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## This week

### DON'T MISS:

**Smiles for Veterans** is March 3 at Riverpoint Campus. Any college students who are veterans and have no dental insurance can call the Dental Hygiene Clinic by Feb. 25. There are 75 spots. Appointments are \$10 and include exams, X-rays, assessments and cleanings.

**The Partnership in Employment Career Fair** is Feb. 29, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Preregister for the event at <http://ewu-csm.symlicity.com/students/>.

**Antony and Cleopatra** will be performed by the Theatre Program on March 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m., March 11 at 2 p.m. and March 15 at 5 p.m.

Robert Tomlinson's **"Original Weather"** will be exhibited in the Art Gallery until March 15.

The Jazz Residency with Tom Molter will be on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Building Recital Hall. The music that evening will feature the EWU Lab Jazz Band and Repertory Jazz Ensemble.

The EWU Composer's Forum Concert with director Jonathan Middleton will be on March 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Building Recital Hall.



Women students, particularly women of color are welcome to the **Weaving the Threads: An Evening of Women's Empowerment** to visit with successful community women. The purpose is of the evening is to strengthen the inter-woven bond between multi-cultural women. The event is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on March 1, in the Walter and Myrtle Powers Reading Room, Hargreaves Hall. Register at [www.ewu.edu/weavingthreads/](http://www.ewu.edu/weavingthreads/)

# Two GOP candidates campaign for area votes



Photo by Josh Friesen

**GOP hopeful Rick Santorum spoke for 45 minutes and then took questions for another hour. After the questions, he posed for pictures and signed autographs for his supporters. Santorum, who was accompanied by his daughter Elizabeth, championed for smaller government during his speech. The Hagadone Events Center in Coeur d'Alene filled quickly. Many Santorum supporters were turned away by police due to the building being filled to maximum capacity.**

## Private education key for Santorum

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In between candid remarks about his golf game and Valentine's Day flowers for his wife, presidential hopeful Rick Santorum spoke at the Hagadone Events Center, where he focused on key issues that he felt the country needed to address.

According to Santorum,

education run by the government is flawed and education needs to begin at the parental level.

"For the majority of time in this country, there were no government-run schools. We had private education. We had local education," he said. "Parents actually controlled the education of their children. What a great idea that is."

Santorum, who has enjoyed a recent surge in popularity among conser-

vatives, spoke first about the character of the United States. Santorum said he believes fundamental government ideals would be swept aside under the Obama administration.

"The president has a fundamental misunderstanding of what America is," Santorum said. "America's government was not there to redistribute wealth. ... It was not there

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## Paul rallies voters for March caucus

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The Spokane Convention Center was full of supporters who came out to see one of the most famous faces in the media vying for the 2012 Republican nomination.

Ron Paul discussed issues that included returning to constitutional principles, limiting funding to the Federal Reserve and a call for action to limit government intervention.

Although Paul has not won any primary caucuses yet, he finished second place behind Mitt Romney in the Maine Republican



Photo by Frank McNeilly

**Ron Paul greets the gathering crowd after his address.**

caucuses on Feb. 11.

The crowd remained quiet during Paul's speech, but when his words about the U.S. government echoed

across the room, the crowd roared with cheers.

Paul feels that the U.S

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Photo by Dylan Coil

**Lobby day students, including ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña, protest outside the state capitol.**

## Putting a face to higher education

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Sitting on the opposite side of Washington state from Cheney, Olympia is not the easiest place for Eastern students to travel to, but that did not stop 25 of them from barging on the state capitol to make their presence known to state representatives and senators.

Monday, Feb. 20, ASEWU, partnered with the Washington Student Association and a group of non-affiliated Eastern students, lobbied the state government to give more support to higher education.

"Being that we're from Eastern, it actually does have a huge impact. We have the five-hour drive between Olympia and Cheney, so when Eastern is here there is that impact of, 'we are Eastern, we are here,'" ASEWU Legislative Liaison Shelby Pelon said.

As legislative liaison,

Pelon spends her days in Olympia holding an intern-like position where she communicates to state leaders about the dire state of higher education.

"The most important thing I think [students] could communicate is their story," said Pelon. "It's one thing for me to be over here telling them to fund higher education and giving them statistics and telling them that my students think this, but when I have students sharing their stories about how state need grants have helped them or how other sources of financial aid have helped them, it really does make all the difference."

Monday's events began with students touring the state capitol and becoming familiar with Washington's political system. This was followed by either scheduled or informal, last minute lobby sessions with state representatives or senators, with the day's activities ending in a rally protest.

Lobby sessions included students sharing personal stories of how cuts to higher education have affected them in a negative way with students encouraged to ask representatives for their support at the end of their statements.

"I was sharing about how my life-long passion is wanting to be a lawyer and the reasons why I want to do that and how I am involved with five different things on campus and how financial aid used to support me 100 percent," said Eastern government major Marina Chibidakis, who attended lobby day. "The state is covering less and less, so I have to pay back more and more and the dream of becoming a lawyer is becoming minimized."

Students from each of Washington's public universities were in attendance at lobby day 2012. The capitol building crawled with

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## Students feel taxed with February filings

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Almost every student on campus has thought about it at least once in the month of February. It is not the day off from classes students get in celebration of past presidents or going on a big date for Valentine's Day. It is filing taxes.

February is the month that students receive their W-2's from all the jobs they have worked in the past year. The student documents and tuition statements, usually consisting of a 1098-T, are also available on EagleNet. Collecting the necessary supporting documents is critical to making the filing process easier.

So, like any other school project, research is the key for students who are filing their own taxes. "You are not going to get very far without that stuff," said Susan Megard, professor of taxation and accounting.

The first thing that students have to determine is if they are a dependent of their parents, which affects what can be deducted. Those students have a limited standard deduction and do not get a personal exemption. In most cases, dependent students will have their parents file for them.

Specifically for independent, those students who are not eligible to be claimed by their parents, there are many different tips to know before getting started.

Two different education credits are available to independent students: The Amer-

ican Opportunity Credit, for the first four years of college, and the Lifetime Learning Credit, which can be used at any point during the college years.

"The biggest thing we run into is the education credits. The only way they would usually be able to take the education credit is if they have paid for tuition and books using any loan money or out of their own pocket," Kali Speerstra, office manager at H & R Block in Cheney, said.

The IRS offers free filing using their online resource, IRS.gov. "If they have no option

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1. Find out if you can claim yourself to get the education credits.
2. Use the 1040EZ if possible, but if eligible for education credits use the 1040A.
3. A lot of students do not think they need to file, but they should file anyway. Often the employer has over-withheld on their income taxes.
4. Students who worked a summer job may have overpaid. Filing would result in a refund.
5. Use previous returns and IRS.gov to help answer any questions.
6. To speed your refund, electronically file and use direct deposit.

# Sting curbs crosswalk collisions



Time lapse of students crossing Washington Street at the crosswalk near the Phase and the Science Building.

Photo by Evan Sykes

## Unyielding drivers and jaywalkers face costly citations

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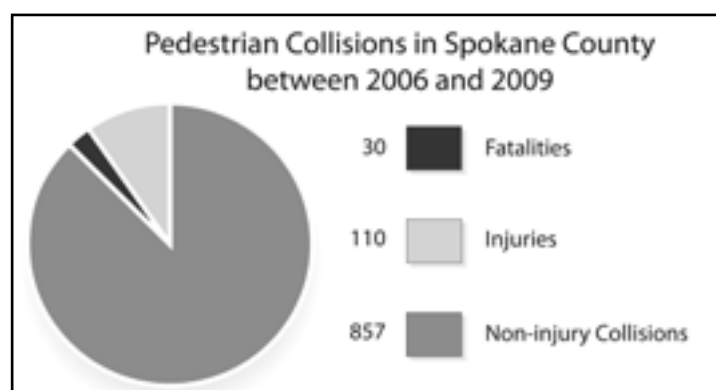
Undercover police officers are crossing the streets of Cheney to ensure pedestrian safety at the crosswalks.

The Cheney Police Department is teaming up with the Spokane Regional Health District and will be issuing citations to drivers and pedestrians who disobey street-crossing rules.

According to a press release issued by the Spokane Regional Health District, every month in Spokane County, an average of 20 pedestrians and bicyclists are hit by a car.

Three percent of the 997 hit in collisions between 2006 and 2009 died and another 11 percent were seriously injured.

There will be a total of four patrols, three of which already took place successfully, according to Cheney Chief of Police John Hensley.



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Through the "Stickman Knows" campaign, police plan to decrease pedestrian collisions, which totaled 997 in 2006 through 2009.

All of these patrols are part of the health district's safety campaign for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists called "Stickman Knows".

Approximately \$200,000 was funded by Spokane Regional Transportation Council for the Stickman Knows campaign through a Transportation Enhancement grant given by the Washington Department of Transportation, according to the Spokane

Regional Health District press release.

The patrols will evaluate safety by sending a plain-clothed police officer across the crosswalks to determine whether the drivers yield, allowing them to cross safely, according to Hensley.

"If they don't, then we'll pull them over and give them a citation," Hensley said.

Reckless drivers are not the only ones who will be

observed. Any pedestrians who jaywalk will be stopped for citations also. Motorists failing to yield will be fined \$124 and pedestrians crossing illegally will be fined \$56, according to the Spokane Regional Health District press release.

During the patrol held on Feb. 2, 14 citations were issued and one driver was pulled over and arrested for driving with a suspended license, according to Hensley.

David Ulyanchuk, a history major at EWU, feels safe using the crosswalks around campus.

"Most cars stop right away. They see you and they stop," Ulyanchuk said. "Once in a while, you see somebody who whizzes by, ... like I'll be walking and I'll catch them out of the corner of my eye and stop right away. I would see why [the police] would do it because even [with] those few people, that's kind of dangerous."

## Funding approval hinges on committee decisions

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The Service and Activities Fee Committee is currently reviewing requests for funding from clubs and organizations on campus.

Last year, there was a total of \$4.6 million allocated for all the clubs and organizations on campus, which is then split up among them by the Board of Trustees and the Service and Activities Fee Committee.

The Service and Activities Fee Committee pours through page after page of requests for funding. Every club or organization must submit a funding proposal.

After Vice President of Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster sends out a call for proposals, those considered for funding must present their budget. They will then have to prepare a budget that breaks down all their expenses. This includes salaries for full or part time staff, graduate assistant salaries, and direct expenses such as travel costs and supplies.

The clubs and organizations also have to answer a series of questions on the date set by the Vice President of Student Affairs, who then reviews them.

"We schedule people to come in and explain why they need the money they're asking for, especially if there's a huge jump in one year to the next, and we grill them on why there's such a big jump," Kaleb Hoffer, ASEWU finance vice president and chair of the Service and Activities Fee Committee, said.

All of this information determines how much money each group or organization on campus will receive.

"We have to use the money we have available as a tool because there's just not enough money," Hoffer said.

All of it is then put together and presented to the board of trustees for review. They make any recommendations they believe need to be addressed. The Service and Activities Fee Committee then reviews the recommendations and makes any changes. However, the board of trustees has the final say.

"When it goes back to them they will set it at what they want to set it at," Hoffer said.

The Service and Activities fee (S&A) come from the mandatory fee that is part of tuition payment.

The university breaks it all down into three different categories: the general operation fee, which pays teachers and classrooms, the building fee, which goes toward capital projects such as building Patterson Hall, and the S&A fee. This is how tuition is calculated.

Every full time student pays the S&A fee. The money is collected and trickled down, with 3.5 percent going to financial aid. Taken off of the top of that are bond payments.

Currently, debt is being paid on bonds from the PUB, housing and dining, and the URC. What remains after these payments is what the Service and Activities Fee Committee allocates to all the clubs and organizations.

However, students cannot opt out of the mandatory fees, even if they don't use the URC for fitness or STA for transportation.

"They are mandatory fees set by university," Hoffer said. "The fees were voted on by students."

There are guidelines on what clubs can and cannot use their money for.

If it is at a direct benefit for someone, e.g. political contributions, gifts, etc., then it can not come out of the Service and Activities fee. Money for that would have to come from revenue generated by the club or group.

The Service and Activities Fee Committee reviews the line items on what groups want to spend their money on, and if it is out of line with what is allowed by the fee, they would not get funding for it.

Once the money is turned over to them, it is their responsibility to use that money appropriately.

If there is a discrepancy then the committee takes note of it the following year and will cut how much money will be given to them for their future budget.

The ASEWU is not in charge of the Service and Activities fee. Members of the committee are chosen by President Arévalo, who reviews the applications and chooses the committee members.

## Career Services hosts women empowerment

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Weaving the Threads: An Evening of Women Empowerment will hold its second annual event March 1 in the Walter and Myrtle Powers Reading Room in Hargreaves Hall.

Kicking off at 5:30 p.m., the event will feature a networking workshop provided by EWU's Career Services.

"The purpose of the event is to bring community mentors of color in for students of color here on campus

so that they get some networking experiences with people from the community," said Lynn Burks-Herres. "The event will basically highlight networking with women of color."

In strengthening the bond between multicultural university women, students, faculty and community members, the event will also include keynote speaker Deborah Wilds.

Wilds is the president and chief officer of College Success Foundation. The foundation encourages students to finish high school and pursue higher education. She

served as the deputy director of the American Council on Education's Office of Minorities in higher education in Washington, D.C. and has a doctorate in education policy, planning and administration.

Burks-Herres hopes students can meet someone from their area of study and network. She also hopes students can gain networking and job opportunities from the event.

Admission is \$10 for community members and free for students, faculty and mentors. Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 24.

## Santorum:

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to create equality of income distribution in America."

"The President of the United States should know better," he said.

Santorum said that the upcoming election is one of the most important elections in recent time. While Santorum told the crowd that the election is important for many reasons, he believes the most crucial is reducing government.

"This election is about the economy. It is about jobs," Santorum said. "But ultimately, it is about the role of government in your lives."

"Four years in a row, this president has exploded the size and scale of the government," he said.

Santorum did not spare "ObamaCare" either. According to Santorum, when the

government gives the people rights, the government can tell you how to exercise those rights.

"I believe the vast majority of the American people will agree with the assumption that we're a great country because we have a limited government," Santorum said. "Why would we allow for Obama to pass ObamaCare and tell us what insurance policies we have to have?"

"Yes, Mr. Obama, we can provide for ourselves," Santorum continued. "This is our chance to repeal 'ObamaCare,' ... to elect a president who has always believed you."

Santorum spoke about Governor Mitt Romney, Santorum's main competition in the republican nomination race. Santorum believes Romney's selling point is money.

"The idea that money [is] going to win this general election is silly," Santorum said. "What's going to win this gen-

eral election is the best candidate with the best ideals."

Scott Hagerty from Colbert, Wash. was among the Santorum supporters. He believes Obama is slowly taking America away from the foundations of the Constitution.

"If we are to have any hope at all of restoring our country to a Constitutional government, we're going to have to elect somebody that believes we can do it," Hagerty said.

Nancy Penaskovic from Mead, Wash. was another supporter of the republican candidate. She said that Santorum stands for the people and they are able to take care of themselves without government intrusion.

"He believes in the people ... their abilities to take care of themselves," Penaskovic said. "He believes in our determining our own fate."

Hagerty added, "We are given inalienable rights by God and Obama wants to take those away and it's not right," he said.

If Santorum fails to win the republican nomination, Hagerty and Penaskovic agreed they would still vote against Obama.

"We'll vote for anyone, even the dog catcher," Penaskovic said.

Hagerty added, "I'll vote for the dog."

## Paul:

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Paul feels that the U.S. government has gained too much power and that more people need to get out and vote.

"If we truly want to help people, we don't do it through authoritarianism of government," Paul said. "You have to do it through volunteerism, productivity [and] enthusiasm."

Paul campaigned his support for repealing the Patriot Act. He made comparisons with the British troops invading homes and conducting searches without warrants in the 1700s.

As a member of the House of Representatives, Paul feels that congress is not doing their job to the best of their ability and advocated for change.

"Right now, we the people are way ahead of the people in Washington," Paul said. "We are demanding a change and

a return to our constitutional principals."

Lesa Baxter is a volunteer for the Ron Paul campaign and feels that if Paul was elected, he would bring good changes. She feels like Paul has a good view on how responsibility applies to everything.

According to Baxter, there wouldn't be as many unnecessary laws if Paul was elected president.

Michael Cathcart is a volunteer for the Ron Paul campaign and feels that Paul's message applies to everyone.

"The most important thing that Paul says ... is bringing people together under the banner of freedom," Cathcart said.

"[If Paul was elected], a lot of bad legislation would get stopped," Cathcart said. "I think he would take charge of foreign policy and [we'll] see changes in expenditures overseas."

Paul discussed how the economy is getting worse and that there is unnecessary

spending. Cathcart feels that those issues matter to people the most.

"I think everything is inclusive," Cathcart said. "The issues that speak to people is the economy, jobs, ... and government spending."

On Mar. 3, people in Washington state will have the chance to cast their vote in the Washington caucus.

"It's inspiring for people to actually get to hear and see a presidential candidate in person," Cathcart said. "I'm glad congressman Paul decided to come to Spokane."

Paul was satisfied from the support that people gave in Spokane.

"I thought it was fantastic," Paul said. "I think we did very well here four years ago and the turnout tonight ... [was] very supportive."

Before coming to Spokane, Ron Paul rallied in Richland, Wash. and Moscow, Idaho the same day. The number of people rallying in Spokane on Feb. 17 was around 2,300.

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## Lobby Day:

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college students eager to seek the support of state leaders in defending higher education.

The day's event quickly grew into organized chaos, with most students confronting multiple representatives in a quick-fire fashion and those same representatives responding to hundreds of students in a matter of hours.

"When you just get maybe one face that helps them back up their point, that's good. Then if you have 30 people, 30 faces that back up their point, it's power in masses as opposed to one person because the group is stronger than the individual," junior elementary education major Tara Reisenauer, one of the students who attended Lobby Day, said.

The Lobby Day 2012 emphasized the sheer presence of Eastern students at the state capitol, which was in sharp contrast to 2011's effort that saw less than ten students involved including members of Eastern's student government.

The rally that followed the lobby sessions saw many students from Eastern, Central and Western Washington University, as well as University of Washington and Washington State University.

The rally took place on the steps of the capitol building with students holding signs and cheering while state leaders spoke from a podium at the

foot of the stairs. However, podium-speaking rights were given to a Western student, Patrick Stickney, with an emotional story about coming from a family with a history of drug abuse.

"I'm a face to these statistics. I'm a person with scars and hopes and dreams and many people have scars that run deeper than mine, but that doesn't mean they should be denied a chance to a better life," said Stickney. "That doesn't mean they should be denied and stigmatized just because they have tried to break the cycle."

It is hard to say whether or not these messages of personal struggle in the world of higher education will make an impact on the decisions made by state legislature, but the scope of student presence and the magnitude of voices behind those faces was undeniable.

"People join the legislature or run for senate because they, ultimately, want to be a public servant," said Spokane Senator Michael Baumgartner. "You want to help your constituents the way you can and that kind of personal story, for me, just galvanizes why we have to protect higher education funding."



Above: Sen. Baumgartner speaks to the student rally. Left: The state capitol building in Olympia, Wash. Below: EWU students Ericka Alexander, Kelli Crawford and Alex Clardy speak with Sen. Parker.

Photos by Dylan Coil



## Higher education amendment halted before reaching Senate committee

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Sen. Baumgartner's hearing on allocating more funding to higher education was dismissed by the senate Democrats Feb. 8.

The last day the legislation could have been considered by the Senate Ways and Means Committee was Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Baumgartner criticized Democrats for killing legisla-

tion to give out an additional \$800 million to higher education.

Senate Joint Resolution 8225 amending Article IX of the Constitution would establish higher education as the second priority of the state and a dedicated funding source for higher education.

Baumgartner said the important thing is that higher education needs a "stable and secure funding source."

The committee had time to hold a hearing on fifty bills, but not his, as noted by Baumgartner. Bills included increased regulation for recycling paint and health care for prison inmates.

"Senate Democrats refused to give a hearing to my proposed constitutional amendment to protect higher education because they do not want Maria Cantwell's challenger to receive any attention," Baumgartner said.

## Research uncovers the truth behind 'friends with benefits'

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"Benefriends: Friends by Day, Lovers by Night" is a commonality found among many college campuses and the title of a presentation from Theresa Martin and Koby Binks on their friends with benefits research.

Hosted by the psychology department, the event took place on Valentine's Day in the Walter and Myrtle Powers Reading Room in Hargreaves Hall.

Martin, a psychology professor, and Binks, a senior majoring in psychology, gathered information and research about friends with benefits, focusing on the data. Their research

findings were collected from individuals within the college-age range from different colleges across the country. Due to confidentiality purposes, specific college names cannot be released.

During the presentation, Martin said she was not going to be restrictive when it comes to the age group.

Hooking up or having a friendship with sexual benefits can be easily portrayed through movies, such as "No Strings Attached" and "Friends with Benefits." The duo's research concluded that hooking up refers to a sexual encounter with people who are typically strangers. These encounters may

or may not include sexual intercourse. Friends with benefits is defined as a friendship that evolves with a sexual aspect — basically, friends who have a sexual relationship.

Despite their research conclusions, according to Binks, the two have not identified their own operational definition.

"I expected the presentation to be a little more racy, but I thought they did a good job researching the topic. I don't have anything against this kind of relationship — hooking up or being friends with benefits with someone — [because] we're in

## Loan issues linger

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Ryan Van Doren started his higher education at an aeronautic school and acquired a large number of student loans while attending. According to Van Doren, the average student at the aeronautic school he attended graduated with around \$100,000 in student-loan debt.

"I only went to that school for one year and accrued quite a bit of debt in just one year," Van Doren said.

In the 2009-2010 academic school year at Eastern, 55.8 percent of students receiving financial aid had loans, according to Nicole Wright, loans supervisor at Eastern's financial aid office.

After one year, Van Doren accrued \$35,000 to \$40,000 in debt, only to find out that aeronautic school was not for him. Van Doren was also hurt by taking out private student loans.

"I took out a \$10,000 private loan from Wells Fargo. Prior to this one, I had an \$18,000 student loan. Those were loans that I was able to get because I had the title of being a student," Van Doren said. "I probably shouldn't have taken it to that level. I just wasn't thinking."

Van Doren said that taking out his loans were with good intentions initially. He used them to help pay his bills and everyday expenses. Van Doren

said that he has not taken out a private loan in two and a half years and that he only takes out what he absolutely needs to pay for school.

The average total loan debt for students at Eastern last year was \$20,330, according to Wright.

"When you think about it, \$20,000 to get your degree is a pretty good investment. You're going to get a return on your money," Wright said.

Van Doren admits to not being as responsible as he could have been. He admits to eating out a lot, buying a motorcycle and not being as fiscally conscientious as he should have been with his loans.

"I told the guys at the bike shop that I didn't have a job and that I just had student loan money. They told me that we can just kind of fudge up the application. Because I had a student loan, I was able to get a motorcycle," Van Doren said.

Van Doren said that his plan is to get through school and to get his bachelor's degree so he can begin a career. However, he worries about repaying his loans and finding a job.

"It hangs over my head a little bit. I don't think about it a lot. I don't even know what I'm going to do for a career. If I was to stop school right now, I'd probably have between \$600 and \$700 in student loan bills a month," Van Doren said.

"When a student goes into repayment, ... the government is going to disclose their monthly payments so they have

it paid off in ten years. Now, if this person consolidates their loans, that can get them up to thirty years," Wright said.

According to Wright, the default rate for students at Eastern is 5.1 percent compared to the national default rate of 7.2 percent. Students have a grace period of six months to find a job before having to repay their loans. Default numbers are based on students who are unable to begin to pay their loan three years after graduation.

Van Doren said that his loans total around \$55,000, which includes all of his private and public loans. Van Doren does not believe that he was exploited and that the loans serve a good purpose, but his decision to continue to take out loans was his own fault.

"My parents would tell me, 'You're gonna have to pay this back. You're gonna have to pay this back' and I would just blow them off," Van Doren said. "I don't really put the blame on anybody besides myself because I could have done some things differently. I just wasn't mature enough."

Currently, students must go through entrance counseling when receiving loans, which is an interactive online counseling session describing the nature of the loan they're receiving. Eastern does not currently offer a debt management service for students, according to Wright.

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## Career Services provides internship aid

Holding mock interviews, giving résumé tips and organizing career events also part of the program's repertoire

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For the amount of money students pay in tuition, some services go unused.



Watson

“Every EWU student’s tuition includes the right to an internship opportunity through Career Services. Do not pass up this opportunity,” Romeal Watson, EWU’s internship coordinator, said.

Watson said that there are three main things that Career Services does. First, they meet one-on-one with students who are interested in starting an internship.

These meetings include mock interviews, polishing résumés and providing resources and tips.

Second, Career Services places job and internship opportunities on EagleAX-IS.

Third, they put on career events like Work It! and Passport to Professionalism.

Career Services works with a parent organization called the National Association of Colleges and Employers. They also look for companies that are able to offer internships.

“We are always trying to be proactive to meet with employers so that we can be ready for a student to contact them right away,” Watson said.

Watson said that one of the best success stories at his job involved inviting a representative from INROADS to come to Eastern.

INROADS connects students with Fortune 500 companies for two summers on a paid internship that guarantees a future job.

**“We are always trying to be proactive to meet with employers so that we can be ready for a student to contact them right away.”**

Romeal Watson

“Because INROADS came to Eastern, two students got full-time jobs at Mercer H.R. and Kaiser Permanente. That was very rewarding,” Watson said.

The process of getting an internship through Career Services involves an initial learning contract that is made between Career Services, the company and a faculty adviser.

A 20 hour-per-week internship is considered a five credit class.

Courtnee Esposito, a pre-law major, did her internship at Cheney Municipal

Court. Because of her internship, she was asked to fill in as a probation officer and was hired to work full time in the spring.

Arieshia Watson, a double major in criminal justice and sociology, is currently completing her internship at the Center for Justice in downtown Spokane.

“My most rewarding experience was when a client who depends solely on Social Security called my supervisor in agonizing pain from a tooth that needed to be pulled. I was told to

search for a dentist. An outstanding professional, who was in his office on his day off in shorts and tennis shoes, said that he would pull her tooth at no charge if we could get her there in 45 minutes. It was an inspirational moment for all of us,” Arieshia Watson said.

Kelly Campbell, a children’s studies major, wants to be a children’s dentist. She did her internship at a general family practice dental office.

“Romeal [Watson] helped me edit my résumé via email. He also showed me numerous websites and search engines that I could use to get an internship,” Campbell said.

Malia DePalma, a community health major, did her internship with the injury prevention unit at the Spokane Regional Health District.

“I assisted in community car seat checks and I got to see families go out with

huge smiles on their faces. I loved what I got to do.” DePalma said.

Romeal Watson said that students should attend the Career Fair because there will be 75 different employers present at the fair.

The fair will be held at the Spokane Convention Center on Feb. 29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

There is also a Partnership Preview at the Double Tree Inn the night of Feb. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The students pay \$5 to attend this event and will have an opportunity to meet employers within their field of study.

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## Women’s Commission discusses smoke-free Riverpoint and crime

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The EWU Women’s Commission discussed the Riverpoint campus going smoke-free, crime statistics and crosswalks at their open forum on Feb. 15.

As of May 1, 2012, Riverpoint will not have smoking areas. Students will have to leave campus grounds to smoke.

This policy was proposed in April 2011 and the final policy was accepted in December 2011.

According to Stacey Morgan Foster, vice president of student affairs, this policy will be student-enforced.

According to the policy, any person that consistently violates it may be asked to leave the campus or faced being removed.

In addition, students at Riverpoint are going to be given a survey in order to address the specific services they would like to have available to them. One of the topics addressed in the survey is child care.

Tim Walters, chief of the university police, spoke about the crime statistics on campus.

According to Walters, the reports concerning sexual assault are down and stalking reports are up.

Most of the stalking reports concern social media being used to communicate with the person being stalked.

Walters also addressed a concern regarding the crosswalk on Washington Street.

In a one-day observance of the area, at least 50 percent of the pedestrians did not use the crosswalk.

In addition to a pedestrian’s responsibilities to use crosswalks and remain aware of their surroundings, drivers need to be aware of pedestrians, according to Walters.

On Feb. 23, EWU’s University Police will be stationed at the crosswalks on Washington and Elm Street to provide education to pedestrians and drivers about motorist and pedestrian safety by providing them with Stickman Knows materials.

Stickman Knows is an awareness campaign funded by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

The main objectives of this campaign are to promote the use of safe traffic behavior such as using crosswalks, stopping at traffic lights and signs and being aware of your surroundings.

Officers will observe pedestrians and motorists that fail to comply with stopping at or using the crosswalks.

These patrols will be conducted from 9 a.m. to noon.

Walters emphasized that this program is for educational purposes, not for giving tickets to students.

However, fines can be given to those that do not comply with these traffic regulations.

In addition to their regular quarterly meetings, the commission plans to conduct a program sometime in the fall that honors Cheney women and their accomplishments and contributions to society.

As of this school year, there are no plans to conduct any events.

## Taxes

continued from front

other than to file on their own, the easy form through the IRS is the better site,” Ona Marr, owner of Marr Financial Services in Spokane, said. There are also software programs to help with the filing process.

Most college students would appreciate any extra money the IRS is willing to give back. Taking advantage of educational expenses could possibly help students receive a larger return.

“Make sure they know how much they paid for books or any other tuition related expenses. And parking is not a tuition related expense,” said

Marr. “But make sure they take advantage of every deduction they possibly can.”

To answer questions that may arise while filling out the forms, asking someone experienced may be the way to go.

“Don’t be afraid to call somebody for help. It’s okay to ask for help. Taxes are not easy, they are complex,” Marr said.

“[H&R Block] will give you help and give you advice. When you come in to see us, you are under no obligation to file your taxes with us. We are definitely here just to help and advise,” Speerstra said.

“I think people are intimidated by the fact that the tax forms are convoluted. It’s complicated,” said Megaard. “But if you take the [forms] and follow it line for line, it’s really not that bad.”



Photo by Azaria Podplesky

A few of the many handmade dolls on display. The display also contained mermaid and duck dolls.

## Local business owner shares handmade dolls with EWU

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The Women’s Studies Center and the Africana Education Program sponsored “Art, Power, Women & Leadership” in the JFK Library on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

The event featured soft-sculpture art dolls made by local business owner Denise Roberson.

“I thought [Roberson] would be perfect to talk about art, the power of art, women in art and the entrepreneurial aspect,” Rayette Sterling, outreach and inclusion librarian at Eastern, said.

Sterling plans presentations each February to celebrate Black History Month, according to the specific theme. This year’s theme is “Women in History.”

“Women in history tend to do things that haven’t always been noticed and it tends to be what we call home stories, ... like art and writing

and taking care of children and things we don’t really see as entrepreneurial. So this is a good way to kind of bring that story out,” Sterling said. “And the dolls are beautiful, so it is a nice display.”

Roberson, the owner of Little Sistahs Wit Tudes in Spokane, is a fiber artist that creates soft-sculpture art dolls.

She was asked to come to Eastern to talk to students about her art and share some of the highlights of being an entrepreneur.

“I can blame it all on my mother. She started me sewing and she also asked me to come to a doll-making class with her,” Roberson said. She started sewing when it was time to make her own clothes.

Roberson has perfected doll making after 27 years of sewing them and 25 years of selling them.

“People saw them and I was just surprised that people wanted to buy them,” Roberson said.

Roberson had worked at an array of different jobs before owning her own business in Spokane.

She was born and raised in Oakland, Calif., and moved to Spokane six years ago.

The students who came heard stories about how they can become successful in their future careers.

Hesitantly admitting it,

Roberson talked about working as an IRS tax collector and the many difficulties that came with that job.

“When I was at the IRS, they gave me acting assignments. Acting assignments are when you get to act like you are somebody else in their position and they pay you for it, so it was pretty nice. I got to pretend I was a lot of different things at the IRS,” said Roberson. “One of the acting assignments I had to do was hiring.” Working at the IRS taught her skills she wished she had known before she got started.

“Don’t tell everybody your business because it will come back to bite you. Keep your private life private,” said Roberson.

“You don’t have to like everybody you work with [because] you don’t take them home at night. Just be polite and just work hard.”

Roberson took those lessons and her love of sewing and opened a shop for doll enthusiasts.

“I want people to see that dolls aren’t just Barbie[s]. There is a spiritual essence to dolls,” Roberson said.

The library will be hosting the art display until the end of February.

“Come see and think about what it means in terms of women’s work in creativity and the value of that,” Sterling said.

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## Frangela's message to Eastern students: 'The biggest lie is the lie you tell yourself'

### Duo brings students a mix of comedy and advice

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Frangela, the comedy duo of Frances Callier and Angela Shelton, came to the PUB MPR on Thursday night, Feb. 10.

They shared their humor with students while sporting identical red Eastern shirts.

Themes of their show included friends, college life, tolerance and being true to yourself. They had the audience screaming, "The biggest lie is the lie you tell yourself."

A bit of advice from Frangela was, "Don't ever say, 'It just happened.' Nothing in life just happens. You don't wake up in the morning and say, 'Wow, my taxes are done? I don't have to do them this year. It just happened.' In the same way, don't try to take the blame off your own actions by saying that the result of them 'just happened.'"

Callier and Shelton have been friends for about 14 years.

"We met at [The] Second City in Chicago in 1998, but we didn't become a group until 2003," said Callier. The Second City is an improvisational comedy business located in Chicago.

Shelton and Callier have done many projects together in different settings.

The duo is in the 2009 movie "He's Just Not That Into You," and they appear regularly on VH1.

Callier and Shelton have their own show called "The Week According to Frangela."

"My favorite show that we've ever done was in New York at Radio City Music Hall last year. It was fantastic. I've been in the entertainment circle for a long time and I was really excited to go there. Radio City is a famous place, and it's where everyone in en-

tertainment wants to be," said Callier.

Besides their group accomplishments, Callier and Shelton both have a claim to fame because of their personal achievements.

Callier said that she thought it would be fun to audition for the role of Roxy on Disney Channel's popular show, "Hannah Montana."

She got the part, and she acted with Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana's bodyguard.

"It was a lot of fun. It was a great set and everyone was a lot of fun."

Taylor French, an EWU student who attended the show, recognized Callier as Roxy.

"I saw Callier's face on the poster and I remembered her from Hannah Montana when I used to watch it," said French.

Shelton has voiced several shows and video games, including a villain in "Spider-Man 2."

Callier and Shelton enjoy working together.

"We spend a lot of time together every week. We aren't always together because I'm married and I have a daughter, but we write and we talk. We spend a lot of time talking. The best part of my career is working with my best friend every day," said Callier.

The duo loves to see smiling faces in their audience.

Callier smiled as she said, "Our inspiration is that we love to make people laugh and we enjoy having a good time."

Frangela's website, [www.frangela.com](http://www.frangela.com), is constantly updated with their latest photos, videos and show reports.



Callier (third from the left) says getting to work with her best friend, Shelton, every day is the best part of her career. The pair met at The Second City in Chicago in 1998 and have since appeared in films like "He's Just Not That Into You." They are pictured here with members of Eagle Entertainment.



Callier (left) said last year's show at Radio City Music Hall is her favorite Frangela performance. Callier has appeared as Roxy the bodyguard on Disney Channel's "Hannah Montana" with Miley Cyrus. The duo appear regularly on VH1.



Callier (left) and Shelton began performing together in 2003.

## The challenges of balancing school and work

### While juggling a variety responsibilities can be stressful, some see the silver lining

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Taking on a busy class schedule as well as a job is a necessary choice for many EWU students, but for some, the benefits of real-world experience make this combination less daunting.

Sasha Kline, a junior who is majoring in technical communications, said that she has worked since starting school.

While Kline manages to excel academically, she said that her grades would be better with a more open schedule.

She currently works between 15 and 20 hours per week at a medical billing company in Spokane.

"Any more than that," she said, "and school is severely affected."

Despite the challenge of working while trying to meet her own academic expectations, Kline added that she

feels more prepared for life after college because of it.

Joe Roos is a physics major who currently juggles a full class schedule with working full time as a caregiver.

Roos said that when he first started college, his grades were affected by his demanding schedule, but he has since been able to adjust to make things work.

"The best way to keep balance is to just keep moving," he said.

He also stressed the importance of staying socially active.

"You have to have a personal life. You have to get out in public to remain sane."

Camille Klements, a sophomore, said she feels lucky to have a job that is accommodating to her academic requirements each quarter.

Klements is a physical therapy major who spends roughly 11 hours per week

working as a barista at Thomas Hammer.

Klements said that finding the motivation to do well in school has not been difficult, and she plans to attend graduate school.

As an outdoor recreation management major, Joe Anderson has found a way to combine his interests with school and his job.

Anderson currently holds four different jobs at EWU, which allow him to work full time without inter-

fering with his classes during his senior year.

Anderson is a rock climbing instructor and leads a variety of EPIC Adventures trips.

He said working under pressure with deadlines and learning to improvise when things get stressful has been a good thing for him.

"Being at school and working full time is the best thing you can do to prepare for the real world," Anderson said.

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# The women of Black History Month

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From the beginning of what would become Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson included themes for Negro History Week. Woodson believed that focusing on different figures each year would broaden the scope of black history in America. February 2012 is no different.

This year's Black History Month theme is "Black Women in American Culture and History." According to AfricanAmericanHistoryMonth.gov, this year's Black History Month "honors African American women and the myriad of roles they played in the shaping of our nation."

Over the years, the theme has changed dramatically. According to the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, "The themes reflect changes in how people of African descent in the United States have viewed themselves, the influence of social movements on racial ideologies and the aspirations of the black community."

It's interesting that this year the focus is on a forgotten segment of the black community: black women in American culture. So much time is given to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Frederick Douglass and others that figures like Maya Angelou, Patricia Collins, Zora Neale Hurston or

**"No other group in America has so had their identity socialized out of existence as have black women."**

*bell hooks*

bell hooks are easily overlooked.

"[T]his month, as we recall all those whose shoulders we stand upon, let's recommit to living up to their example," First Lady Michelle Obama said while addressing this year's Black History Month theme. "Let's honor them by reinvesting in those around us. And let's pledge to continue their story by contributing our own gifts for the good of our families, our commu-

nities and our country."

Some of the greatest change has come from the minds of black women we rarely hear about.

Alice Walker, author of "The Color Purple," argues that black women are oppressed more than white women. Her insight helps us to see that feminists of all colors and backgrounds unite in order to overcome oppression.

"No other group in America has so had their

identity socialized out of existence as have black women," bell hooks, author, black feminist and activist, said. "When black people are talked about, the focus tends to be on black men; and when women are talked about, the focus tends to be on white women." hooks's writings teach us to be compassionate and empathetic, and includes everyone.

Zora Neale Hurston, who's writing is now synonymous with the Harlem Renaissance, wrote what was, at the time, inflammatory writing. Writers of the Harlem Renaissance, including Hurston, went on to influence an entire generation just a few decades later, which would give way to the Civil Rights Move-

ment of the 1960s.

Social theorist Patricia Collins argues that sexism profoundly affects the way that Black history is told. Not only that, but that focusing on the big three: racism, sexism and class conflict, we can truly begin to set people free.

Collins work is now going mainstream in sociology classes around the nation. Her insights on race and gender issues will no doubt affect the way we understand each other one day.

It is at the intersection of race and gender that we start to unfold many of society's ills. And by focusing on the women of black history we're beginning to go in the right direction.

Through the Eagle's Eye

Interviews by Nicole Ruse, photos by Aaron Malmoe

*"What is the next step for equality in this country?"*



"A better justice system."

*Rachel Limon*



"I would think fairness... Just because someone is not a certain race, they still need to be treated fairly."

*Kalynn Rakes*



"Creating a Black History Month is causing people to see the difference in people. Don't treat people special. Don't give people a Black History Month."

*Zach Hillebrant*



"One way the country can be more equal with other races is helping illegal immigrants who come here from different countries."

*Manuel Guzman*



"Having a lot of options and freedom for people."

*Michael Jones*

*Opinions expressed in "Through the Eagle's Eye" are not necessarily the opinions of The Easterner*

# The friend zone is not a friendly place

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There are many relationships that we go through in our lives. One scenario that many people have been through sometime along this road of life is being in the "friend zone," or the act of being "friend-zoned."

Now, I have been in this friend zone more times in my life than I can count. I have never been in a relationship and whenever I tell my friends this, they are in complete shock. "How is that possible? You're such a great girl! Any guy would be lucky to be with you!"

All I can think is, "Apparently not."

The friend zone has been such a permanent residence for me that whenever I tell someone that I have feelings for them, I mentally prepare myself for the friend zone speech. I always end up there time and time again.

Being in the friend zone

has been a common occurrence for many of my friends recently and, of course, one of these events had to occur on Valentine's Day.

On the morning of Valentine's Day, my friend had secretly caught an old crush of hers set up a contraption on her dorm door. He tied a string to her door handle and rigged it so whenever the handle was pulled down, the string opened a Valentine's Day singing greeting card that sang "The Hamsterdance Song" by Hampton the Hamster. She had thought nothing of it until she looked inside to see a message written from "a secret admirer."

Later that day, she had found out that he had put that message in the card as a prank.

That evening, she went to his dorm to confront him. She told him that what he did is something you do not do to a girl on Valentine's Day. She then told him that she used to

have feelings for him and that the message in the card confused her. He responded by putting her in the friend zone and apologizing for the prank.

This got me thinking, "If he had known beforehand that she had feelings for him, would he have still done the prank? Would he have done the prank because he saw her as a friend and thus, friends would find it funny?"

Another friend from Western Washington University texted me a couple days before Valentine's Day with a simple, "I hate Valentine's Day."

He told me about a friend of his that he was in love with. He had told this girl about his feelings for her and was ecstatic to hear that those feelings were returned. Within the span of a week-end, she told him that she was not good enough for him, felt that he deserved better than what she could give and ultimately friend-zoned him.

This was unfair. Why

even mess with his feelings like that? Why the sudden change of heart? It seems like a lack of confidence, yes, but she should not have done that to him and his emotions.

When I came to Eastern last year, I met a guy I never thought I would have a crush on. We were chatting about how neither of us had ever been in a relationship and how we had a lot of the same morals and values. We were extremely close and I saw him as one of my best friends.

Many of my other friends kept asking me if we were a couple because of how often we were together. Every time I had to tell them "No," sadness overcame me because I wanted to be more than friends, yet I could not find the courage to tell him.

At the beginning of 2011, I knew I had to tell him about my feelings. As we were walking back to our dorms after working out together, I finally confessed my feelings for him, hoping that

maybe he was different from all those other guys that had friend zoned me in the past.

He wasn't.

Since he did not want to be in a relationship with me, I just suppressed my feelings and acted like nothing happened for the sake of our friendship.

That was a huge mistake.

During the beginning of this school year, we were not hanging out as much because we were both busy with classes and our jobs. Whenever we both tried to find time for each other, it never seemed to work.

This caused me to miss him and all those feelings to seep back onto the surface.

After not seeing him in weeks, we finally got a chance to watch a movie together. I was nervous about telling him that I still had feelings for him because I knew that we had been down that road before, yet a part of me felt that maybe this time was different. Maybe we could be more than just friends.

After he left, I texted him saying that I still had feelings for him. He texted me back saying that he appreciated me telling him about my feelings, but that he only saw me as a friend.

A part of me does not want to give up on our friendship. When you have feelings for your best friend, just being around them hurts because you know that is all you will ever be.

I thought that I had learned my lesson the first time around. Recently, I keep asking myself why I even bother with him. He says he just wants to be friends, so why try?

A part of me believes in hope. When we are together, I can feel it. Anyone who has ever been with someone they truly care about knows that feeling. It is something you do not ever want to lose.

We have both never been in a relationship and I know it is a scary thing at first. Why can't we be scared together?

Let us take a leap of faith.

**GIVING BUT NOT RECEIVING: FORGETTING OUR TROOPS**

by Chad BrownEagle



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From the 1980s, a series of images showing dorm life as we called it back then. The residence halls were home and office just as they are now. Here's someone who probably had a single, since the sofa is probably where the other bed would have been in a double room. She has a wall mounted rotary dial telephone behind her. Between the sofa and the desk is a stereo turntable. An electric typewriter is on the desk.

**Police Beat**

**Feb. 15**  
7 p.m.

**Agency assist**

EWU police assisted the Yakima and Cheney police departments in contacting two people who were persons of interest in a drive-by shooting in Yakima, Wash. One person was contacted near Elm Street and Lot 15. The other was a student and was contacted in the PUB. They were transported back to Yakima, Wash.

**Feb. 16**

3:09 a.m.

**Agency assist**

A fight in progress was reported near the 1300 block of Third Street. Officers made contact and determined that it was a domestic dispute and was verbal only.

**Feb. 19**

12:42 a.m.

**Minor in possession**

Staff members in Dressler Hall were advised of two intoxicated female students on the ninth floor. One was arrested. The incident has been forwarded to the OSRR.

1:09 a.m.

**Possession of marijuana**

An intoxicated male on the eighth floor of Dressler Hall was given an MIP and was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. The student was transported to Spokane County jail.

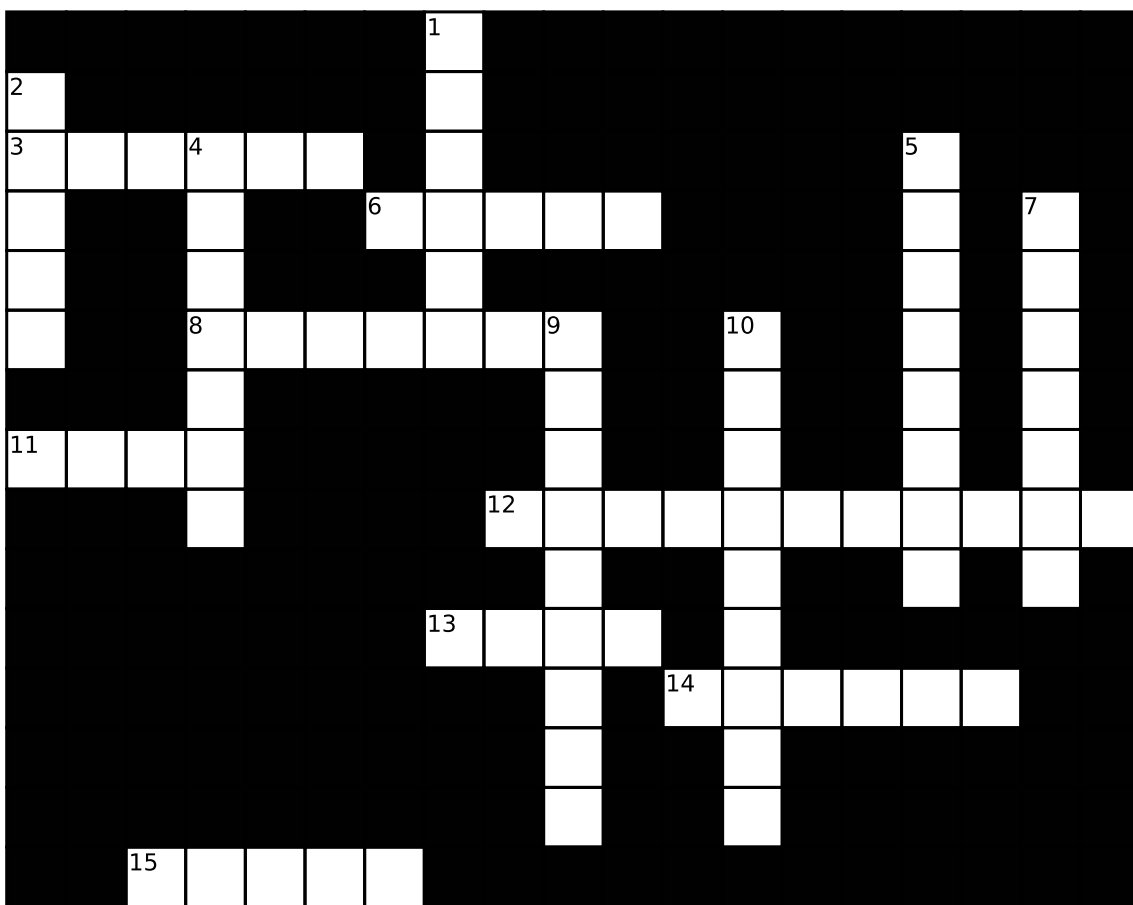
**Feb. 20**

1:23 p.m.

**Theft**

A shoplifter was reported at Mitchell's Harvest Foods. The suspect, a male student, became resistant and attempted to flee the scene. He was taken into custody for theft and trespassing.

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



**Presidents, politics and puzzles**

**ACROSS**

- 3. EWU's internship coordinator.
- 6. Something the STA needs more of.
- 8. Library named after.
- 11. A Japanese food that starts with the letter "U".
- 12. Wash. Senator.
- 13. Ron.
- 14. 39th President.
- 15. Nothing is certain but death and ...

**DOWN**

- 1. Important for job-seekers.
- 2. EWU's mascot.
- 4. Something Riverpoint campus will not have after May 1st.
- 5. Friends with \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7. Cheney Chief of Police.
- 9. Figure skating legend.
- 10. "... " is a newer intramural league at Eastern.

**Green Dot Spot:**

**The Violence Prevention Advocacy corner**

By Alyssa Montgomery

Nobody deserves to be harassed or abused in any way, yet there are so many acts of violence on campus it's estimated that 1 in 4 people on our campus will be effected by some form of violence (a red dot). For my senior year my goal is to create a proactive green dot that will be used in the prevention of red dots on campus and inspire students to use this knowledge throughout their lifetime. Through our education if I can help just one person prevent one act of violence or prevent one person from being abused, then my goal has been fulfilled. If I can prevent many incidents of violence through this school year and throughout life I will be overjoyed.

I'm assisting the Don't Cancel Your Class (DCYC) program which can educate students on recognition and prevention of partner violence; recognition of stalking and how to handle it; creating green dots on campus or healthy relationships. The goal of this project is to inform the students and to motivate them to be proactive in handling these issues should they arise.

To use the DCYC program teachers can request a guest lecturer to come to their class and present one of the topics. This program can be used if the teacher is sick or out of town so that class isn't cancelled. While as a student I know that it's great when class actually is cancelled, but from an education standpoint this curriculum is necessary for the safety of the students. Once someone can recognize the signs of abuse, an unhealthy relationship, or sexual assault then they can prevent it from happening to them, prevent it from happening to another person or help someone else if abuse is happening. Student volunteers or Karen Wanjico (the victim's advocate) will present on one of the education topics.

The DCYC program is always looking for student volunteers to help present the curriculums to classes. This can be your green dot for the year as well. If you are interested in helping with the program please contact me via email at [advocateintern@ewu.edu](mailto:advocateintern@ewu.edu). This is a good way to help your community, your fellow classmates and hone your public speaking skills.

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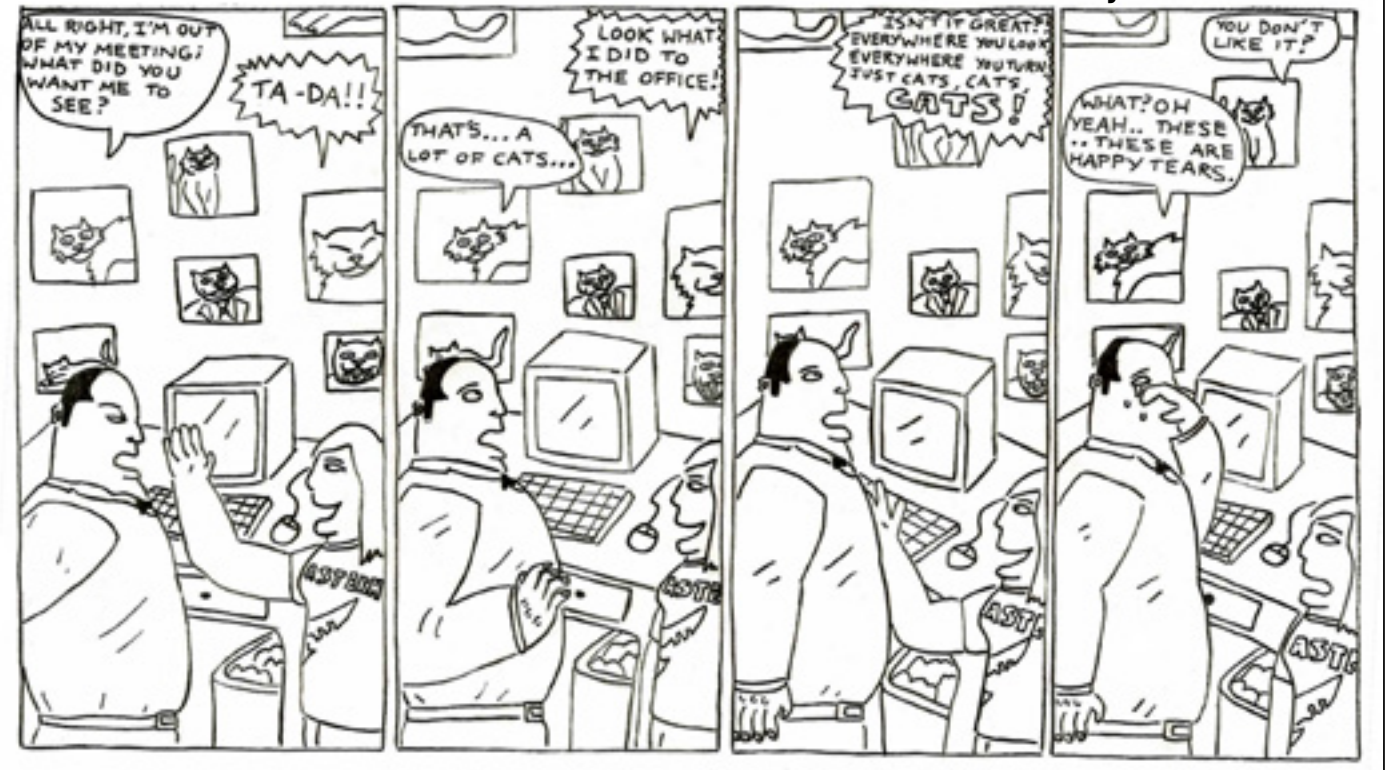
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Theresa Martin, Ph.D. and Koby Binks talk to audience about the ongoing friends with benefits study.

## Friends: Research uncovers the truth behind friends with benefits

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college and it's not like this isn't true," junior Marilyn Valles said.

According to their research, people engage themselves in being friends with benefits because of a fear of loss of their individuality, low concern for personal safety, low dependency and self esteem, among many more.

Also, about 49 to 60 percent of college-age individuals are engaged in a friends-with-benefits relationship, while 70 to 91 percent are hooking-up. For the duration of the friends-with-benefits relationship, 73 percent said there was no communication regarding the ground rules and 84 percent said there was no communication, period.

According to Martin, after college, people tend to go back to the older, more traditional ways of dating and being in relationships.

The research illustrated three different dating eras: "the calling era," where the

men would often talk to the women's family; "the dating era," where the two would go out or have dinner with some family supervision; and the "hooking-up era."

Senior Mary Andrews said, "I think premarital sex is ungodly. I'm a Christian and I believe that sex should be shared between two married individuals who are married."

Andrews, despite not being at the presentation, feels hooking up and being friends with benefits is immoral.

Their research showed some anticipated outcomes to the advantage of being involved in a friends-with-benefits relationship, such as having no commitment, having sex, staying single, becoming closer to that person, and for no specific reason.

Anticipated outcomes to the disadvantaged include developing feelings that are not sexual for the other person, harming the friendship, negative emotions and consequences of having sex, such as pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

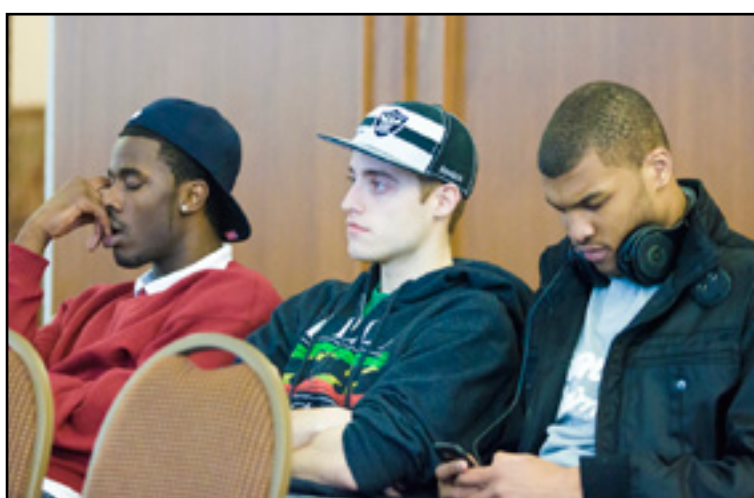


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The lecture was held in the Walter and Myrtle Powers Reading Room.

Martin and Binks developed five studies in order to further their research. The first one explores the perceptions of sexual relationships, the second explores the personality aspect—finding out what types of people pursue said relationships—and the third explores the initiation of the relationship. The duo hopes to look for people who have had actual experience

being in a friends-with-benefits relationship and hooking up.

The fourth study explores non-college students and the fifth explores how often people hook up and/or engage in a friends-with-benefits relationship.

"It's kind of an evolving dating style," said Binks. "We've kind of alluded from the [past]."



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Stan Kerr gives valuable instruction at an indoor track practice.



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Marcia Mecklenburg instructs as an EWU thrower lets loose.

## Coaches: Kerr and Mecklenburg celebrate 16 years at Eastern

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Since Kerr's experiences both as an athlete and coach revolved around sprinters, coaching another discipline proved difficult.

"I knew how to manage speed down the runway and strength in the weight room, but how to make you a better high jumper, pole vaulter,

long jumper [or] triple jumper? I did become more of a hermit just to try and figure things out."

Once Scott left the team in 2008, Coach Jon Hill, a self-professed "jumps nerd," joined the staff.

"I've heard Stan [Kerr] say that he was reinvigorated by going back to the sprints and coaching what he re-

ally loves. His kids have been killing it," Hill said. "Just allowing him to be back in his natural event area was refreshing to him."

Watch a practice and it is clear both Kerr and Mecklenburg enjoy coaching and interacting with their athletes.

However, seven-day work weeks and traveling nearly every weekend from the middle

of January to June is a strain on family and relationships away from track and field.

"The thing that pulls it all together is the athletes with great attitudes [and] who want to be here," Mecklenburg said. "That makes it all worthwhile."

Kerr added, "We wouldn't be here this long if we didn't have those athletes."

## Teammates: Old teammates set on winning Big Sky title

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"Neither of them have ever done anything that I can't be proud of and they've done everything to earn my respect," Hayford said. "As we establish success at Eastern, [Laron and Tremayne] are a huge part of that foundation."

Griffin and Johnson also share similar plans for their future as they plan to get their degrees in communications and take basketball as far as they can.

Whenever their journey with basketball ends, they would each like to pursue a career in sports broadcasting.

Before they move on from Eastern, they are hoping to make a run at the end of this season. With the playoff race

being quite a clutter, Griffin believes Eastern can be a contender and potentially gain home court advantage for the first round of the tournament.

"We have a great opportunity to host a Big Sky tournament game at Eastern," Griffin said.

Johnson believes the Eagles can make a strong showing in the postseason and win the Big Sky tournament.

That win would send Eastern to the NCAA tournament, something that would be the icing on the cake for Griffin and Johnson's careers.

"We're trying to get a [Big Sky Championship] banner in here so we can have some kind of legacy when we leave," Johnson said.

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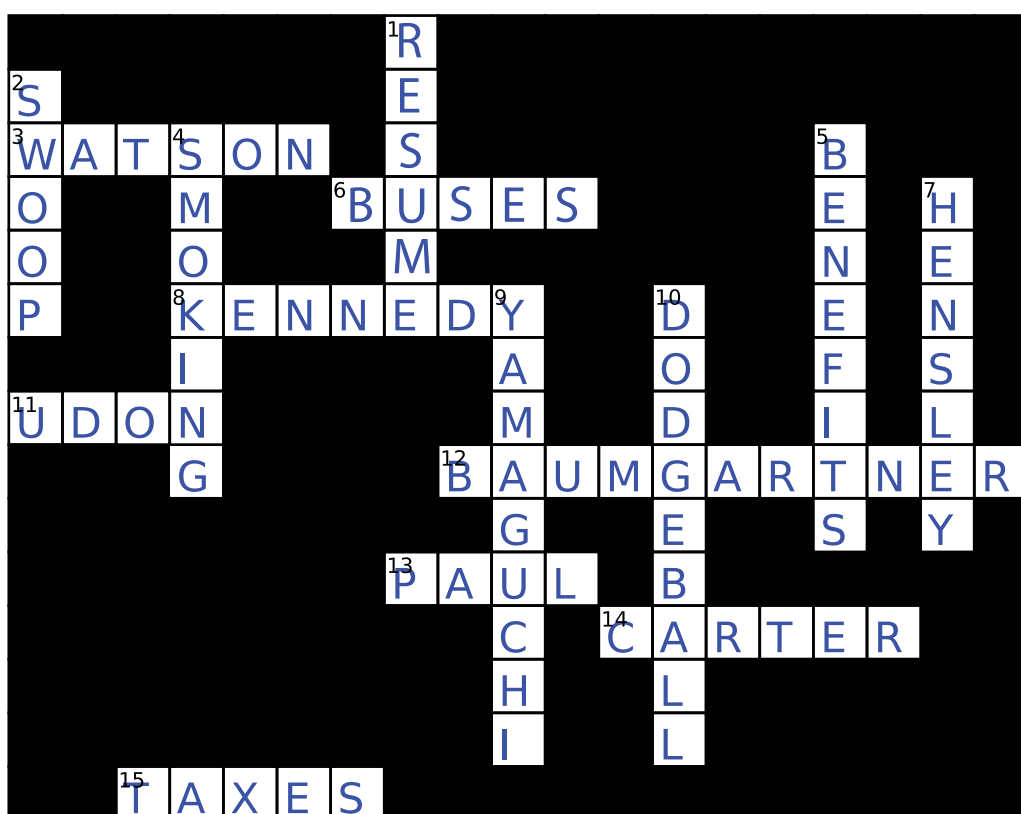
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Photo by Frank McNeilly

Shelby Wilkerson gains control of the ball before looking to make the goal.

## Indoor soccer heats up

Intramural teams face challenging competition

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The echo of stamping feet and soccer balls bouncing off of the walls are the sounds of the intramural indoor soccer league playing their weekly match.

Indoor soccer games consist of two halves, both 20 minutes each.

Shelby Wilkerson, a co-captain, was one of several students who had signed up at the beginning of the quarter to make their own team for indoor soccer.

According to Wilkerson, everyone on the team knows what they are good at, but they concentrate on both offense and defense.

Jerika Ferguson, a co-captain, feels that experience plays a role in a player's ability to play against different opponents.

"I think we adapt because most of us were already previous soccer players," Ferguson said.

Ferguson said that playing against different opponents every week makes playing the game more challenging and more interesting.

"Each week, you go in not knowing what you're going up against, so you try your hardest on [playing against] each player," Ferguson said.

Playing in intramural soccer has taught Ferguson to be a better leader.

"I feel like it makes [me] step up," Ferguson said. "It kind of shows you where you are. ... It shows you're here to play and you're here to do it."

Indoor soccer is different from outdoor soccer because the playing field is much smaller and the hard indoor surface creates more of a challenge.

According to Ferguson, the biggest difference between playing soccer indoors and outdoors is the speed of play.

Outdoor soccer has a much bigger field and the pace of the game and the ball can be slowed down due to the grass. However,

with indoor soccer, the ball's speed is not hindered by any friction on the court.

Dan Tuot, a senior, has been playing with the intramural soccer league for two years and said that he has learned a lot from his fellow teammates.

"These guys are club players. They work together and they teach me new ball movement," Tuot said.

To prepare for the matches, Tuot would get the team together during the week to play practice scrimmages in an open gym.

"We would have scrimmages," Tuot said. "I always try to get as much scrimmage [time] as we can."

One thing that Ferguson wants to accomplish is to get more people to play soccer in order for Eastern to build an indoor soccer field.

"During [the] spring season, they put basketball courts down in the [University Recreation Center]," Ferguson said. "I'm hoping that eventually, they'll put turf down there."

## Kerr and Mecklenburg celebrate 16 years at Eastern

Track coaches create dynasty

By Kyle Franko  
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For the past 16 years, freshman track athletes have stepped onto Eastern's campus and been greeted by the same two head coaches. After they graduate, the same two people wave goodbye.

Stan Kerr and Marcia Mecklenburg are the head track coaches of the EWU men's and women's track

and field teams, respectfully. Throwers, jumpers, sprinters and distance runners have come and gone, but Kerr and Mecklenburg have stood steadfast, leading the Eastern track program.

"I tell [parents], 'I'll be here when your daughter [or] son graduates,'" Kerr said. "I think it's a great thing to be able to say that in this day and age, when a lot of people are attract-



Kerr

ed by dollar signs."

Kerr graduated from Rodgers High School in 1974. After running track for the University of Montana, where he still holds the 1,600-meter relay record, Kerr transferred to EWU and graduated in 1980.

He returned for his master's degree in 1991 and was a graduate assistant at EWU for two years before accepting a job as a head



Mecklenburg

coach at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

In 1995, Kerr found himself back in Cheney as an assistant and after long-time EWU track coach Jerry Martin eased into retirement, Kerr officially took over in January 1996.

"I took this as a career position," Kerr said. "I enjoy the university, the city [and] the school district to raise a family in. This was a great fit. I felt like I could contribute to the community and to the university."

A western Washington native, Mecklenburg threw the discus and shot at Se-

attle Pacific University. A two-time All-American, Mecklenburg holds SPU's shot put record and competed in three Olympic trials.

She also won four Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national championships.

Before taking over at EWU, Mecklenburg spent 14 years as an assistant coach, nine of them with Washington State.

Since arriving in the fall of 1995, Mecklenburg has earned a reputation for developing talented young athletes.

Sophomore Jordan Arakawa is a thrower under Mecklenburg's tutelage.

"She's very, very mellow, but ... you listen to her because she's stern," Arakawa said. "The squad respects her. I chose this school because of her."

While Mecklenburg specializes in coaching throwers, Kerr feels most comfortable around the sprinters.

However, he coached the jumpers for a decade while assistant coach Renee Scott led the sprinters.

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**Men's tennis ranked No. 1 in Big Sky**— Men's tennis extended their conference winning streak to four as they defeated the Portland State Vikings, 7-0, Feb. 18. No.1 doubles pair Ilija Cuic and Kyle Koetje scored a quick victory over Portland State's Mitch Somach and Alex Marx, 8-2. Senior Chad Henninger continued his winning streak, earning victories in both doubles and singles competition. Eastern's victory over the Vikings came after a loss to the Oregon Ducks, 6-1 Feb. 17.

**Women's basketball keeps No. 2 spot**— The Eastern women's basketball team remained No.2 in the Big Sky Conference, despite losing to Northern Colorado 56-49, Feb. 16. They have three games left in the regular season with a rematch against Portland State Feb. 23 followed by a two-game series against No.1 ranked Idaho State, Feb. 25 and March 3.

**Men's basketball fighting for playoff spot**— The Eagles men's basketball team has three more games left in their regular season as they face Idaho State Feb. 23, Portland State Feb. 25 and Idaho State for the final home game of the season, Feb. 28. After their loss to the University of California, Irvine 78-73, the Eagles are ranked fifth in the Big Sky Conference and have a 12-15 overall season record.

**Track and field add more qualifiers for Big Sky championships**— Sophomore Elise Jepsen and transfer student Amber Troyer are the latest Eastern athletes to qualify for the Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. At the Vandal Collegiate Jepsen qualified in the high jump with a mark of 5-04 1/4. Troyer, qualified in the pole vault with 11-11 3/4. In addition to adding more qualifiers, there were several athletes who improved at the meet, including the men's 4x400 men's relay team, who improved their time to 3:15:30.

**Eastern students to compete in the cage**— There will be several EWU students who will be fighting at the King of Cheney 2 MMA event March 3. Josh Strickland, Caleb Sherman and Britany Hammond will be among the combatants who will be making their debut.

# Family love on and off the field

## Siblings span over many EWU teams

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The sports teams at Eastern keep it all in the family as women's basketball, track and football all have siblings playing together.

In women's basketball, Kayleigh and Brienne Ryan, a freshmen and a senior, played together on Eastern's basketball team and on their high school basketball team.

Kayleigh and Brienne's family have been heavily involved in sports with both of their parents being athletes when they were younger.

"We have another older sister who was a swimmer [and] played basketball," Kayleigh said. "My brother also plays college basketball. My mom played basketball at Eastern and my dad played basketball when he was younger too, so [sports] definitely runs in the family."

Kayleigh enjoys playing basketball with her sister.

"It's nice having her around," Kayleigh said. "We get along pretty well."

Although Brienne's focus is on basketball, she enjoys playing other sports. "Volleyball ... is the



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Sophomores Collin and Kramer Green, natives of Buckley Wash., compete in both sprints and hurdles on Eastern's track and field team.

[most enjoyable sport] if you're playing with good people," Brienne said. "If there's volleyballs laying around in [the gym,] we'll go play."

Brienne enjoyed the year that she and Kayleigh played high school basketball together.

"My senior year of high school when [Kayleigh] was a freshmen, we won the state championship," Brienne said.

The track team has two sets of siblings running for Eastern. Brianna and Mi-

chael Okoro and Collin and Kramer Green.

Collin and Kramer are both sophomores on the track team.

Collin has always enjoyed working with his brother in sports.

"We've always done sports together since we were little," Collin said. "It's nice to have him out of competition because we always train together."

Collin and Kramer both played football and basketball in high school.

Kramer feels that a little

competition with his brother drives both of them to do better.

"I feel like we work better together because at the same time, we're trying to compete against each other," Kramer said. "In football, we were both on defense at the same time, but we're also trying to one-up each other, so it makes us both better."

Corey and Bo Levi Mitchell are brothers that played on the football team for the 2011 season. According to Corey, playing

on the same team with his brother was a dream come true and something he will always remember.

Bo Levi is preparing for his football career after graduating Eastern.

Corey, a sophomore, is a receiver and will return to play next year. He feels that the team is not going to be the same without his brother playing quarterback.

"I miss him being around in the weight room and on the field," Corey said.

# Basketball's veterans and rising stars

## Old teammates set on winning Big Sky title

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Whether in Cheney or Los Angeles, Eastern men's basketball players Laron Griffin and Tremayne Johnson have been stepping out on the court together for their entire collegiate careers.

While Johnson was playing for Artesia High School in Lakewood, Calif. Griffin was a mere 20 miles away playing at Manual Arts High School in LA. That would be the last time the two would ever be on separate teams.

Griffin and Johnson joined forces at nearby Los Angeles Southwest Community College with similar dreams in mind.

"We knew if we went there, we'd have an opportunity to play Division I basketball. That was our goal," Griffin said.

The duo played their freshman years at LA Southwest and redshirted their sophomore years. They attended an Amateur Athletic Union basketball camp in Las Vegas in 2009, where hundreds of scouts came looking for potential players.

Eastern's scouts liked what they saw from Griffin and Johnson and offered them scholarships.

Being from a tough area with a lot of crime and violence, Griffin and Johnson both felt accomplished to get out and not only play NCAA basketball, but also pursue a degree.

"The LA Connection" played under former head coach Kirk Earlywine for the first two years of their careers and faced a challenge in learning a new system when new coach Jim Hayford was signed to Eastern.

"At the end of the day, you just want to win, so you'll do whatever it takes," Griffin said.

"[This season] has been better than last year and I'm happy for that" Johnson said. "We know we improved and we got a lot better over the off-season."

The Eagles are currently in a tight playoff race with the third through seventh place teams, only being separated by a couple of games. The top six teams will play in the Big Sky Tournament.

Griffin and Johnson have made important contributions that have kept the team in the hunt this season.

Behind team-leading rebounder Cliff Ederaine with 7.9 rebounds per game, Griffin is fourth in the Big Sky, averaging 6.4 per game.

Johnson is 21st with 4.3 a game.

Johnson is also seventh in the league for blocked shots with Griffin being ninth.

"It's been an up and down season, but we feel like we're on the right track," Griffin said.

Being the more experienced players on the team, the two have specific roles that are vital to the team's success.

"Laron is our hardest worker, he does all the dirty work. If it was a football game, he's like the whole offensive line," Head Coach Jim Hayford said. "Tremayne is like Randy Moss. He makes the high-light plays with his dunks."

Griffin and Johnson both feel that they are the last line of defense in several situations and know that they are relied upon to battle for rebounds and maintain a defensive presence.

Griffin is commonly known as a vocal leader among the team.

Johnson said that Griffin always brings a positive attitude to practice and helps the team keep their energy up.

## Freshman guard stepping out of his father's shadow

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### Parker Kelly

Points: 114  
3-pointers: 26  
Free Throws: 17

It is not uncommon for athletes to feel pressured to live up to their parent's achievements. For Parker Kelly this is not the case.

Parker's father, Terry Kelly, played for Gonzaga Preparatory High School 35 years before his son and put up incredible numbers leading the state with an average of 26.2 points per game his senior year.

"This was before the 3-point line," Parker said. "And he was mostly an outside shooter."

Terry Kelly went on to play at WSU and started 80 straight games, leading the Cougars to the NCAA tournament.

Seeing his father's jersey with 44 on the back hanging in the rafters every day at Gonzaga Prep did not faze Parker Kelly from having his own great career.

"To be honest with you, there was no pressure at all," Parker said. "My dad never put pressure on me. If anything, I put pressure on myself to be the best player I could be."

Parker is a true freshman on the Eagles basketball team and is already a fan favorite with his simple smile, knock-down three ball and all out hustle.

Men's basketball coach Jim Hayford likes to keep his players on a five-year plan with one-year redshirting for development, however he felt he could play Kelly his first year.

"At the beginning of the season, we chose not to redshirt [Parker] because we felt that he would bring us toughness and we knew that he was an outstanding shooter," Hayford said.

Hayford's decision is proving to be the right one as Kelly is already showing his worth by playing solid minutes substituting for his teammate Collin Chiverton who is battling a foot injury.

Just a week ago on Feb. 15, Parker stayed on the

floor in crunch time and ended up hitting three clutch 3-pointers including the go-ahead one with 14 seconds left.

"I'm not the least bit surprised that he's having great games," Hayford said. "He has the respect of his teammates because he's one of the hardest workers on the team. They're confident in him that when he shoots the ball, it's going to go in."

Teammate Jeffrey Forbes is also impressed with Kelly's progression.

"I love having Parker on the floor with me," Forbes said. "He has a great attitude and like coach said, 'he's mentally stable.' He's a great shooter and most of all, he's just a workaholic."

Believe it or not, basketball was not the first sport Parker played.

"My dad had me swinging a [golf] club at 3-years-old," Parker said. "Basketball was a year after that."

These two sports were a major part of his life. "Winter was for basketball and spring and summer was for golf," Parker said. Even now, golf continues to be a major hobby.

For the time being, basketball dominates Kelly's life.

Being a freshman, he is not set on his major yet. He thinks he will go into business but in the next couple of years, he said that may change.

On the court, Kelly has not yet shown off all he can do.

"I can't do what Tremayne [Johnson] or some of the other guys can do, but I can dunk," Kelly said. "It's definitely something I want to do. I only got one in high school. I think people when they look at me, they don't



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Parker Kelly goes for the shot.

think, 'That guy can jump,' but I actually have a 37-inch vertical."

The dunk in high school came in an away game. Gonzaga Prep was playing University High School when they made a half-court trap on one of their players.

Kelly said he intercepted the desperation pass and broke away for a one-handed slam.

"There was just a silence over the whole crowd," Kelly said. "That was what I wanted to hear."

Aside from athletics, Parker claims he is a simple man who loves spending time with his family and his Great Dane Jada.

"She is really human," Kelly said about his dog. "I love her a lot."

When asked what he meant about her being very human, Parker said that because she is so big, she can reach a lot of things on the kitchen counters.

"One time, she ate like half of one of my mom's big German chocolate cakes, which isn't good for her at all," Kelly said. "My mom wasn't too happy about it."