at an open forum at noon in PUB 261. The commission will listen to issues presented by women. Free pizza will be served during the forum.

Cheney police warn of a **\$50 fine for parking on the street during heavy snowfall**. When two or more inches of snow accumulates upon the streets, so long as the snow remains uncleared, vehicles parked on public streets between midnight and 6 a.m. risk the fine.

Naked Lunch is a **free weekly literary open mic for students, faculty and community members**. Sign up begins at 11:300 a.m., readings at noon. It is held Thursdays in the Phase 1 Auditorium at 668 N. Riverpoint Blvd. Free pizza and refreshments will be provided.

Quarters spared from change

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EWU will not be switching to a semester-based system anytime soon.

Due to lack of funding and budget instability, the university has opted to wait before moving forward with final decisions. However, President Arévalo has recommended the switch.

"I am recommending that Eastern Washington University move to a semester format as soon as the financial environment stabilizes and additional resources are provided to the university," Arévalo said in the report in November 2010.

Research and proposals were brought to the university's attention back in February 2009 by then Provost John Mason and Interim Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration Niel Zimmerman.

The two provided a report that indicated benefits derived from changing to a semester-based system to the academic affairs committee. As a result, President Arévalo asked the Quarters to Semester Conversion Research Committee to research and identify the pros and cons of the change.

The Quarters to Semesters Committee was established in February 2010 after recommendations for a conversion were made. A formal presentation was made to the board of trustees in November 2010, shortly

after all the committee's work was completed.

Now that the committee's work is over, they no longer meet.

"I think switching to semesters may be good," said junior Daniel Kim. "It will give students more time to actually learn the material and actually catch up."

Now, as the university waits for financial stability, a Quarters to Semesters Cost Committee has been formed to study the costs and savings if EWU does make the switch.

The committee estimates a total cost of \$1.8 - \$2 million for the conversion to semesters.

The Cost Committee is charged with the assessment of institutional cost related to the possible change of the university calendar from quarters to semesters. The vice president of business and finance, the provost, the athletic director and faculty members are among those in the committee.

The Cost Committee won't have any formal findings for public release until May or June, according to Director of Media Relations Dave Meany.

"I think we're fine the way we are now," said sophomore Marissa Gonzalla. "I like quarters. It allows for more variety."

Duties of the task force includes evaluating all pros and cons of the conversion, dollar costs estimates, a detailed timeline of transition, and identifying academic policy issues (size and courses of a program, etc).

Conversion timeline

The matter of switching to a semester-based system has long been discussed and researched for years, as illustrated in the report. According to Meany, when Eastern will implement a semester-based system, no one knows.

For the duration between now and when EWU will be semester-based, it is recommended by the president that a detailed plan that includes cost estimates for implementation be researched.

With the exception of Washington State University, all public universities and community colleges in Washington state are on quarter-based systems.

Positive qualities of a semester-based system

The first major argument of conversion is that semesters provide longer time frames in which students are engaged with a topic, allowing for greater and more in-depth understanding and learning opportunities.

By implementing the change to semesters, Eastern's academic calendar will align with the majority of other colleges and universities. The semester-based system allows for more opportunities to take GEGR courses and courses pertaining to a student's major.

This system also allows for longer time frames for in-depth teaching, projects, and enables students to more easily get caught up on their school work. Other arguments in support of semesters include fewer financial aid award adjustments, potential for cost savings, and better utilization of textbooks that are typically designed for semesters.

Positive qualities of a quarter-based system

The second major argument is that quarters provide more opportunities for students to take courses with a higher concentration and greater focus on fewer courses.

Arguments made in support of staying with the quarter-based system range from having larger sets of course options for students, a lighter course load, more opportunities for students to repeat a course, and a lower cost of failure for students financially.

Having a quarter-based system also allows for August vacation schedule, an easier transfer from quarter schools, and conversion costs.

"Until the budget situation stabilizes, there's not really going to be anything that's going to be happening with this," Meany said.

For the full report, visit <http://www.ewu.edu/Documents/Administration/BOT/2011/Jan2011QuartersSemestersAttachment.pdf>.

Ojeda breaks out as starter

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As Carrie Ojeda of the Eastern women's basketball team wandered through campus Jan. 24 receiving congratulations, she believed everyone was referring to their upset win over conference favorite Portland State. Little did she know, they were referring to an individual accomplishment by Ojeda.

For the first time in Ojeda's career, she was named the Big Sky Player of the Week for games played between Jan. 16 and 23. She led the Eagles in scoring with 18 points and had a game high 10 rebounds.

"I didn't even know I won it," Ojeda said. "I was in shock. I had a good game, but I didn't think I won anything from it."

Head Coach Wendy Schuller felt that the award was well deserved.

"She's really worked hard and gone through lots of ups and downs. It's always nice to see someone like that be rewarded," Schuller said.

Carrie Ojeda has erupted as an all-around force for the Eagles in the Big Sky Conference this season.

After averaging 3.2 points and 4.6 rebounds in conference last season,

Ojeda has assumed the starting role and averaged 12.6 points and 8.6 rebounds a game, both top 15 marks in the Big Sky.

She has also recorded career highs of 20 points at Northern Arizona and 15 rebounds versus Sacramento State.

The Player of the Week honor serves as an example of Ojeda's vast improvement. Heading into the season, she was expected to fill the shoes of former Big Sky MVP Julie Piper as a post player.

Post players are expected to battle for rebounding position, protect the basket by blocking shots and convert high percentage shot attempts near the rim.

"My goal every game is to be better than the other team's best post player," Ojeda said.

One of Ojeda's first challenges came in the near upset of Gonzaga on Dec. 10 when she held the Bulldogs' leading scorer Kayla Standish, who was an all-conference performer in the West Coast Conference last season, to two baskets on nine attempts.

"That was a breakout game for her," Schuller said. "It validated who she was as a player."

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Stanfill presents a check made out to awareness

Surprise donations and creative events combine to raise funds for breast cancer awareness

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Coldplay's "Clocks" filled the University Recreation Center (URC) fitness center as Nicolette Stanfill presented a check for \$1000 to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization.

Stanfill, President of the Physical Education, Health and Recreation (PEHR) Graduate Club and URC Fitness Center Assistant Director, wanted to do an event for October 2011 that focused on breast cancer awareness and community outreach.

She designed a black T-shirt with pink hand prints on the front and a pink ribbon and writing on the back for the employees to wear, not realizing that they would catch the eyes of students.

"People started asking, 'How can we buy those?'" Stanfill said. "We made a sign-up sheet and ended up selling 500 T-shirts. We sold T-shirts to Alaska, California, all over the place. The goal was to raise money and who better to donate to than the Susan G. Komen foundation?"

According to their website, Susan G. Komen for the Cure is the global leader in breast cancer awareness, investing more than \$1.9 billion for their cause since the program started.

As stated by Claudia Bell, executive director of the organization's Spokane chapter, this was the first year the PEHR Graduate Club and the URC had done a fundraiser for the organization.

"We appreciate the support and the awareness it brings to EWU students and faculty," Bell said.

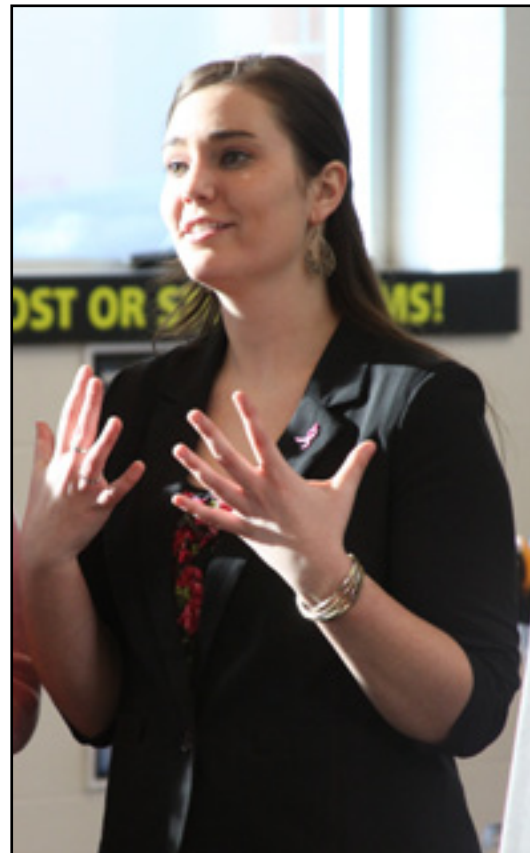


Photo by Al Stover

Nicolette Stanfill speaks on fundraising.

In addition to selling T-shirts, Stanfill met with other departments in the URC to put together events such as the "Pink in the Rink" hockey games.

"Everyone seemed to have their own thing," Stanfill said. "By putting them all together we had a month filled with events rather than just a week here and a week there."

A total of \$1500 was raised. \$1000 going to the Susan G. Komen for the cure, and the extra \$500 went toward student programming through the fitness center.

Brianna Bennett, a senior majoring in elementary education, was one of the fitness center instructors who participated in promoting the T-shirts. The reason she helped was because she has lost loved ones to cancer.

"My grandpa passed away and we've had a lot of family friends who have had cancer and breast cancer," Bennett said. "I was really motivated to help."

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Jayneka Howared contacts state officials after being provided contact information at last Thursday's Statewide Action Day. Photo by Evan Sykes

Legislators get an earful

Statewide day of action aimed to change the mind of state government, putting students in contact with representatives last Thursday in the PUB

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Washington state is preparing for an array of budget cuts that will directly affect students.

College students around Washington state came together to speak out against budget cuts affecting financial aid as well as rising tuition cost.

Kelli Crawford, ASEWU legislative affairs representative, organized the event that was being held the same night as other universities such as Western Washington University, University of Washington and Central Washington. They came to-

gether to speak out for student rights on Jan. 26.

Students were provided with phone numbers to call and contact their legislators. Many left personal voice-mails making a plea to not cut the budget.

In addition to the Statewide Action Day, ASEWU and the Washington Student Association are preparing for Lobby Day on Feb. 20.

Kayla Plumb knows firsthand how important financial aid is. Plumb receives a state-need grant, as well as work-study. "I couldn't pay my bills. I'd probably have to shut off my phone," Plumb said.

In addition, Plumb is also concerned about the chil-

dren she works with at the Domino Project Preschool. The school takes care of autistic children in Cheney.

"It's not just affecting the college, but it's also affecting the community," Plumb said.

Tora Reisenauer, an education major, is hoping that her financial aid isn't affected.

"The whole reason I came to Eastern over other schools is because I got so much financial aid," Reisenauer said. "It also means that I don't have to get a second job in order to pay for everyday costs."

When asked what she would do if she got her financial aid cut, she reflected

on the financial burden she would face.

"I would either drop out and move back in with my parents ... unless I took out more loans, but that's not conducive to my situation if I'm going to be going into education afterwards," Reisenauer said.

Lobby Day consists of public universities, community and technical colleges participating in a one-day event lobbying for higher education in Olympia, Wash.

Crawford is hoping that the turnout for students coming to Olympia is higher than it was last year.

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Money for the taking

Scholarships open to a variety of students

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It is scholarship season. No, these are not big boats for scholars. This is a chance to get free money for students who take a couple hours out of their busy schedule to apply.

There is no such a thing as being "scholarship material." There are scholarship opportunities for every student, no matter their major, financial background or GPA.

Eastern provides many of these opportunities, starting with the EWU General Scholarship. According to Kandti Teeters, financial aid and scholarships associate director, EWU's General Scholarship covers 80 percent of the available schol-

arships for Eastern students in one application. This application can be accessed through a student's EagleNet account under the financial aid tab. The General Scholarship is due by Feb. 15.

In addition to that scholarship, every department offers major-specific scholarships which students can learn about from their advisers. Many regions and high schools have scholarship opportunities for their locals and alumni.

Washington state sponsors a scholarship search engine called thewashboard.org, which manages an extensive list of local, regional and national scholarships.

"You put in a lot of information about you," Teeters said. "Your major, your

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If it pleases the court

Team prepares for mock trial

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Eastern's mock trial team gears up for the Portland Regional Tournament taking place Feb. 10-12.

Every year, the American Mock Trial Association holds regional competitions, consisting of four rounds during which each team performs in a real courtroom setting, taking one side of the case—prosecution or defense.

"We have a very strong team this year, so it should be fun to watch," team coach John Julian said in an email.

The American Mock Trial Association puts out a case that is studied by every mock trial program in the country. Cases alternate between civil and criminal cases.

Past cases have included a police officer shooting an unarmed civilian, a child kidnapping and product liability. This year's case involves a defendant charged with murder and a DUI.

"Each round is judged by two attorneys or judges, each of whom produces a ballot," said Julian. "The team with the most ballot victories at the end of the tournament wins."

Winners move on to compete in one of several national tournaments. According to Julian, these national tournaments ultimately result in a national champion team.

"You have to have three witnesses and three juries and the attorneys are responsible for doing everything that a real attorney would do," said junior Mark Balfé, pre-law student and team member.

"You have to know everything that your character is supposed to know."

Mock trial teams are composed of approximately six to 10 people, all of whom either have the roles of being an attorney or witness. In some cases, both roles are utilized. During the meetings, team coach Daisy Tran and Julian teach the students about the various aspects of presenting a case at trial.

Opening statements, courtroom procedures, the rules of evidence, direct

and cross examinations and closing arguments are among the few things taught during the meetings.

Both Tran and Julian are professional attorneys who have done mock trials with EWU in the past. According to Balfé, Julian almost brought one of EWU's most successful mock trial teams to nationals.

In preparation for the regional competition, Eastern's mock trial team is collaborating with the University of Idaho's team Saturday, Jan. 28, for a practice competition. Eastern's team will also go up against Washington State University's team the following weekend for another practice run.

"After we have taught a particular aspect to the students, we then help them refine their understanding and ability to utilize that component in a hostile environment," Julian said.

Coaches meet with team members twice a week.

The team meets with-out coaches on Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. There are currently eight members. The team is open to all undergraduate students.

"I think other people have really developed their public speaking abilities," said Balfé. "For me, it's more of just learning the specific technical things that you have to know as an attorney. ... I've definitely learned what it takes to get up in front of a court room because it's not the average kind of public speaking that people are used to."

According to Julian, in order to participate, students are only asked to have the willingness to work hard.

"At a minimum, students gain experience in public speaking, critical thinking, and cooperative teamwork. However, those students who truly dedicate themselves also learn a great deal about the legal system, courtroom procedures and what it is like to be an attorney," said Julian. "While the experience is rewarding for everyone, it is particularly valuable for those thinking about a career in the law."

Law Day on the horizon

ASEWU Superior Court will host the third annual Law Day Feb. 23 in the PUB's MPR.

This year's event presents five speakers who will participate in a panel where they discuss how they got into their profession, what they deal with on a daily basis, and the different aspects of law.

Speakers include Judge Bruce Spanner from Benton Franklin Counties Superior Court, Eastern government professor and lawyer James Headley, and Officer Jay Day from the EWU police department.

Doors open at noon and speakers will present at 12:30 p.m. Members of the audience will have the opportunities to ask questions at the end of the presentations.

During the event, there will be law school recruiters coming from the University of Washington, the

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NEWS

Graduate affairs position re-hires

Representative resigns to pursue other opportunities

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The ASEWU are looking for a new graduate affairs representative. Applications have been posted and final decisions will be made by early February.

The position was posted Jan. 24 and closed Tuesday, Jan. 31 at noon.

The minimum requirements consist of being a graduate student, having a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and being able to fulfill office hours both at the Cheney and Riverpoint campus.

The graduate affairs representative will work directly under ASEWU Vice President Clem Bustamante, who said that he wants someone who's motivated.

"With the graduate program, it's always going to be strenuous so I understand that they have to be a student first, but a little bit extra effort than just the bare minimum would be great," Bustamante said.

After interviews have been conducted, the council has to vote to approve the ASEWU's recommendation.

The hiring committee includes council members, ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña, and Bustamante.

Former ASEWU Graduate Affairs Representative Josh Clayton resigned due to his acceptance into a sports management internship that is more suitable for his degree.

Clayton, who started fall 2011, was effective in fulfilling his role, according to Bustamante.

During his first few months in office, Clayton spent most of it training for his position. He managed to reach out and get the graduate senate established.

"He got along well with everyone," Bustamante said,

As graduate affairs representative, working with the Riverpoint campus and the graduate senate are of top priorities.



Clayton



Plans have the new residence hall located on the corner of N. 11th and Cedar and offer students another option for on-campus living. Illustration courtesy of Josh Ashcroft

New hall coming soon

Dorm projected to house 350 rooms and be completed by 2013

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Eastern students haven't lived in a new residence hall since the 1960s, but, provided there aren't any setbacks, EWU will be breaking ground on a new \$25 million residence hall late this spring quarter.

EWU hopes to complete the 350-room building by fall of 2013.

"The project started because there was a need identified to update our on-campus housing," Josh Ashcroft, director of housing and residential life, said.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster, about five years ago the campus did a complete review of housing.

"Students were a big part of the focus group," Morgan Foster said. "[The

Residential Life department] regularly conducts satisfaction [surveys] and other surveys for students to determine their needs and that was all part of the university's decision to move forward in this direction."

The study was the first step in what became a process to rejuvenate residence hall living.

Two years ago, the campus began to present ideas to the board of trustees on how to improve campus housing and the residential life community. Last year, the board of trustees approved a project to build a new 350-bed-room residence hall.

The new hall, which will be finished by September 2013, will be mainly available to returning students, said Morgan Foster. "Hopefully, it serves as an attraction for new and returning students."

According to Ashcroft, room and board will go up

about 15 percent for students living in the new hall, but overall, students' tuition will not be impacted.

The building strays from the style of the current residence halls and has a modern look, according to Troy Bester, construction and planning services' senior project manager.

The Housing and Residential Life department will be moving into the new building.

"The first floor will be dedicated to the services part of it," Bester said.

There will be a lounge and storage. Some of the space on the first floor will be left to add a coffee shop in the future, according to Bester.

According to Bester, a lot of the focus for this project was to create a place that emphasizes student interaction. There will be entertainment rooms, lounges and study areas on every

floor for students to feel comfortable and want to hang out. There will be a full kitchen on every floor for students to cook food.

"I think there's a focus on community, not just individual rooms," Bester said.

The rooms will be an average of 15 1/2 feet by 12 feet. Each room will have movable furniture so students will be able to customize their comfort.

"The goal is to get the students out of their rooms, though," Bester said.

Bester hopes that this will be the start of improvements all across the board, starting with the older halls. Some remodeling already takes place each summer.

"I think it's exciting for Eastern to finally have new housing," Ashcroft said. "It will be the best housing on campus and probably in Cheney."

Extreme winds break window at Reese Court

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On Tuesday, Jan. 24, around 6 a.m., a window at Reese Court shattered onto the hardwood floor, making this the second window in Reese Court to break due to wind gusts within the past three years.

The cost of the window to be replaced is "between \$2,500 and \$3,000," said Jim Allers, maintenance specialist.

When the window fell, no one was in the vicinity and no one was hurt.

According to Allers, the window will be replaced next week.



Maintenance crew work to repair the broken window. Photo by Evan Sykes



Kevin Herrera is an applicant for the fall quarter Boren scholarship. Photo by Fedor Gaponenko

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The Green Dot Spot:

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I think most of us have experienced this. We are in a group of people, and something is going on that we don't feel right about, and we do nothing. Before we condemn ourselves as morally deficient, we need to understand that this phenomenon is an obstacle to being a green dot by-stander.

It's called pluralistic ignorance. In other words, the more people who are around, the more likely no one will intervene. This is for a couple of reasons. We look at our peers and say,

"They're not doing anything, so it must not be a problem."

We think, "I must be the one who sees it wrong, or else all these other people would do something. "We are embarrassed to act because we might be wrong. This is called evaluation apprehension.

Because of pluralistic ignorance and evaluation apprehension, people fail to act.

But there is other research that tells us the solution to pluralistic ignorance and evaluation apprehension. The solution is best highlighted by Stanley Milgram's experiment. People were asked to administer an electrical

"shock" to a learner whenever they made a mistake. Milgram wanted to know what effect having an authority would have on people's willingness to administer shocks to others.

When the person was by him or herself, they would administer milder shocks. But when an "authority" gave a gentle prompting, the person would administer stronger shocks.

The reason this experiment is important in the effort to reduce violence is that it tells us that when someone acts with authority, others will fall in line. In other words, if you are at the party and see the girl who is super drunk being taken off to where the beds

are, if you take action and tell people it's time to intervene, they will likely follow your lead. So instead of pluralistic ignorance, bystanders will take action when you find the courage to be a person in authority.

To overcome pluralistic ignorance, ask yourself this: "If that were someone I love, what would I want someone to do?" If you would want some to check in or cause a distraction, then check in or cause a distraction. By asking that simple question, you can overcome two important obstacles that you as a bystander face. In doing so, your actions may help others to overcome their obstacles.

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hometown, what your interests are and it helps you find scholarships that fit with your background."

The majority of scholarship applications require a personal statement and academic transcripts. According to Teeters, it is good to have at least two letters of recommendation as well. In rare situations, a scholarship application may require a resumé. Another important thing students should do is fill out the FAFSA. The FAFSA is a federal student aid application that is useful for every college student in need of financial aid and can be filled out on fafsa.gov.

"Personal statements] are really critical," Teeters

said. "Make sure they're free of grammatical and typographical errors. Make sure they're professional, polished and thorough and really glow about yourself."

Kevin Herrera, a marketing major, is in the process of applying for the Boren Scholarship. The Boren Scholarship is a U.S. national security scholarship for studying abroad. The scholarship awards \$20,000 for a full academic year, \$10,000 for a semester and \$8,000 for a summer program. Herrera is applying for fall semester.

"It's highly competitive. It requires that I relate my study abroad experience, my academic and career goals to national security," Herrera said. "I'm working on those essays right now.

Even my letters of recommendation have to be tailored to national security. It's pretty crazy, but if I could get that money, that would be awesome."

He is also working on another scholarship hosted by the Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle.

"I don't know if I'm eligible for it, but I'm going to do it anyways because it would give me \$1,500 a month," Herrera said.

In addition to these two scholarships, he is also going to reapply for EWU's General Scholarship, which has already awarded him \$3,000 in previous years.

Although there are many scholarship opportunities available, a majority of students neglect to apply.

"Of the 10,000 students we have, a very small per-

centage [apply] for scholarships," less than 25 percent," Teeters said. "I think students aren't confident in their ability. They think, 'I'm not a 4.0 or chemistry major, so there's no way I could get a scholarship.'"

Some of the common excuses by students for not applying are financial aid, work and parent assistance. Students who apply for financial aid are also encouraged to apply for scholarships to help lower their reliance on loans.

A lot of scholarships do not look at student's job earnings or family help. Even if financial stability might prevent students from getting a large scholarship, smaller scholarships to cover the cost of books or a couple of classes are out there.

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University of Idaho, and Gonzaga University. They will offer students more information regarding law school and career opportunities dealing with law.

ASEWU Superior Court also invited the mock trial team, the Native American studies program and the EWU police cadet program among others, to host a

booth at the event.

"Our goal for [students] is to gain the different aspects of law," said Chief Justice for ASEWU Superior Court Nick Fell. "There's judges, there's police, there's so many different routes in law and we really just want to keep things open for them. ... We also really want to focus in on students who may be interested in furthering their education in law."

This event is free and open to everyone.

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For Eriksson, transitioning was one of his greatest challenges. "I play a lot of outdoor tennis. Coming indoors is kind of difficult."

According to Russell, one part he doesn't like about tennis is that there is not a lot of down time.

"There isn't a real off-sea-

son for tennis; we go year-round," Russell said. "For collegiate, we get two months off in the summer but we're expected to be practicing and playing tournaments in the summer."

Russell sees himself continuing the sport after graduation. "I may look into coaching and continue playing because it's something you can play for the rest of your life."

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Playing Eastern was a frustrating experience.

According to Vanessa, they were more interested in being physical rather than trying to play as a unit.

In fact, Vanessa's previous teammates discouraged her from joining EWU's ranks.

"People just doubted them," Vanessa said. "They didn't think they were a very good team."

They didn't really think they were the type of team that they would want to play with."

But for a couple of girls who originally discovered the game of hockey by watching "The Mighty Ducks" – a movie with a premise surrounding a team of underdogs – Vanessa only saw an opportunity to help Eastern improve.

"This team, [once] I got to know them, they seriously have commitment," Vanessa said.

For Melissa, the decision to join was easy, "If you love playing the game, you just take every opportunity that you can to get on that ice."

For over a decade, the

two have been taking every chance to play hockey whenever they can. It all began when their dad noticed their infatuation with the "The Mighty Ducks" and took them to the ice rink.

"He puts on our first skates, we step on the ice and we literally can skate, like, there's no falling, except for stopping," Vanessa said. "Stopping was a completely different story."

In those early years, Melissa and Vanessa said they were either playing hockey, watching hockey or thinking about hockey. They never stopped.

"When we scored our first goal, that was just amazing," Vanessa said.

Melissa added, "We literally jumped on our coach."

The Vargas sisters' enthusiasm for the game is obvious. For Vanessa, hockey is her sanctuary.

"It's where I can think," Vanessa said. "It's where all my problems go away. Just give me an hour ... on the ice and I'll be all good. I'll literally just be happy for that moment," Vanessa said.

The Vargas sisters and the rest of the Lady Eagles travel to play the University of Montana, Feb. 4 and 5.

Day of action:

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"Last year, there were only six people who came. It was because nobody did anything about it. We don't want that to happen this year. ... I think it's a really important issue," Crawford said.

ASEWU is partnering with the WSA as a way to help coordinate a statewide Lobby Day in Olympia. WSA represents all students across the state

and lobbies for their rights.

"A lot of people have no idea that there is this awesome resource fighting for them," Crawford said.

According to Crawford, Lobby Day is free for students to participate in. Travel, lodging and food expenses are paid for by the ASEWU. Currently, there are about 30 students committed to traveling to Olympia; however, the ASEWU budgeted for 100 students and is hoping more will join.

Police Beat

Jan. 23

Burglary

EWU Police assisted the Cheney Police department with a burglary.

Theft

A backpack was reported stolen after a student left the bag unattended without placing it in a locker. The items stolen were recovered several days later.

11 a.m.

Domestic Dispute

EWU Police assisted the Cheney Police department with a domestic violence call. The dispute was verbal only.

Jan. 26

Alcohol Violation

A highly intoxicated female student was found near Showalter Hall in the early hours of the morning. The student had a reported blood alcohol level of .271 and was transported to Providence

Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane.

Informational Report

A report was taken regarding two female students who were having a dispute via Facebook. Both students were contacted to make sure the dispute didn't escalate.

Jan. 28

12:50 a.m.

Alcohol violation

A female student in Brewster hall was cited for underage drinking.

11:20 p.m.

Harassment

A student in Brewster hall reported receiving harassing phone calls and voicemails.

Jan. 29

12:10 a.m.

Alcohol violation

A male student in Pearce Hall was cited for underage

drinking.

1:09 a.m.

Alcohol violation

A female student in Pearce Hall was cited for underage drinking and was transported to Deaconess Hospital in Spokane.

1:02 a.m.

Agency assist

EWU officers assisted the Cheney police department in a foot pursuit involving a male student. The student was apprehended and cited as a minor in possession.

2:00 a.m.

Marijuana violation

A female student in LA hall was cited and released for possession of marijuana. The drugs that were found were baked into cookies and brownies.

6:00 p.m.

Malicious mischief

Paint was thrown on the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. The incident is under investigation.



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HISTORY OF EASTERN IN PICTURES



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Commencement, 1977. The Grande Marche across campus, showing the mall before it was relandscaped. Patterson Hall can be seen to the left.

Hockey:

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Just over a minute later, EWU's Jake Schroeder and WSU's Harry Gay were both ejected for fighting, which only electrified the crowd further.

The blistering third period action continued when defenseman Matt Randall slapped in an Umemoto-assisted power-play goal from the blue line at the 16:58 mark.

In the first three minutes of the final frame, Eastern had seized momentum and tied the game.

The Eagles had opportunities to score again with back-to-back five on three situations because of

WSU penalties, but Eastern could not produce the go-ahead goal.

The deciding moment came with 43 seconds left in the game. Leach left an open net as he went for a loose puck in the corner. His clearing attempt was picked off by a WSU player who hammered away the deciding goal.

"He's pacing the halls," Sherman said. "He knows what he did. Nobody has to tell him."

As the two teams proceeded through the customary handshake line, fans continued to yell and chant.

EWU JV hockey plays Feb. 3 and 4, hosting the Central Washington University Wildcats. The puck drops at 2 p.m.

GIVING BUT NOT RECEIVING

by Chad BrownEagle



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The Easterner's newspapers stolen

A stack of The Easterner's issue 13 newspapers have been discovered in recycling bins in the PUB on Eastern Washington University's Cheney Campus. Upon further investigation, staff from The Easterner discovered is-

sues missing from the PUB Eagle Espresso, the Baldy's back entrance, Tawanka Hall and the JFK Library. Campus police will examine PUB video surveillance to see if anyone can be seen throwing away stacks of newspapers.



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Has the censorship sailed?

Two Easterner staff members square off about the FCC debate of censorship

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After a few cuss words, a couple of butt cheeks, and some angry Americans, the FCC is in federal court again, this time with Fox Television Stations.



Apparently, Nicole Richie and Cher, both on live TV (at separate times), said some things that were objectionable. Also, for seven long seconds back in 2003, Charlotte Ross showed her buttocks (can we say buttocks in this paper?) on an episode of NYPD Blue. The latter received a \$1.4 million fine. "[What] the government is asking for is a few channels where you can say, 'I'm not going to ... hear the 'S'

word, the 'F' word," Chief Justice John Roberts said during the hour-long hearing on Jan. 10. His position is, oddly, much the same as a majority of the other justices' positions: government intervention is good when it comes to supporting decency on public airwaves.

ABC's lawyer Seth Waxman argued that "[a] regime in which government officials decide years after the fact that seven seconds of rear nudity in this particular episode of NYPD Blue is indecent, but 40 seconds of nudity including full frontal nudity in Catch-22 is not; that expletives in a documentary about blues musicians is indecent, but even more of those expletives in a fictional movie about World War II is not, is constitutionally intolerable."

It's arbitrary. As much as the justices would like to argue that their job is to uphold this idea of decency, in reality their job is to uphold the constitution. The freedom of speech is provided as a means to speak the controversial, not to censor it. How else would we have come so far in this country?

By allowing everyone the ability to speak freely, and not limit what they say, we are allowed to arrive at greater truths in life, even if that speech is deemed "indecent" by a group of people. To quote John Stuart Mill, "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind."

When it comes to speech, silencing it is the first step to tyranny. The second step, when administered by the government, is allowing the government to assume its sole authority in matters.

We don't need government intervention when it comes to swearing on television. Just because one small group of conservatives got pissed off because they heard a bad word, doesn't mean the government has the right to allow what can and cannot be said.

If anything, broadcasters know intuitively, like all of us, that there are certain times, with certain people, and in certain contexts where inflammatory speech is acceptable. This is exactly why "Saving Private Ryan" was allowed to run unedited on network television despite the fact that the actors use the "F-bomb" numerous times throughout.

Don't let the government in too much, otherwise we're bound to create an avalanche.

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Not long ago, shows like "Seinfeld" and "Friends" were wildly popular without the use of profanity or nudity. For ten years, Monica, Rachel, Phoebe, Joey, Chandler and Ross delighted households with tales of comedy, tragedy, friendship and more moral values than any show today.

Shows like "Two Broke Girls" that began the series with diner co-workers who got caught in the act in the walk-in freezer. The camera was shaking and the connotation was there. I promptly turned the channel and silently hoped my niece, who is seven and already asking questions about sex, did not see it. (I have refused to watch it since.)

The U.S. Supreme Court is debating whether profanity and nudity should be allowed under free speech in the case of the FCC v. Fox Television Stations. In the 1930s, federal law prohibited radio and television broadcasters from airing anything

deemed "obscene, indecent or profane." Again showing conservative values in 1978, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in FCC v. Pacifica that children should be protected from nudity and profanity on broadcast television.

Times are different today. Retired Federal Judge H. Lee Sarokin told the Huffington Post, "The supposed basis for these regulations is to protect our children." He continues saying that children are not harmed from seeing a naked person. When he was a kid, he called them "dirty pictures" and not only survived but enjoyed the experience. He is unaware of how this could harm our future generation of children.

First of all, I would like to ask the judge about his own children. About how many "dirty pictures" have been taken of his adult daughter, and does he feel they should be displayed on television? How he feels about his adult sons looking at these "dirty pictures" of their sister on the TV.

Not every person has "enjoyed dirty pictures" and feels that they should be handed to our children via a remote. Sex and nudity are better shared between couples, not the whole world.

And finally, children will be subjected to seeing someone naked, but when did the standard become that this occurs during the most impressive times in their lives? When has taking off our clothes for everything that

comes along become acceptable? When did we stop paying attention to our children that they start having sex at twelve and become a "Teen Mom" at fourteen? Do these teen moms want their children to have sex at 10 and be a mom by 12?

Children today have very little help in the way of moral values and to hand them another way to disrespect themselves at a time when they are impressionable is wrong.

I am not naïve enough to believe that children cannot turn to a cable channel and find partially naked people or someone cursing. I am also not naïve enough to want the government to infringe on my rights to think and express myself freely. But I do not express my "views," i.e. my boobies, on national television nor do I curse in front of children.

I feel sorry for the current justices of the court as they have shown conservative values in the past on this topic. Most likely they will decide to let sex and cursing take over every channel. After all, it is 2012 and most people want to see sex performed on television followed by an "F-you" when the cuddling ends so "Friends" is not the way to go.



Letters to the Editor

Snow, snow, everywhere

Snow removal is a problem on the EWU Cheney campus sidewalks. Ice and snow make it difficult to get around campus. People are afraid of falling on the ice.

The university is not fulfilling its obligation to insure campus safety. More attention needs to be paid to maintain sidewalk safety during the winter months.

EWU should inform the campus community which main sidewalks are cleared so that pedestrians are able to plan accordingly. In addition, students, faculty and staff could donate their

time to assist in clearing sidewalks. Perhaps forming a volunteer committee or campus organization to plan and coordinate snow and ice removal could also be part of a long term solution.

By forming a volunteer committee the university does not have to fund committee project. Snow and ice would be removed promptly, which would insure better class attendance, campus safety and less liability on harsh weather days. Although the search for dedicated volun-

teer members could be a little difficult, and outdoor maintenance would have to dedicate more time to this project, we are sure that the quality and assurance of prompt snow removal and campus safety would be well worth the extra effort.

As students and drivers on the EWU Cheney campus we are asking that the university put in a little more effort to MOVE THAT SNOW!

Whitney S. Mitchell
Amber J. Johnson
Jacqueline A. Kelch

Due to its location being in the Inland Northwest, Eastern Washington University endures harsh winters which begin in October and are expected through May.

Functioning on the quarter system, this means that almost the entire academic year is spent in a "winter wonderland"; and "snow days" cannot be afforded every time Cheney receives a copious amount.

Thus students and faculty regularly face a plethora of challenges between their bed and classroom, the biggest of which is their walk through campus.

Eastern Washington University has been around since 1882, which makes for 130 Inland

Northwest winters experienced. Therefore, they should be knowledgeable in how to make the campus as safe as possible.

The university shovels and salts walkways, but not nearly enough; the campus is still an obstacle course of fallen students.

In the past four days I personally have slipped a total of 11 times, 8 of which I fell, and have witnessed dozens of my fellow students injured on the ground.

Eastern could prevent this by shoveling the walkways more frequently, salting main walkways more, and paying specific attention to the areas that see mostly shade.

The school can easily put up warning signs on areas that are especially

risky, as well as provide students with emails or written announcements warning of such areas, a list of alternative safer routes to take, and/or stating areas to avoid.

Weather recently has been consistent to that of warmer temperatures and sunshine during the day (melting the snow) and extremely low temperatures in the evening (causing the melted snow to re-freeze).

This cycle not only creates new icy areas; but the salt that was laid prior is now no longer effective.

If more preventative efforts are not put forth, the consequences could soon be deadly.

Sincerely,
Audrey Majkut

Math program needs more

It's not a secret that Eastern has a problem with the failure rate of students in required math classes. It has become a real issue and it affects everyone at Eastern.

Ill equipped grad students with no teaching credentials often times teach required math courses and aren't able to teach effectively or give adequate attention to students.

It seem as if the university is seeking more of a profit from students rather than trying to solve the problem. There has been unofficial talk about the university making transfer math credits much harder to transfer. More students taking and failing math classes at Eastern equals more money for Eastern. It could also be assumed that Eastern gives student more

of an incentive to fail required math classes because it doesn't affect a students GPA if they do.

With such a low passing rate one can suggest many different types of solutions. The graduate students have a certain guideline they must follow, however students are questioning how prepared they really are. One solution would be more training for the graduates and have stricter guidelines for who they let teach. Changing the quarter system to semester would help with the workload. Also making lower math actually count would give students the determination to pass instead of taking the course consecutive times.

Improving the math program at EWU will greatly benefit students and faculty alike.

With more students passing their required courses the attitudes of those involved in the program will be better. Faculty will have the pleasure of seeing their students apply what has been taught successfully. The costs of changing the math department are large at the onset. With the option of getting rid of the grad program, EWU will have to bring in 3 professors which will cost over \$150,000/year (Inlander December 2011). Changing the entire high school math layout will of course take time and money. These costs are nothing compared to the cost of doing nothing. With more students passing basic math courses at EWU, the atmosphere will be better, students will graduate on time and professors will feel successful.

By: Jordan Hibbard,
Phillip Drees, Joel Lake

Mandatory fees should be optional

Tuition at Eastern Washington University is rising yearly, and on top of that students need to pay mandatory fees quarterly for services the may never use. Excluding tuition, students are billed with the recreation and transportation fee quarterly. Some students may never even use these services. Students living outside of Cheney may not have the time or the will to use the recreational facility. Riding the public transportation allows an individual to save money on gas and even makes it eco friendly, but there are times when stu-

dents feel unsafe when riding at night.

These mandatory fees are due to the decisions of the Associated Student of Eastern Washington University as known as ASEWU. Decisions that affect the student body needs to have an input by the students before any decision can be made. These mandatory fees should become an optional choice to all students attending EWU. Just as student official are elected by the student body, decisions that affect the students needs to be voted by the students.

OPINION

Proposed cuts to education threaten more than students

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On Tuesday, Jan. 24, regents and trustees from Washington's colleges and universities met with the House and Senate Higher Education Committees in Olympia to discuss further cuts to higher education.

In 2011, lawmakers cut \$500 million from higher education. Even this tremendous slash in funding wasn't enough. Gov. Chris Gregoire is now proposing an additional \$160 million cut.

While the State of Washington attempts to hash out a \$1 billion deficit, tuition is rising and students across the board, from K-12 to state colleges and universities, are facing what could

be a very sharp decline in the quality of their education: lack of equipment, limited resources, oversized classrooms and aging buildings.

To help quell some of the negative impacts at the college level, lawmakers last year allowed universities to set their own tuition, which resulted in a 20 percent increase in tuition at UW. Increasing sales tax has also been considered as well as other tax packages. Still, nothing has worked and the cuts seem inevitable.

Washington is now tied for third place in having the most severe cuts to higher education in the U.S., according to Ted Basler, chair of the Board of Regents at WSU.

"Why [is Washington state] tied for third in the nation when it comes to the severity of cuts to higher education funding?"

Why are we tied for third in the nation when it comes to the severity of cuts to higher education funding?

Looking at the financial mess America is in, one question should be looming over all of us: "How much deeper can we cut funding for higher education?"

In a world where profit drives competition and ideas and innovation propel us forward, America will fail quickly if cuts to education go much further. No one but those with the mon-

ey to attend the institutions where ideas are made will be able to afford it. The rest of us will either be slaves or hungry—or both. America is quickly becoming Rome in its last, fading years: stretched thin, racked by internal conflict and ravaged by corruption.

There's a simple absurdity to this entire ordeal.

For example, President Obama, in his State of the Union address, praised the for-profit private sector schools and their work with community colleges. What

he is saying, which most people don't hear, is that the idea of profit is so entrenched into everyday affairs that we are now forced to consider the second rate DeVries and Carringtons of the world even though that same system of greed is the reason we're facing cuts in the first place.

What good will a degree be if it doesn't allow us to recognize our own humanity? The for-profit schools, such as DeVry or Carrington do not provide students with well-rounded educations.

What if being human in the 21st century only amounts to the alienation we're forced to deal with everyday? What if the degrees they're pushing on us only

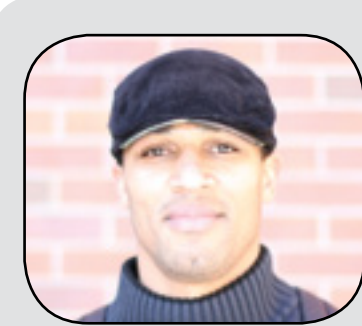

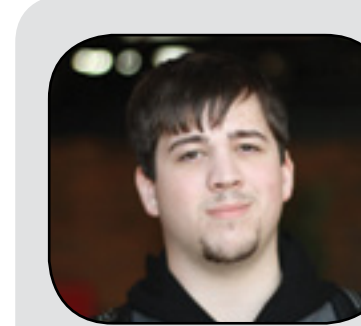
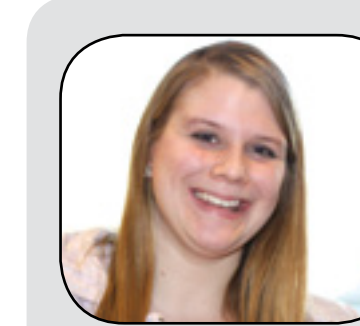
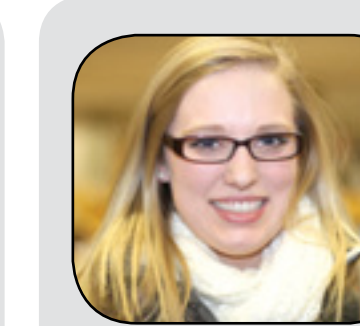
further our alienation? Is creating service sector jobs the only thing we can do? We need to start inspiring that most human of all traits—ingenuity—and allow higher education to be accessed by all, not just those lucky enough to afford it. Cuts to higher education are cuts to the human spirit, which bleeds anemically across the nation.

There should be a lesson to be learned here. An entire financial system is in ruins, and we know the causes. However, instead of reforming said system, we make cuts to everything, including higher education, the very place where ideas are born; perhaps even the ideas that could get us out of this mess.

Through the Eagle's Eye

Photos by Aaron Malmoe

"How do you feel about cuts to higher education?"

 <p>"I think it would be a negative thing on the country itself. Don't they say the prosperous countries are the educated ones? Well, that's what they used to say."</p> <p>Jason Stewart</p>	 <p>"I'm a running start student. Last year I could do 18 credits at my high school. They made it where you can only take a maximum of 15 credits at college; otherwise, you have to start paying for it, and that sucks."</p> <p>Austin Johnson</p>	 <p>"Cuts to higher education means more people are going to work fast food. We need to create jobs to get our country back on track."</p> <p>Jason McAllister</p>	 <p>"I think that they're unfair because cuts to funding for teachers and for their students, and for their activities. It's all part of the college experience."</p> <p>Devon Preedy</p>	 <p>"I don't like it because it's already hard enough for anyone to go to school and everyone deserves a chance."</p> <p>Kasey Swanson</p>
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Letters to the Editor

Education is not a luxury

Most of us are well aware that while the cost of an American education is astronomical, that there are several countries that offer a college education nearly free of charge. Why, in America, are we burdened with the massive price tag that's attached to our knowledge when so many others are free from that concern? The continuously rising cost of tuition and lack of federal funding for state schools is shackling students to an average debt of around \$23,000. There are several factors that have contributed to this crises, among them being that funding higher education had not been made a priority by the previous presidential administration. In his most recent State of the Union address, President Barack Obama

once again expressed the immediate need for reform. A college education should not be a luxury in the United States. A college education should not financially cripple a person for the remainder of their life. With Obama's plan, the amount of Pell grants made available to students will double what they were when he first took office. Additionally, for those who take out student loans, their debt will be forgiven after 20 years (10 years for those who go into public service work). It's not free school, but it's a start. Perhaps with college being more affordable to everyone, we will have a country filled with more educated people thus, once again, making us a contender in the world market.

Rebecca C. Hartle

Competition for buy backs

As students at EWU we have found ourselves spending a lot of money on textbooks only to get a fraction of the original price in return when we sell them back to the EWU bookstore.

Just like tuition, we realize that this is a mandatory investment in our education, but this cost can be lowered by the EWU bookstore. A better buy-back rate could be offered if our university establishes a Craig's List/Amazon like website. Students from the Cheney/Spokane area could sell their books straight to students for the next quarter. The bookstore would still be the sole provider of workbooks and new editions of books.

The bookstore would still offer the buy-back option since some students don't have the time to find students to buy back their books, but the website would create competition for the bookstore and will result in

the bookstore offering better buy-back prices so that students would want to sell their books to the bookstore.

Students would be getting a greater profit for their used textbooks by selling through this website. Not only that, students who buy through this website wouldn't have to worry about shipping costs or the time it will take for the book to arrive.

The website would take time to set up and gain the popularity of the students. Nonetheless its benefits would surely gain the popularity it needs to become a great money saver for college students at EWU and the surrounding area of Spokane.

Sincerely,
Katlin J. Ramirez
Andrea J. Rees
Olga M. Sigitov

URC fitness classes should be covered by fees

The URC is a beautiful facility that provides a variety of equipment to fulfill the average user's workout needs but a restricted gym routine can become tedious and set back gym members from reaching their full potential. Members of the EWU recreation center should have the opportunity to sign up for fitness classes such as Zumba, Cycling and Boot camp without the obligation of earning a grade for the class.

With the hectic lifestyle of a student, committing to a fitness class for an entire quarter can be overwhelming.

The EWU administration has overlooked the concept of taking a fitness class purely for pleasure and not for the purpose of receiving credits. The administration has the power to create more opportunities for students to incorporate fun fitness classes into their busy lives by allowing gym members to register for four week programs. This would not cost additional money and would have no effect on the students GPA or credits.

Therefore, the classes can be enjoyed without stress and any serious commitment. This new system will

allow more URC members to participate because the four week classes are much shorter than a regular three month session. This solution will also give students time to efficiently evaluate whether they can take up a workout class at some point throughout the quarter. By more students being able to partake in the fitness classes it will increase the overall fitness level of the student body and community.

A possible negative to this revised plan might be that classes fill up faster which could result in frustrated students. Also, if gym

members aren't affected academically by these workout sessions they may lose motive to attend which would result in numerous absences and low participation.

Every solution has positive and negative consequences but I feel with this solution the benefits outweigh the few negatives. A more flexible URC facility that acquires this change will be supporting a healthier, happier campus.

Sincerely,
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Nate Kahovec, and
Satoshi Kikutani

Extend dining services' hours to fit students' needs

The Eagle Market closes at 8 p.m., which creates an inconvenience for everyone on campus. The PUB is open until midnight and is a place where a lot of students study. Many people work, have night classes, and/or participate in sports so they would like a quick and effortless way to get a meal or snack. The only other op-

tion past 8 p.m. is the Roost which does not have as large of a variety.

We understand that EWU may not have the staff to cover later shifts, but there are a lot of students looking for more job opportunities and more hours so there would not be an issue of finding staff for the change. There is a possibility

the university does not have the funds to keep it open later, but due to the amount of people doing work and staying late at the PUB, it is more likely for the school to make money on the amount of business rather than lose it.

The Market could be slow at first due to lack of knowledge about the change of

times which could result in the university losing money. However, once word gets out, people will appreciate the convenience of getting snacks or meals after their priorities or during studying.

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Tomlinson's "Basin #11," is one of 18 pieces brought to EWU as part of his "Open Weather" exhibit.

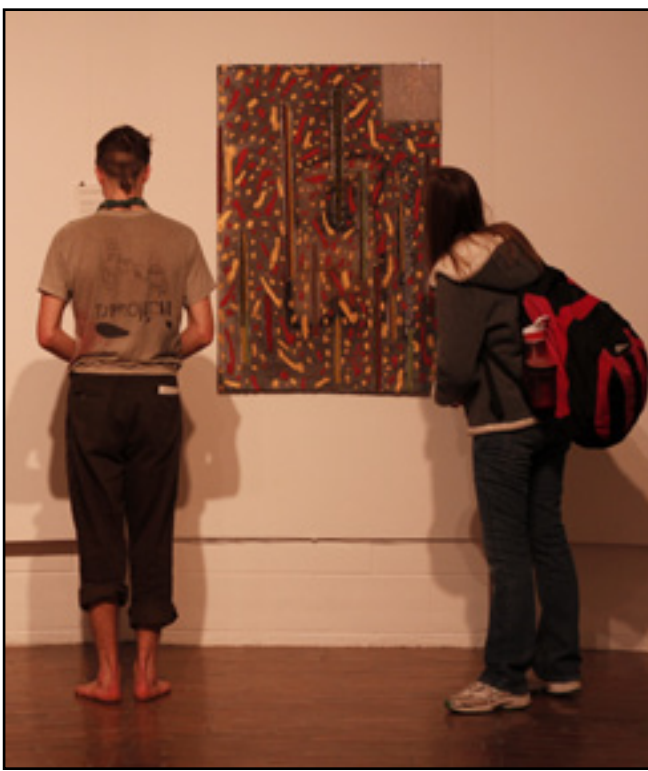


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(Above) Andrew Taylor, left, reads a poem while another student takes in one of Tomlinson's oil paintings.



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The artist Robert Tomlinson and BFA student Laura Kaschmitter.

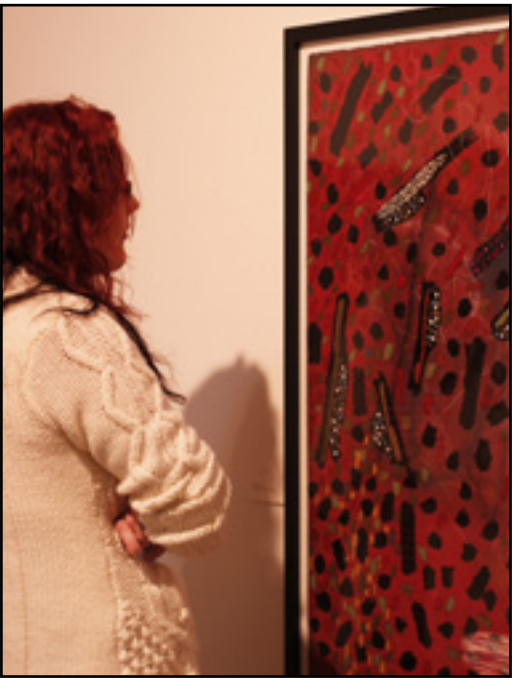


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"You can't perform that," said Andrew Taylor, left, referring to the layout of the poetry on the page. (Right, Nicole Wallace.)

Photo by Amy Meyer

(Left) Laura Kaschmitter admires one of Tomlinson's pieces. "Open Weather" will be on display at the EWU Art Gallery through March 15.

Oregon artist ties poetry with oil in his EWU Art Gallery exhibit "Open Weather"

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Ekphrasis, by definition, is the description of visual work. The word itself barely defines the installation "Original Weather" that is being exhibited in the EWU Gallery of Art until March 15.

The 18 pieces are a back-and-forth communication between the artist, Robert Tomlinson, and nine Oregon poets who express the spirit of the art from their points of view.

Tomlinson said he was just as interested in responding to the writing as he was

to the writers' responses to his unfinished work.

The pieces were created with oil stick, pastel, chalk and pencil. He created several at a time, which he said crowded his studio.

"I like to pause and come back to it with fresh eyes," Tomlinson said.

One of his goals in reference to his work was to stop thinking.

He said the thinking process interfered with his ability to tap into his intuition and that the key was to work a lot and create a sacred space to work in.

During the lecture, Tomlinson spoke about the value of an art residency, which

is where an artist gets out of their normal environment and works in a different community for a while.

He said it was important for students to establish space to work and invest uninterrupted time into their work. He also encouraged the audience of 54 to apply for residencies outside of the country.

He referred to identity, memory and place in relation to contemporary arts. He said that artists ask questions that no one else considers or expresses.

Many stayed after the lecture to inspect the artwork and read the accompanying poetry.

Andrew Taylor marveled over the lay-

out of the poetry, "You can't perform that."

Laura Kaschmitter admired the piece "Basin #18." She said she liked the soft shapes in the layers.

"[It's] like you're peering through semi-opaque windows, changing the perspective of the shapes behind each other," she said. "I like the [contrast of] white dots on the black."

After six shows in the last year and five more to come, Tomlinson's hard work is paying off. But he's not done yet.

He said that his long-term plans include more work with these types of media and black and white photography to build his gallery representation for the future.

Trombonist Tom Molter begins music residency

Published composer is currently the music director for the Spokane Jazz Orchestra

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Eastern's jazz department is hosting nationally-known musical composer Tom Molter for a short jazz residency starting Feb. 29.

Rob Tapper, the jazz director and a professor of the trombone at EWU, and the EWU jazz department asked Molter to do the residency because of his extensive background with jazz.

"If we lived in Texas, we would be jumping up and down that we get this published composer on campus," Tapper said.

Molter is currently the band director at Evergreen Middle School in Spokane Valley and the music director for the Spokane Jazz Orchestra.

"I loved the sound of big bands when I was a little kid," said Molter. "And, of course, the trombone is the backbone of any big band [or] swing band, and so I think that's kind of what initially attracted me to jazz."

As a child, Molter realized that playing the piano was not something he enjoyed.

As a result, he picked up a trombone in middle school and never looked back.

Under a scholarship, Molter studied at the University of Idaho and figured out where his life was going to lead.

"I kind of found at that time that composition music was my calling," Molter said.

His past experience includes being music director for Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruise lines.

As an educator, he has taught at the elementary, middle school, high school and college levels. Molter is also a published com-

poser for C.L. Barnhouse Company.

"[The students] are going to see someone who is really into what he does. Tom is the kind of guy that if he is working on a piece of music, that's the only thing going on in the world. He is going to want the kids to be focused and play well," Tapper said.

EWU and the jazz department bring in different well-known musicians, composers and educators up to four times a year.

The typical residency lasts two days. Past residencies have been held by musicians from all over the world, including Japan and Europe.

According to Tapper, the musicians usually "bring their music, composition, arrangements and their playing ability."

"The whole objective is for our students to get a chance to interact, essentially rub elbows and work under these great musicians," said Tapper. "Ultimately, [to] hopefully set up some kind of connection for them in the world of music education or jazz education."

Molter has written a lot of music for middle school and high school jazz bands so this residency is for the second and third jazz bands at Eastern.

Regional schools can participate in the residency as well. Central Valley High School of Spokane Valley will be bringing their two jazz bands.

"He has written so many great pieces of music, ... you are just going to hear good music written well from all levels," Tapper said.

Contact Tapper at rtapper@ewu.edu for a schedule of events to see Molter on Thursday, March 1.

The Big Red Dog visits the bookstore

EWU Daycare takes fieldtrip to bookstore to hear stories about Clifford

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Clifford the Big Red Dog visited the EWU Bookstore on Jan. 25, delighting the preschoolers from Eastern's daycare.

Norman Bridwell started writing the "Clifford" illustrated book series in 1963.

The "runt" of the litter has grown into several television shows on PBS and many different stories involving the Big Red Dog. Children today still love Clifford because of his sense of humor and helpful heart.

Terra Boling, a senior and education major, opened the meet-and-greet by reading "The Small Red Puppy" and "Clifford the Champion."

The children, ranging in age from two to four years old, laughed and asked questions about Clifford.

They were especially interested in learning that Clifford was the runt of his litter and through the love of his owner, Emily Elizabeth, he grew to be over 25 feet in height.

"They were very interactive with the 'Small Red Puppy' because they didn't understand that Clifford was once small. They got into the stories pretty good, it was nice," Boling said.

Once the stories were read, it was time to meet Clifford.

Escorted by Lowell Simonsen, the general book buyer for the



Photo courtesy of the EWU Bookstore
Clifford the Big Red Dog danced and barked during his visit to the EWU Bookstore.

bookstore, Clifford came out to entertain the children.

They stared in shock and excitement as he danced, barked and wagged his tail.

For 3-year-old Carter, this was the best part. "He wiggled his tail, and he did it again and again," he said.

The children also made red paper Clifford ears, complete with a black nose.

Trey, a 3-year-old, was especially fond of his ears. "I am Clifford now," he said.

Erin Contreras, an assistant preschool teacher at the daycare, enjoyed watching the children interact with Clifford.

Stanfill:

continued from front

Bennett was surprised by how much money was raised and the amount of T-shirts that were sold.

"I think it's awesome that so many people felt like it was a big

deal," Benett said.

Stanfill will be graduating in June and will leave ideas and objectives for other graduate assistants to implement after she is gone.

Among these items will be plans to continue breast cancer awareness at the URC, as well as promoting men's

health in November.

"We were thinking of doing breast cancer awareness and then turning around and doing prostate cancer awareness, so that we are representing everybody," Stanfill said.

Want to help? Donate at <http://uw5.komen.org>.

Visit
<http://bit.ly/Akqfis>
for updates,
photos and videos
from SpIFF.



Photo by Frank McNeilly
Matthew Modine (left) and Trish Harnetiaux talk about Modine's latest film at a panel during the Spokane International Film Festival.

Eastern gets visit from Hollywood actor

"Visionquest" star gives advice to Eastern film students, presents his latest film

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The film department welcomed an actor who has kept a low profile in Hollywood despite working with some of the most well-known actors and directors in the film industry.

Matthew Modine, best known for his performance as Private Joker in "Full Metal Jacket," came to Eastern to talk to student actors and directors in the film program.

Modine is not a stranger to Spokane.

His 1985 film, "Vision Quest" was filmed in Spokane at Rogers High School, Ferris High School, Shadle Park High School, North Central High School and The Onion restaurant in downtown Spokane.

Students were treated to a showing of Modine's new film, "Jesus Was a Commie," a short film which he wrote, directed and starred in. The film was also shown at the Bing Crosby Theatre in Spokane on Jan. 27.

Senior Jarvis Lunalo, an actor at Eastern, enjoyed Modine's visit.



Photo by Frank McNeilly
Modine presented his latest film, "Jesus Was a Commie."

"Seeing someone like him and seeing what he's achieved ... and doing something he loves to do. That in itself I got from this [visit]," Lunalo said.

Modine explained how Charlie Chaplin's final speech from "The Great Dictator," which he considers to be one of the greatest speeches ever written, inspired him as an actor.

"The speech that [Chaplin] gives is an extraordinary speech. ... If you want to do a monologue as an actor, memorize that and take

that to an audition," Modine said. "It's one of the strongest, most peaceful, loving, human speeches ever written."

Modine has worked with Hollywood legends including Stanley Kubrick, Oliver Stone, Al Pacino, Jason Statham and Christopher Nolan.

Modine talked about his experience working on the upcoming film "The Dark Knight Rises" and described what Nolan did that made him a stand-out director.

"The thing that was real-

ly a pleasure about working with Christopher Nolan that I haven't had in 20 years is having a director without a monitor. ... He watched the actors, no chairs on the set. He stood up the whole time we were making the movie, never sat down."

Lunalo said that Modine's advice on working with a director as an actor was really helpful.

"[It's] the essence of having to talk to a director if you have an issue with something. Most actors are afraid of asking questions. ... I have always gone with what the director says all the time. [I] never knew you could talk to them."

Junior Jathan Great-house is a film major who was inspired by Modine to try different methods with his work.

"I learned that he's a lot more than just an actor," Greathouse said. "He's someone who deeply cares about the human condition and making the world a better place. He's honestly doing what he can to inform people that their decisions are a lot more important in terms of film, theater and music."

Mayhem Poets are far from ordinary

Trio performed mix of spoken word poetry, comedy

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When people think of a poetry event, images of a dimmed basement cafe featuring a stage with a single spotlight and a microphone for one solemn looking poet spewing their innermost thoughts and feelings in exchange for a few self assuring snaps from audience members may come to mind.

Those who were lucky enough to see the Mayhem Poets perform Jan. 26 will definitely have a brand new outlook on poetry.

Composed of three friends — Kyle Sutton, Scott Tarazezits and Mason Granger — the Mayhem Poets put a unique and personal spin on spoken-word poetry.

Their show, hosted by Eagle Entertainment, was lively, smart, and interactive. The crowd was excited to see them and they, in turn, provided the audience with an exciting show.

As a group they have all worked incredibly hard to get where they are now and don't plan on stopping any time soon.

Apart from poetry, the members of the Mayhem Poets each have their own individual talents.

Sutton has released two hip-hop singles, one featuring KRS-One, and is currently working on his debut album.

Tarazezits is working on writing a novel.

In the next five years they hope to do much bigger things with poetry. One of their goals is to incorporate spoken word into a television sitcom.

With the shared goal of wanting to access all sorts of people through spoken word, the three friends collaborated to form the Mayhem Poets.

Because of the poets' unique spin on spoken word, they won first place in the 2006 Microsoft Idea Wins Challenge.

They were awarded a grant for \$100,000 and were featured on "The Today Show" and "Eyewitness News".

However, their success didn't happen overnight.

Follow Mayhem Poets on Twitter @mayhempoets or individually @kylerapps, @scottravenT @maysongranger

They worked hard and practiced to get to where they are today.

"Learning to do poetry is a lot like how people prepare for stand up comedy. You just have to go to a lot of open mic nights and put yourself out there" said Sutton. "It's all about learning to connect with different types of audiences."

The group is currently on a 60-college tour, taking them all around the country and the world.

The trio has performed in all types of settings, from colleges to detention centers to hospitals and even elementary schools.

The three of them all whole-heartedly believe that everyone is capable of learning from and being inspired by poetry.

In their eight years of being professional poets, they have gained more and more popularity and success.

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Use this Q-R Code to check out footage of the event online or go to EasternerOnline.com

Healthy eating options on campus are not as few as they seem

Dining Services provides a multitude of meal options

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Cold weather creates difficulty for students searching for fresh produce in order to get their vitamins and minerals.

EWU Dining Services has made an effort to supply students with healthy options for all their snacking needs.

Students may need to peruse the selection before reaching for their usual pre-packaged convenience item.

Fruits and vegetables are abundant at many of the dining locations on campus.

Baldy's has apples, bananas and oranges located next to the entrance. In addition, their island has a vegetarian side with an array of salad materials, vegetable dishes and fruit.

Yogurt and fruit parfaits can be found in the cold case along with pre-made salads and sandwiches.

The pre-packaged items have grown in sales, according to Dining Services Director Dave McKay.

"We struggle with the mobility of food. ... Our students want mobile food," McKay said.

Not only have pre-packaged sales gone up, but to-go containers are being used frequently as well.

Swoop's is a location brimming with healthy choices.

An array of vegetables are available for students to use on sandwiches.

As for their burritos, McKay says the unhealthiest thing is the tortilla. By choosing their "Beached Burrito," students rid themselves of 320 Calories. All meats used in the burritos are roasted.

For any of the melts, two sourdough rounds are used instead of a whole bun to cut Calories. Also available are "Docked Subs," — a sandwich without the bun.

Every day, the bread used on campus is baked fresh at Tawanka, and in the croissants, margarine is used as an alternative to butter to lower the fat content.

At Main Street Dining, a buffet-style dining location, various vegetables and fruits are served on the island.

Frozen yogurt that is low in fat and lactose free is also available.

In the Eagle Express Market, many convenience store items are available.

Some healthy snacks such as bagel and cream cheese in the morning, pick up a sausage or ham muffin from Baldy's.

"Our PUB muffin sandwich upstairs with cheese, egg [and] sausage on it is lower in calorie [and] lower in fat than a bagel and cream cheese," said McKay.

Director of Health, Wellness & Prevention Services

ones are available. "Best Maid" cookies and cereal treats are available by the cash registers at various dining locations.

"For the same price, they could basically buy an orange or an apple or a banana," McKay said. "They choose a cookie. Does that mean in looking out for their wellness, do we take the cookies away? It's that conscious choice as a consumer we all make every day."

McKay encourages students to voice their concerns. Students can fill out online comment cards on the EWU Dining Services web page to suggest changes or additions they would like to see.


Any student with a special diet is urged to attend the beginning of the year start-up meeting to let any management or supervisor know about their needs.

Changing eating habits doesn't happen overnight, but small choices can lead to a healthier you.

Rather than choosing a bagel and cream cheese in the morning, pick up a sausage or ham muffin from Baldy's.

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What's Cooking?

Seasonal Salad

Ingredients:

- 1 Bunch of kale
- 1 Naval orange
- 1 Small can of mandarin oranges in light syrup
- 3-4 Red radishes
- 2 Carrots
- Olive oil (3 tbs)
- Salt & pepper

Directions:

1. Rinse the kale under cool water and tear up into medium pieces. Set aside in serving bowl.
2. Cut the greens off the radishes, rinse radishes, slice into thin discs. Set aside.
3. Rinse and peel carrots. Cut the carrots lengthwise and cut them in halves or thirds. You should have some carrot sticks.
4. In another bowl juice the orange and add olive oil. Whisk together with a fork to create a dressing. Add salt and pepper to taste.

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Try this seasonal salad made with kale, oranges, radishes and carrots for a healthy winter meal.

Michelle Pingree suggests that people pack a lunch from home or bring their main food from home and get a piece of fruit or soup from a dining location.

Taking time to check the nutrition facts of what you are eating can also benefit students.

Pingree says taking the time to research the food you want to eat before going out is a useful tool in making healthy choices.

Jen Ropp, a registered dietitian who works for Rockwood Clinic, has a few tips for students to get the proper

amount of vegetables and fruit off campus.

She suggests using frozen vegetables because there isn't a lot of other ingredients added that make it less nutritional.

If canned vegetables are the only available option, drain the liquid from the can and cook the vegetables in new, clean water.

The liquid in the can has preservatives and extra sodium that lessens the nutritional value.

Canned fruit that has light syrup or contains fruit in its own juices is another

option.

V8 juices are also another effective way to get the recommended daily servings of fruit and vegetables.

Taking a multi-vitamin will ensure a healthy intake of vitamins and minerals, too.

She also says that any time there is a choice to eat something with vegetables, ask if more can be added.

Making time to look at all the options is a key component to making healthier choices and creating an overall healthy lifestyle.

Upcoming
EWU
Sports

Feb. 2

EWU
Men's Basketball
vs. Northern Arizona
at Flagstaff, Ariz.
at 5:35 p.m.

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

Feb. 3

EWU
Track and Field
in Vandal/Runners Soul
at Moscow, Idaho
at 9 a.m.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Washington State
at Pullman, Wash.
at 9:30 a.m.

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EWU
Men's Tennis
vs. Northern Colorado
at 5 p.m.

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EWU
Men's Hockey
vs. Victoria
at 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 4

EWU
Track and Field
in Vandal/Runners Soul
at Moscow, Idaho
at 9 a.m.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Northern Colorado
at 10 a.m.

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EWU
Women's Basketball
vs. Sacramento State
at Sacramento, Calif.
at 2:05 p.m.

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EWU
Men's Tennis
vs. Seattle
at 5 p.m.

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

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EWU
Men's Hockey
vs. Victoria
at 7:30 p.m.

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EWU
Women's Hockey
vs. Montana
at Missoula, Mont.
at 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 5

EWU
Women's Hockey
vs. Montana
at Missoula, Mont.
at 9:15 a.m.

Feb. 9

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

Feb. 10

EWU
Track and Field
in UW Open
at Seattle
at 8:30 a.m.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Boise State
at Boise, Idaho
at 2 p.m.

Cougars split victories with Eagles

Team wears camo to honor military

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Brawls, ejections and rowdy crowds made for a tightly contested double-header on Jan. 27 and 28 at the URC between Eastern Eagle JV hockey and the visiting Washington State Cougars.

Erik Sherman's goal late in the second period lifted Eastern into a 2-2 tie with WSU on Jan. 27.

It proved to be the final score of the game and the Eagles' first tie of the regular season.

On Jan. 28, WSU built a two-goal lead heading into the third period. A furious EWU rally with two goals in the first three minutes of play evened the score to a familiar 2-2 tie. With just 43 seconds left in the final period, a critical mistake by Eastern left the net wide open. The Cougars capitalized and escaped Cheney with a 3-2 victory.

"Little mistakes can cost you a game," said head coach Greg Sherman. "I can tell you that much."

After the weekend's games, EWU JV hockey's regular season record is 4-4-1.

The opening game of the doubleheader was a defensive battle.

The Cougars scored twice in the first period, but Eagle goalie BJ Leach would not allow another goal in the final 40 minutes.

"He played probably one of the better games this season," said team captain Matt Randall. "He was just



Photo by Casey Picha

Eastern's house hockey held a military appreciation night for the second game against the Washington State Cougars on Jan. 28.

standing on his head. I don't think we would have stuck in this game without Leach down there in the net."

In the third period Eastern's Sloan Tennant nearly broke the tie on a two-on-one fast break, but once the shot deflected harmlessly off WSU goalie Paul Garneau's padding, the Eagles could not generate another quality opportunity.

"I thought [we] played pretty good," Sherman said, "but a few mistakes with the puck in the beginning of the game cost us those first couple goals. We

missed some scoring opportunities."

Leach was given the game puck for his performance Friday night.

"Games like this [are] what you play hockey for," Leach said. One mistake, one mess-up, one screw-up and all of a sudden, it's a 3-2 game one way or the other."

Friday's atmosphere only served as a precursor for the second game of the weekend on Saturday, Jan. 28. On military appreciation night, the 850-seat ice rink was nearly full after both teams' fans arrived in

force, including a bus full of WSU fans.

Within the first three minutes, it was clear how high emotions were running. WSU defenseman Andrew Efronson was ejected for fighting, but the Cougars still managed to build a two-goal lead.

The first two periods were controlled by WSU. However, in the third period, Eastern stepped on the ice with a renewed energy and higher level of play after Sherman reminded them what they were fighting for during intermission.

"In the locker room, we

talked about the military," Sherman said. "We can play hockey and go to school and go to work and have jobs and family because of what the military does every day for this country. So I just told them, 'Go out there and dedicate the game to them.' And they bought into it."

Amid loud chants of "Lets go Eagles," and "Go Cougs" from the stands, Eastern's Vince Slawter buried the Eagles' first goal off of a rebound, assisted by Jeff Umemoto.

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Spokane sisters join EWU women's hockey

New arrivals embrace underdog position

By Kyle Franko
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FOR THE EASTERNER

Growing up, two self-professed "tomboys" as Melissa and Vanessa Vargas always preferred G.I. Joe to Barbie. Watching "The Mighty Ducks" started a love affair with hockey that manifested itself into skating for the EWU women's hockey club team.

Vanessa, who joined the team last November, uses her strength and skating speed to launch attacks on the opposing goal and is not shy about showing her gleeful emotions after scoring.

Goal scoring is Vanessa's specialty. In the team's last game, she had her first hat trick as an Eagle when EWU stomped the Seattle Women's Hockey club 7-1 on Jan. 22.

Vanessa recruited her older sister, Melissa, in January to play goalie. Melissa made her first start Jan. 13 versus the Spokane Women's club, a tightly contested one goal loss. In her two starts for EWU, she has allowed two goals per game. In comparison, the Eagles' defense had never allowed fewer than three goals in one game the entire season.

According to head coach Pat Hanlon, the Vargas sisters bring



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Melissa and Vanessa Vargas played on the Spokane Women's team before EWU.

experience, knowledge and wisdom to the club that they had acquired from playing hockey for 12 years.

"They definitely bring a new

dimension to us," Hanlon said. "They've got a lot of experience. The other kids definitely feed off of what they're doing, ... their energy."

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Erikkson and Russell: a dynamic duo on the tennis court

Doubles partners rock the Big Sky

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The tennis team has two players that have played together since last year and hold an impressive 22-5 record to date.

Darren Haworth, the head coach for men's and women's tennis, said how James Russell and Chris Erikkson made a good team.

"James has a gigantic

serve and Chris is really good at volleying," Haworth said. "Both of them also return really well."

Chris Erikkson and James Russell played against each other before they were paired up last year. They played each other at a national tennis tournament in San Antonio when they were both 16 years old.

"It's a funny story be-

cause we didn't start playing together at the start of the year last year," Erikkson said. "When the doubles teams got mixed around, the coach decided to throw me and James together and it meshed right away."

Russell found his passion for tennis at a very young age.

"I've been playing tennis

since I was about five or six years old," Russell said. "It was at a club in Iowa [and] then I started getting serious when I moved to the Seattle area."

One thing Erikkson said was how relaxing tennis can be.

"It's an easy way out of having a bad day," Erikkson said. "The court is a kind of place to forget a lot of things."

"On the court, it depends on the day of practice," Erikkson said. "We play a lot of points, just to get into the rhythm. That's most benefi-

TENNIS-PAGE 4



Photo by Josh Friesen

More than 40 teams from Washington competed in the Special Olympics' East Region Basketball Tournament. Rather than playing for a championship, athletes were encouraged to try their best on the court.

EWU hosts Special Olympics' basketball tournament

Washington athletes learn life lessons

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This is the eighth year that EWU has hosted the East Region Basketball Tournament.

This year, there were over 40 teams participating with families coming from as far away as Yakima, Wash.

East Region Sports and Program Manager Jill Ives has been event's coordinator for the past ten years.

To her, the satisfaction of watching the athletes play is worth the endless hours of preparation.

"After doing all the planning for the event, ... you actually get to see the athletes compete against each other," Ives said. "My biggest take-away is happy families [and] happy athletes."

Ives believes that the event is important not only because it instills the value of sportsmanship but it also imparts daily living skills.

"[Special Olympics] provides an opportunity for people with intellectual disabilities to compete with individuals of equal ability," she said.

For Davenport, Wash. native Jenna Sterner, the tournament is a great way to get her 24-year-old brother Clay to socialize with others.

Sterner first heard about the Special Olympics through a friend.

After some questioning about age requirements, she got her brother involved right away.

Although traveling for practices is the biggest obstacle for her and her brother, Sterner feels that everything else works out fine.

She did mention, however, that if she was closer, her brother Clay would be more involved.



Photo by Josh Friesen



Photos above by Evan Sykes

2012 is the eighth year Eastern has hosted the Special Olympics' East Region Basketball Tournament. Eastern previously hosted the Special Olympics' East Region Spring Games on May 13, 2011. According to East Region Sports and Program Manager Jill Ives, athletes not only competed against each other, but also learned the value of sportsmanship, work ethic and daily living skills. In addition to the 40 teams that participated in the tournament, there were several volunteers helping the athletes, including students from Cheney High School and Eastern Washington.



EWU Sports
in Brief



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Road wins bring Eagles to second in Big Sky — The Eagles women’s basketball team won their third straight game as they defeated the Montana State Bobcats in Bozeman, Mont., 66-42, Jan. 28. In a battle for second place in the Big Sky Conference, the Eagles were able to capture the lead early, despite the Bobcats scoring the first basket. Eastern was once again led in scoring by senior Brianne Ryan, who had 22 points. Behind Ryan was fellow senior Chene Cooper who scored 13 points. Cooper also joined Ryan for scoring 1000 points in her career.

Track shatters records, adds qualifiers — The Eastern track and field team added several qualifiers for the Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships at the UW Team Invitational, Jan. 28. In addition to having more qualifiers for the championships, three records were broken at the invitational. Junior transfer Keisa Monterola broke the Big Sky Conference Indoor pole vaulting record with 14-4 1/4, while senior Kersee Lind once again broke the school record in the heptathlon with a score of 1,598. Junior Robin Taylor broke her personal record in the pole vault with, 12-6 1/4, qualifying for the championships on Feb.24-25.

Men’s Tennis beats Whitman and Whitworth — The EWU men’s tennis team is now 2-2 for the season after defeating Whitman 5-2 on Jan. 28 and shutting out Whitworth 7-0 on Jan.29.

Redhawks edge out Women’s Tennis — The EWU women’s tennis team resumed their season, losing to the Seattle Redhawks 4-3 on Jan. 28.

Football wins Sports Story of the Year — The EWU football team will have one more their trophy to add to the case as they recieved the “Sports Story of the Year” Award at the 77th annual Sports Star of the Year awards show. The Eagles were nominated for their 2010 season where they compiled an overall season record of 13-2, and won the NCAA Division I Football Championship. Head Coach Beau Baldwin and Athletic Director Bill Chaves accepted the award on behalf of the team and the rest of Eastern.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Junior forward Collin Chiverton only scored eight points in the game against the Montana State Bobcats. Chiverton continues to lead the Eagles in scoring with 375 points.

Eagles claw Montana State Bobcats

Basketball snaps losing streak

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At the middle point of the second half of the game, the fans couldn’t help but nervously glance at the scoreboard as Montana State University pulled within four points of the Eagles. The Eagles have been victims to several come-backs this year, but on this specific night, they broke their four-game losing streak. With the Bobcats in possession and looking to make it a one-score game, Eagles guard Cliff Colimon poked

the ball loose for a steal and on the fast break, found a Cliff Ederaine streaking down the court for a one-handed slam. It was only one play, but it was as if the whole team was injected with a shot of adrenaline as they went on to close the game in a commanding fashion. Ederaine and fellow senior forward Laron Griffin closed the game on both sides of the court. They led the team with a combined 29 points while simultaneously putting on a defensive clinic by stepping in the driving lanes for charges, skyring for demoralizing blocks, hustling for steals and muscling rebounds.

The results of the Eagles’ defense were 30.8 percent shooting, 20 turnovers and only one scorer in double figures for the Bobcats. “This is our best defensive game of the year,” said head coach Jim Hayford. “Montana State is playing really good basketball right now and I couldn’t be more proud of our guys and the coaching staff for shutting them down. We really needed this win. We needed some things to fall our way and so it feels good to go to bed with a win tonight.” Griffin had a big game with a double-double of 12 points and 14 rebounds. Most of his points came from the inside on dunks. Getting rejected by the defense one

time didn’t discourage Griffin from serving up a few facials, including one that evoked a technical foul. “I’m just trying to finish strong,” Griffin said. “I got nine games left in my career and I just want to go all out.” Griffin wasn’t the only one finishing strong. Ederaine also had a couple of jams, but it was his four fouls that showed his strength. Fouls don’t usually get praised, unless they prevent an easy score and send a message to the other team. “No layups, No layups. I take pride in that. I take pride in my defense. No layups, I don’t care who it is” Ederaine said. In the last game, Ederaine was called for a flagrant

foul, but he has no remorse and isn’t about to change his defensive approach. “I just fouled him hard; I wasn’t really trying to kill him, just making sure he wouldn’t score. He wasn’t going to score on me,” Ederaine said. Other note-ables on offense were Tremayne Johnson with 11 and Parker Kelly with eight points off the bench. Eagles improved their record to 10-12 and a conference record of 4-5, which is sixth in the Big Sky. “We had a complete defensive effort against a team that has been playing very, very well so I’m just really proud of our players,” Hayford said.



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One of the finalists climbing to the top.

Eastern wins Climbtastic Voyage by a landslide

Club rises above competition

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Excitement and pandemonium filled the University Recreation Center as the Climbtastic Voyage competition kicked off with it’s bouldering competition, a type of climbing that uses no ropes. In the end, Eastern won the competition, beating other colleges such as: Washington State University, University of Washington, Western Washington University, Central Washington University and University of Idaho. Several different puzzling walls were constructed both at the EPIC climbing wall and at a man-made climbing wall

outside of The Roost. Climbers from all over the Inland Northwest climbed the walls, experiencing a rush of adrenaline and motivation from the cheering crowd below. The competition gave climbers a chance to meet other climbers from different universities in the northwest. Senida Monroy, a sophomore, participated in her first climbing competition. Monroy had always wanted to get into climbing. “My family has been an outdoorsy family since I was a kid,” Monroy said. “Just seeing [climbing] magazines and shopping at REI, seeing the walls made me always want to do [climbing]. I never got the opportunity until college.” Bryan Brown, a junior, enjoys climbing as a way

of relaxing and letting go. “I think mentally it’s a great way to get your mind away from everything,” Brown said. One of Brown’s inspirations for climbing came from the Sylvester Stallone film, “Cliffhanger.” “In ‘Cliffhanger,’ [Stallone] is just muscling through everything and getting his sweat on,” Brown said. “[‘Cliffhanger’] is what I think of when I’m in an overhang.” Jordan Wood, a sophomore, cycled from Oregon to Washington D.C. in the summer of 2011. In addition to being an avid cyclist, he has a passion for climbing. “I’m excited more than anything else [for the Climbtastic Voyage]. I’m a big climber.” According to Wood, he doesn’t think of climbing as an adrenaline rush but

he thinks of it as another form of exercise that he enjoys doing. Monroy believes climbing is as much as a social sport as running or skiing. “[Climbing] is the type of sport where you can do it on your own or you can do it with a group of people,” Monroy said. For Brown, indoor climbing helped him prepare for outdoor climbing. “I started gym climbing [indoors] so I could get enough ability to start climbing outdoors,” Brown said. “Outdoors is where a lot of [climbers] really try to make goals happen and gym climbing is a good way to get your fitness and abilities up.” Eastern remains undefeated in the Climbtastic Voyage competition, winning three years in a row.

Ojeda:

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Ojeda credits her increased confidence as a key factor for her success this season. Primarily a defensive specialist early in her career, this year she has been expected to contribute offensively. “Coach told me we have to get more production in the paint this year,” Ojeda said. “So I just took over and had a lot more confidence shooting the ball.” Schuller said, “In real simple terms, she has fig-



Ojeda

ured it out. We knew there was tremendous potential in her, and we just continue to push her until almost at breaking point to get her at her very best.” As the starting center, Ojeda oversees positioning on defense and helps her teammates make sure they are in the right spots. With a young squad, Ojeda has become a leader on the court. She has helped freshman post players Morganne Comstock and Melissa Williams develop their games. Though she has taken on many new approaches this season, Ojeda maintains a strong defensive presence in games. She leads the Big Sky in blocks, averaging 1.8 blocks per game. “I love blocking shots,”

Ojeda said. “That’s what I live for.” Ojeda’s approach to the game could be considered more humble than most would expect from a player of her caliber. There’s no specific player she idolizes or models her game after, “I just play [the game],” she said. Assistant coach Raelynn Chaffee, a former post player for Eastern, helped recruit Ojeda and has watched her grow as a player. “Carrie’s story is one of the reasons why people get into coaching,” Chaffee said. “She’s made the right decisions and shown what she’s capable of.” Originally predicted to finish seventh in the conference this season, East-

ern has played with a chip on its shoulder and currently sits second in the standings. According to Ojeda, the team is often underestimated. Two seasons ago they were given the same prediction but went on to win the Big Sky League title. “We took it as, ‘If they’re going to pick us at seventh again, we’re just going to turn around and win the league again,’” Ojeda said. Ojeda’s goal for the rest of the season is to make an all-conference team, which is something her coaches believe is very reachable. “Each game she’s getting better and better,” Chaffee said. “I think it’s absolutely an attainable goal.” Schuller said that Ojeda understands what it will

take to earn that award in terms of statistics, team success and matchups with other top post players who have made all-conference teams before. “If you want to take their all-conference status away from them, you have to be better than them.” Schuller said. Ojeda was a member of the conference champion team her freshman year, but was only a minor contributor for that team. Making a title run this season would be a bigger accomplishment to her. For Ojeda, another ring would be the perfect ending to her break-through season. “I’m hoping that this year will be the highlight of my career,” she said.