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This week

Don't miss:

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

Interested in internships? **Cup of Cool Water** in downtown Spokane is having an open house on March 22 and 24 where students can learn about opportunities to work with homeless youth.

The **National TRiO Day Celebration** is Tuesday, April 3 at 2 p.m. in the Walter and Mytle Powers Reading Room on the second floor of Hargreaves Hall.

EWU's TRiO programs are collecting **clothing for the Cheney Clothing Bank** until April 2. Look for the donation boxes across campus.

Filing for the **ASEWU student elections** will take place April 6-13. Primary election is April 24 and the general election is May 8. For more information, check <http://www.ewu.edu/asewu>

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Immunity policy possible

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Fear of repercussions from the university leads students to remain silent and steer clear from calling for help.

According to Violence Prevention Advocate Karen Wanjico, if EWU had an amnesty policy in place, students might understand that they can call for help.

Fear of authority can overpower an individual's decision to call for help, which can lead to life-threatening consequences or life-long trauma. In implementing an amnesty policy, students involved with alcohol, drugs or who are sexually assaulted—underage or not—could call police officials without getting in trouble.

An amnesty policy has not been made official. Currently, there is no policy. Researching all aspects of the policy are Wanjico and ASEWU Student Health and Safety Services representative Becca Harrell. According to Wanjico, they are still in the beginning stages of figuring out this possible policy.

"We've been researching it and we want to propose it at some point," Wanjico said.

The duo are currently gathering more information and listening to student input, as they try to get this policy in place. They have discussed the policy with some administration and plan to present their findings to more soon.

Harrell and Wanjico have been researching what sort of policies are implemented at other schools and their details. Harrell has also been

gathering student testimonies of situations where they should have contacted police officials but did not due to the involvement of alcohol.

Eastern's drug policy follows Washington state drug laws that state the use or sale of illegal substances is prohibited on campus. Medical amnesty policies in other colleges and institutions vary, depending on what the college specifically wants implemented in the policy.

According to Wanjico, this will be the same for Eastern. If a policy was made official, Eastern will decide either to include or not include immunity for drug, alcohol and sexual assault related emergencies.

"The amnesty policy, if we had one written, would also extend out to witnesses who may have been using stuff at the same time," said Wanjico. "My interest as the advocate is for sexual assault victims—that they could know that they're not going to get charged if they seek help."

Sexual assault often occurs when alcohol is involved—a common reason why victims avoid reporting the incident, according to Wanjico. She would also like immunity expanded to witnesses.

"I am here to represent the students' wants and views on this issue. ... The obvious issue surrounding a policy like this is that people worry about students who would abuse it," said Harrell. "A policy like this could not be used as a get-out-of-jail-free card."

The policy would apply to students who need medical attention and for people who call for help. For instance, if a sober, underage friend



at a party with alcohol present calls the police for their friend undergoing alcohol poisoning, both participants would be offered immunity.

Limited immunity would be granted to those involved, though there will still be some consequences.

As stated in the student conduct code, "Possession or consumption of alcohol by person under the age of 21 is not permitted on campus. ...

Minors in possession of alcohol is a misdemeanor offense."

Any violation of Eastern's drug or alcohol policy may result in fines, suspension or dismissal from Eastern, which is also stated in the student conduct code.

Limited immunity, which is what would be included in the policy, is different from straight-up immunity. Straight-up immunity is when someone makes a call for help

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Diving club embraces the fear



Photo by Casey Picha

Cameron Lee executes a swan dive during practice.

Whether performing a swan dive or a backflip, Eastern's new organization offers a platform for the curious to test the waters

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What goes through the mind of someone about to spring into the air from the 3-meter board at the pool? For Morgan Clark, it is absolutely nothing.

Clark, president of the EWU Springboard Diving Club, completed her first full-approach off a 3-meter board during practice. The club encourages gradual improvement for divers of any experience level.

A sophomore double majoring in dental hygiene and pre-dental, Clark finds diving a stress-relieving activity where her mind can relax.

"I go on Fridays, so it's a really good day for me," said Clark. "I'm really overloaded this quarter, and by the end of the week, my brain's just done."

According to Greg Schmidt,

"Every diver goes through playing the mind game. There's always going to be the dive that freaks you out."
Greg Schmidt

aquatics manager and coach of the team, diving is a sport all about having the ability to overcome fear.

"I think one of the things about diving that's fun and aggravating is that it's totally a mind game ... and you're always playing it against yourself," said Schmidt.

"Every diver goes through playing the mind game. There's always going to be the dive that freaks you out."

One member who appears to have little fear is Dale Ryan.

"Dale [Ryan] will go up there, kill himself, go right back up and do it again," Schmidt said.

Ryan, 60, graduated from Eastern in 1974 with a physical education pre-therapy degree. He retired in July 2008 after working as a rural mail carrier for 32 years.

After doing some research, Ryan found that Eastern's aquatic center was the closest pool to him with a 3-meter board.

"Some people jump out of airplanes and I'm going, 'You know, it's a long way down. If something doesn't go right, you don't get to try it again,'" said Ryan. "Off a 3-meter board, it's water."

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Figures finalized for new veterans facility

Military Service Center provides academic resources and counseling

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The EWU Military Service Center will be made available exclusively to student veterans beginning this summer.

The center will be located in Showalter Hall, room 122, across from the dean of student's office. Construction and modeling will begin April 1 with the opening ceremony July 4.

"Veterans are the type of group that they feed off each other," said VetCorps

Navigator Heather Bahme. "It will be a good opportunity for them to come together as one and be able to help each other out because veterans tend to help veterans."

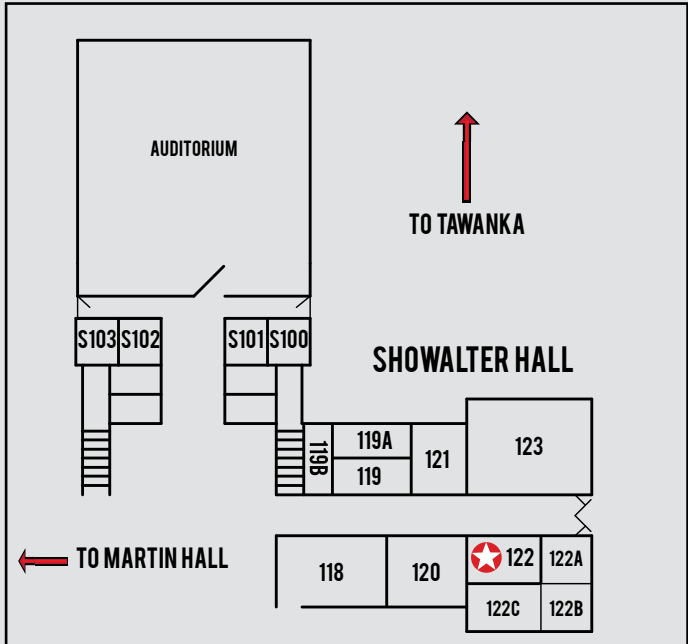
Bahme, who will be relocated to the center with the same position, said the space and budget for the center have been finalized. According to her, the search for the service center's director will be underway soon.

"I think this is a great thing for student veterans at EWU," said junior Mel-

isa Albert. "I have brothers currently serving in the military and I know that when they come here for school, they would appreciate it."

The center offers psychological counseling, academic advising, GI Bill information, computer labs and a lounge for student veterans.

"It gives them a meeting place where everybody in the room knows what everybody has been through," Bahme said.



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The new service center will be on the first floor of Showalter.

Service learning promotes growth

Students connect with community

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Different service learning projects in the Spokane area involve help and support from students at Eastern majoring in communications. Heather Robinson, a lecturer of the communications department, teaches CMST 207, the class titled Communication, Community and Citizenship.

Students who take Robinson's class are assigned to one of eight different service learning projects in the Spokane and Cheney area.

"In my class, service learning is a combination of course content and experience in the community that together reach a higher level of learning," Robinson said.

According to Robinson, experiences from the students' service learning often come up in class because they directly apply to what she is teaching.

"We [draw] on experiences of students in the class who are spending 20 hours over the quarter [for example] at Cheney Care Center or Cheney Assisted Living," Robinson said.

Anna Hawley, a senior, did her project at Cheney Assisted Living during fall quarter 2011. She always went at one in the afternoon when the residents would play bingo.

"It's kind of amazing how you can relate to them because you sort of forget that they were young once, they went to college and ... did the same things that we're doing," Hawley said. "They have so much life experience and they can offer you really good advice. ... You can have really interesting conversations with them."

Even though Hawley en-

joyed working with the elderly, she would also like to experience working with young children.

Amanda Davis, a junior, and Anna Stokes, a senior, did their service learning projects at West Central Community Center during fall quarter 2011.

"It's a before and after-school program for [elementary school] kids," Davis said. "They go in this big gym and they play ball, tennis or other [sports related] activities."

"I was kind of worried ... because I wasn't sure how these kids would take to me because I was a random person," Davis said. "The first day, they were clinging on to me, wanting me to play with them and [some] were fighting over me."

Stokes felt like her service learning project taught her a lot about the children she worked with and herself.

"I enjoyed spending time with kids that were from a [different] background than me," Stokes said. "I grew up pretty privileged. ... It was so eye opening to see that you kind of have that poverty or that third-world mentality."

Stokes hopes to volunteer at West Central Community Center again when she can.

"I ... had my eyes opened to how blessed I am and how lucky we are to grow up with parents who love us, ... who provide for us, ... who want to raise us and not be told at 11 years old [that] 'you're on your own'," Stokes said. "I learned a lot about myself [and] a lot about right here in Spokane [in that] we have a huge need for mentors [and] people who are willing to volunteer."

Library hours extended for finals

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In collaboration with the ASEWU, JFK Library will be extending their hours from March 5 to 22. This will be a pilot program.

Due to student need, a letter to the Dean of Libraries from ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña led to the request for the JFK Library's operation hours to be extended.

The topic of making the extensions permanent will be determined based on the student traffic during this pilot program.

"The more students that we have using the facilities, the better argument that we have to go to the president and say we need some more resources to be able to serve the students," said Dean of Libraries Richard Wilson. "He has been very supportive of our efforts to increase and improve the support to the academic pursuits of the students."

According to Wilson, use of the extended hours is a major aspect when considering making the hours permanent. He says being open when no one is utilizing the facility is expensive.

For the weeks of the extended hours, the library has implemented different measures in calculating student traffic. When students pass through the security systems located in the main entrance, the system counts each time someone enters the library.

In addition, staff members physically go around the library and con-

7:30 A.M. - MIDNIGHT		
MONDAY		MARCH 19
TUESDAY		MARCH 20
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 14	MARCH 21
THURSDAY	MARCH 15	MARCH 22
10:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT		
SUNDAY	MARCH 18	

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duct a head count. They also take note of where students are located throughout the library.

"It's a partnership. It starts with the students, always. Then you have the faculty members who have the bodies of expertise," said Wilson. "There is all of the support that goes into that."

Thirsty Minds, the coffee shop in the library provided by Dining Services, is also extending its hours.

According to Ocaña, this program is one of many he wants to leave for future generations at EWU. He says he wants to leave something that follows the agendas of the students' and not of the student government.

Ocaña did a raw head count of 132 students in the library between the

times of 10:10 p.m. to 10:25 p.m. on Monday March 5. According to him, this was an increase amount from between 9 to 9:30 p.m.

"I have a lot of my finals during dead week so when the library isn't open after 10 [p.m.], it gets frustrating because the library is the only place that has the resources I need," freshman Hannah Lamsi said.

Lamsi, who lives in the dorms, says it is hard for her to find a quiet place to study during late hours.

"ASEWU hopes that the students will show their need for the library. If the concluding evidence illustrates a great need for regular hourly exten-

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Cheney expands with new business

Developers try to liven up downtown with opening of new coffee shop

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Steve and Rhonda Schultz are from Seattle and have always wanted a coffee shop. The Schultzes decided that moving to Cheney to start a new business would be in their best interest.

Steve said that his niece is a student at Eastern. After speaking with her he recognized the need for a coffee shop in downtown Cheney. "We came over to visit last summer and we loved the college and the town," Steve Schultz said. The Schultzes decided to open Red Rooster Coffee Co after visiting last summer.

Red Rooster Coffee Co. is located at 502 First St and opened Monday, March 12. Red Rooster will offer a variety of drinks, such as espresso and organic juices, as well as pastries. In addition, Red Rooster will have free WiFi, will accept Eagle Flex and will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Steve Schultz said that he spoke with students who believe that the coffee shop will have more business than he can handle. He thinks he can fill a void and cater to the students' needs.

"I figure that the kids are at least 50 or 60 percent of my business," Steve Schultz said.

Steve Schultz said that he was surprised by the lack of a downtown atmosphere and

that he hopes to be part of revitalizing the town.

"Between the college and downtown, I think there should be more things for kids to do and I don't quite understand why there hasn't been," Steve Schultz said "This place should be hopping down here, I would think, and I was a little surprised that it's not as busy as it could be."

"I think revitalizing and bringing back the old part of town so students can enjoy that part of town is much better than having strip malls. ... I'm not for strip malls at all," Steve Schultz said.

In addition to Red Rooster, Steve Schultz said that there will be a new frozen yogurt place opening across

from his store.

Jonathan Romano, a former Eastern student, is also planning to open a bubble tea shop next to Rokko's Teriyaki and BBQ. Romano is currently remodeling his location and hopes to open in late April.

Romano said that he thinks with the addition of Rokko's Teriyaki & BBQ, Red Rooster and his own business that downtown can begin to be revitalized.

"The plan is to make the Eastern and Cheney community into one community rather than two separate communities," Romano said.

"The community feeling that the campus has is

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The Easterner is now hiring for editor-in-chief

Job Requirements:

EWU student with junior, senior or graduate-level standing in fall of 2012-2013. Successful completion of JRNM 332 News Writing and successful completion or registration for Fall 2012 in JRNM 351 Media Law. Equivalent coursework and experience also may be considered. At least one year's experience reporting and/or editing for a college or professional newspaper. Strong journalism skills, including news reporting, writing, editing and page design. Leadership skills. Knowledge and experience with professional design software Adobe InDesign. Journalism major highly recommended.

Include cover letter, résumé, clips of published work in journalism, and three references.

Applications are due Monday, April 9, to Easterner adviser Jamie Neely, RRL 137, Cheney, WA 99004 or jneely@ewu.edu.

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and is then off the hook, according to Wanjico. In other words, the person who made the call would not be responsible for anything, including participation in educational components.

Under "limited immunity," a student would not be charged under the university's conduct code if the person participates in educational classes on drugs and alcohol, participates in educational courses on how to identify students with drinking problems and reflects on their experiences for the future and more. Items of participation vary, depending on the institution and its policy.

"As long as they do those things that are outlined, nothing shows up on their school

record," Wanjico said.

According to Wanjico, if a student has had too much to drink, their friends may just have them sleep it off. That student's alcohol level could be rising, and they could end up dead.

"Every student here should feel safe, and alcohol poisoning is serious and can lead to death. I just want students to be able to come forward when they need help," Harrell said.

Signs of alcohol poisoning include unresponsiveness, slow breathing, low body temperatures, paleness, seizures, and vomiting, according to Director of Health and Wellness Prevention Michelle Pingree.

"At that point the recommendation is to turn someone on their side," said Pingree. "Most students unfortunately don't recognize the signs of alcohol poisoning. Most students, if they're around some-

one who is intoxicated to that level, are also themselves intoxicated and may or may not have the capacity to make that determination."

Many universities such as Yale and Harvard have amnesty policies where immunity is granted to those involved — whether it be with drugs or alcohol.

"The amnesty policy for drugs is totally unknown at this point. Most amnesty policies only cover alcohol," said Wanjico. "Whatever EWU would decide to do would be unique to EWU."

The two kinds of amnesty that Wanjico said could be implemented are "Good Samaritan" amnesty, which is a policy extending to those who call for help and medical amnesty, which is extended to those in need of medical attention.

According to an article published in the Washington

Center:

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According to Colin Ormsby, provost of academic affairs, there are currently about 600 student veterans at EWU.

"Pretty much all of my friends are people who have been in the military. I don't really talk to people outside of that group," senior Benni Burden said.

Burden served in the Navy and recently transferred to Eastern.

President Arévalo signed the memorandum of understanding in 2009, which stated that Eastern was required to provide a veteran-friendly campus with resources for the veterans.

College Advancement Director Dave Millet and Director of Disability Support Services Kevin Hills, among others are behind the operation of this center. The center will be funded through a series of grants, existing resources and private donations.

According to Bahme, many student veterans feel more like themselves around other student veterans because of their experiences. She says this center will be a place where they can feel comfortable.

"Civilian life is very different from military life. For one, it's very controlled so you know what time you're going to eat, what time you're going to get up. ... Civilian life, you get to choose that—no one's telling you where you have to be," Bahme said.

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Remembering Japan, one year later

Five Japanese international students visit Japan months after the devastation to interview victims, sharing their stories in the documentary "Zero"

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One year after the earthquake and resulting tsunamis hit Tohoku, Japan, the people affected still cope with rubble-filled streets as well as weak infrastructure, unemployment and a lack of housing.

In the documentary, "Zero," five Japanese international students, known as Team 0, travel to Tohoku six months after the earthquake to interview victims of the natural disaster and hear their stories of life after the devastation.

"Zero" will be shown on campus this Friday, March 16, at noon and 12:30 p.m. Having already been presented four times last Friday, March 9, the film showing saw support from the campus with students and staff packing

themselves into a small classroom in Martin Hall. Some were seated on the floor.

The film began with footage taken from a hilltop in Tohoku of the tsunami sweeping through the town. "Zero" then followed Team 0 as they interviewed numerous Tohoku citizens of various ages, genders and social statuses.

"I went there as a journalist, but I didn't want to bother the people there," said Rei Inoue, a member of Team 0. "But the people I met there were so kind and very cooperative."

A definite need for more aid was addressed, but the documentary advised against sending donations to large relief-providers, such as the Japanese Red Cross, who can take up to a year to allocate donations. Instead, "Zero" advocated donors seek out more specialized organiza-

tions where they can more directly see how their money is being spent.

"I thought it was very interesting and really informative. ... I feel kind of stupid now because I donated about \$20 or so to the Japanese Red Cross last year," said AUAP International Peer Adviser Matt Olsen. "I wish I knew about other organizations that would have handled the money better than the Japanese Red Cross."

According to Inoue, Japanese culture is one that relies heavily on pride, causing the people of Japan not to explicitly ask for help or admit that they even need it.

"The Japanese people [are] so shy," said Inoue. "They feel ashamed to say everything about themselves. Asking [for] too much help is sometimes arrogant. They are afraid to be arrogant, but



Illustration by Evan Sykes

they really need help."

"Zero" presented a statistic that in June 2011, three months after the destruction, media coverage of Japan's plight was one-fourth what it was immediately following the disaster, despite continued issues across the board and a need for more aid.

"Still, there is a lot of rubble remaining. No one can handle such [an amount] of rubble in just one year. The government and many other people say Tohoku needs ten

years to recover," Inoue said.

The film's interviewees repeatedly expressed the need for employment and solid infrastructure. Though donations and relief programs are beneficial, they can not cover the entire cost of sustainable long-term help.

"Volunteers cannot give them any jobs. [Providing] more employment can be done only by government or [Non profit organizations]," Inoue said.

"Zero" concluded by show-

ing interviews of those who have positive feelings toward the future with one elderly interviewee explaining the power of young people's actions and how they will always be "reflected in society."

Inoue echoed these feelings at the end of the video by referencing a J.K. Rowling quote about the importance of imagination leading to empathy for others. Last Friday's noon showing of "Zero" ended with Inoue repeating, "Never forget."

Discovering the magic of chemistry

EWU faculty experiments with chemical properties and crystal structures

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In hopes that his research can help build new technologies and advance current technology, Jamie Manson experiments with superconducting materials through the use of crystallography.

His baseline method is mixing different kinds of solutions together. The crystals come out to be different colors and all crystals are grown from solutions sitting at room temperature. "Pressure and Chemical Modulation of Nanoscale Magnetic Interactions in Metal-Organic Polymers" is the official name of his research project.

He conducts much of his research with the collaborative work of EWU undergraduate students. The students participate in the lengthy process of growing crystals, taking chemical ingredients and dissolving them in particular solvents.

"He's great. He is really accommodating and works around your schedule," sophomore biochemistry major Hope Tran said of Manson. "He really explains things."

Crystallography is the science of arranging atoms into solids. Superconductivity is the ability to conduct electricity without resistance. Superconductivity can transport electrical current over great distances with 100 percent efficiency, making the technology vital according to Manson.

The issue with existing ways to transmit energy deals with the resistance electrical currents face, according to Manson. He says if superconducting wires can be used instead of, for instance, copper, there would not be any electrical loss. This will reduce the overall need of energy.

"To reiterate, a superconductor is essentially a perfect conductor of heat and electricity," Manson said.

Through the use of X-rays, Manson is able to determine crystal structures from the arrangement of their atoms. The atoms' electrons are scattered off the crystal as a result of X-rays beaming into the crystals.

"What we do with that is we use X-rays to study crystals of various sizes and various kinds to determine what the atomic positions are of the atoms inside and then from that, we get all the chemical bonding information," said Manson. "Then we can learn something more about the magnetic properties and that's what I'm interested in."

Some of the chemicals are corrosive and must be contained plastic containers. Hydrofluoric acid is held in plastic wear because the chemical eats through glass and metal.

This method of mixing solutions is the easiest method for growing crystals. This method also does not require sophisticated use of equipment.

"Other kinds of experiments might require really low temperatures or combining with really high pressures. We're doing it in a much more organized and a much more tailored fashion. We know what the ingredients are and we can put them together," Manson said.

Several of Manson's compounds mimic the structure of certain kinds of superconductors. The connection between superconductors and magnets, according to Manson, is a certain temperature above which a material is magnetic, and below which a material is no longer magnetic and becomes superconducting.

In theory, superconductivity and magnetism cannot coexist. According to Manson, most superconductors contain copper ions—copper metal with a positive charge. Copper ions are a focus of his research when used with organic molecules. He is also exploring new materials that contain nickel ions and other metallic ions.

Organic molecules are used because they serve as "building blocks" that Manson and his team can organize into the basic framework of superconductors, according to Manson. What Manson has done is tried to increase the distance between magnetic ions by putting in a bulkier organic molecule to push the copper ions further apart.

This method allows Manson to control the strength

of those magnetic interactions.

There are two parts to his work: the interest in simple metal organic-based compounds and using certain kinds of bonds to produce different kinds of structure types with the idea that they will have interesting magnetic properties.

"It turns out that the other benefit of these materials is that they are good models for current superconducting materials, ... so our compounds are actually good molecular analogs of cuprate superconductors," Manson said.

Materials pertaining to superconductivity can only function at cold temperatures of 160 degrees Celsius, the temperature at which nitrogen becomes a liquid. According to Manson, in order to make superconductivity more amenable to society's technological applications, the temperature which a material becomes superconducting must be increased substantially.

Manson's students are often engaged in experiments, enabling them to travel to other parts of the country and outside the U.S. with Manson.

"Students get a real first-hand experience working with top scientists in the field," Manson said.

They also conduct some

Student work coming spring to symposium

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The Research and Creative Works Symposium will play host to student presentations showing students' works of art, music, creative writing and research presentations.

The symposium is open for any student at Eastern to make a presentation with a faculty member assisting with the project. April 13 is the deadline to submit an abstract or creative works description.

The creative works of music, art, theatre, film with music and creative writing are presenting Tuesday, May 15 from 4 to 9 p.m. All of the other subject areas including math, science and physical therapy are presenting Wednesday, May 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nikki Graham-Brown, the coordinator for the student research and creative works symposium, has been planning the symposium since the fall.

"The most important thing I do is coordinate all the activities that take place before the actual event," Brown said. "Organizing all of the materials that are needed, all the printed items, all of the refreshments [and] all of the departments that we interact with."

"Last year, we had 36 departments [participating] in all four colleges" Graham-

Brown said. "There were 133 faculty mentors and 404 student presenters involved."

Maria McGrew is the assistant coordinator who starts toward the end of winter quarter to help the coordinator with the planning as the symposium draws closer.

"We'll be hammering out the final details," McGrew said. "I'm here to make sure Nikki can get everything done."

"We're about to put up the portals so [students] can sign up for the symposium," McGrew said. "We need to keep track of everyone that's signing up."

Every year, a keynote speaker is selected to give a speech during the luncheon on the second day of the symposium. The keynote speaker for the 2012 symposium is Peggy O'Connell from the biology department

"In the committee, we [nominate] potential candidates for the keynote," Graham-Brown said. "Then we discuss their merits, possible research that they're doing currently or how involved they are in the symposium every year, ... and then we do a vote within the committee."

"Dr. O'Connell is a wonderful asset to the program this year because she has been a mentor for many students, she [mentors] at least five students every year," Graham-Brown said. "She's also great about having students help volunteer for the symposium on the day of the event. We're fortunate to have her."

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"Inspiring the Future" will present its latest findings on April 13, 2012. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., lunch provided. The only problem is we don't know what it's about and, it seems, neither does anyone else.

To know more about it, all you have to do is take a picture of one of the QR Codes placed around campus. Of course, the codes are placed so high up that it took several high jumps before we could get our cell-phones to read them. Even then, the Web page the codes lead you to are vague in their presentation of information.

Nine people serve on the EWU Strategic Planning Executive Committee, including President Arévalo and Rex Fuller serving as co-chair. Another 19 people serve on the EWU Strategic Planning Committee with



Arévalo and Fuller as President and Provost, respectively.

"Inspiring the Future" has, so far, been split into five distinct "phases." Sadly, no one outside of the committees seems to know what was exactly advanced during each of these. What is known: Phase one defined what the plan is. Phase two engaged the campus community and allowed for input. Phase three was termed "development." Phase four saw more feedback and a "finalization" process, which all but sealed its fate, whatever that fate may be. Last, but not least (or maybe this is the least),

phase five is another plan launch and "rollout."

Over the year, the Easterner has included numerous stories about the Strategic Action Committee's "Inspiring the Future" campaign. Even after the stories were printed, we were left with questions. Information on the plan may be public, but it is difficult to properly access. And every article left many of us asking "Plan for what? Strategy for what?"

"Inspiring the Future" is now being advertised under the slogan of "We Heard You."

Upon reading this slogan for the first time on the aforementioned banners on the PUB and library, we could not help but feel that it was dismissive. They say they heard us, but were they listening? If they listened, what, exactly, did they listen to?

According to "Inspiring the Future," Web page on Eastern's official website, "University community members have worked together to create the final strategic plan. EWU is now ready to launch 'Inspiring the Future' by developing an action plan for 2012-13."

The Easterner took the time to ask students around campus what they knew about it. Virtually every student who was asked about it concluded they knew nothing about it.

Does it really take this much time and energy — not to mention the money — to get the word out

for something that no one knows about? Would it be better if this action planning committee had an actual plan they could share with us so that we may know exactly what's going on?

As President Arévalo said: "As you know, students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members rolled up their sleeves to put in countless hours to help create the final document."

Let's hope that final document contains accessible, understandable and useful information. Perhaps it will finally make the purpose and findings of the "strategic planning" clear.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Milliron, an award-winning leader, author, speaker and consultant well known for exploring leadership development and learning strategies.

Through the Eagle's Eye

Interviews by Derek Brown, photos by Aaron Malmoe

"What do you hope comes of the strategic plan? Are the banners effective in getting people's attention?"



"I have no idea. They have something to do with planning. But since I've never heard of the committee, I really don't know."

Alicia Grubbe



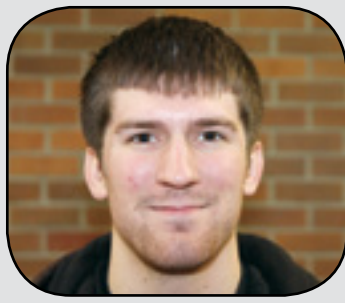
"I'm not really sure what I really want from this. ... I really have no clue what they're getting done because I haven't been paying attention to it."

Tim Noon



"I haven't heard of it. I don't think those [signs] are very good. And it doesn't draw your attention because there's so much red and white."

Jim Short



"What are they trying to say they heard us say? I don't know."

Dylan Timmons



"I have no idea. I just read the big letters on the sign, but I still don't know what any of it means."

Lori Quiles

Invisible Children lacks needed transparency

By Derek Brown

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Editor's Note: This is the first part of a series on this topic.

For days now, the mainstream media has played cheerleader to Invisible Children. Whether it's Yahoo, Google, or CNN, a constant update about how many views Invisible Children has had and how record breaking it is has kept coming. First it was 30 million, then 50 million. Now over 70 million people have seen the Kony 2012 video, created by Jason Russell, cofounder of Invisible Children Inc.

Invisible Children Inc. is a non-profit organization created in 2004 by Jason Russell and friends Bobby Bailey and Laren Poole. After going to Africa looking to film something, the three friends shot footage in Uganda that would become their first film, "Invisible Children." The film was a success and brought awareness to the horrors of Joseph Kony, leader of the Lord's Resistance Army. Kony, whose army has killed thousands of people and kidnapped up to 30,000

children over two decades, hasn't been found since being driven from Uganda in 2006. He is best known for conscripting children to serve in his army. Rumors have it that he even forces them to cannibalize people. Along with this, Kony and his army are also responsible for raping, torturing and killing women all across the Central African region.

For anyone with a heart, it would seem like going into Africa to get rid of the bad guy is a great cause. Just like Saddam Hussein, we can flush Kony out and give Ugandans democracy — by force.

With stacks of ever-growing criticism, and mounting pressure to reveal the inner workings of their enterprise, Invisible Children Inc. might not be the best thing to happen to Uganda since sliced bread in America; unless of course we turn them, like all third world countries, into America.

The visible children

"Invisible Children" has been attacked over the last few days, if not earlier, for its lack of transparency.

For one, the Better Business Bureau criticized it for

refusing to provide the information they used to measure standards.

Invisible Children has also never been externally audited. As it sits now, Invisible Children only allocates 32 percent of their funds towards charity. Most of their money goes towards film costs, traveling and "awareness" programs, all of which are under scrutiny for effectiveness, taste and misunderstanding.

"Last year, the organization spent \$8,676,614. Only 32 percent went to direct services," Grant Oyston, sociology and political science professor at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, said. His statement comes from the financial report from the Invisible Children's website. Another 30 percent went towards paying employee salaries. Each of the founders salaries are in excess of \$80,000. Without an external audit, there's no knowing just how much money they make, and if they're being honest with the numbers on the website. Even with the numbers released by Invisible Children Inc., it shows a high degree of inequity. A disproportionate amount of money goes to causes other

than the one the nonprofit was created for and intended to help.

What is known is that the money itself doesn't go to rebuilding Africa, but rather to the Ugandan government, which has a reputation of brutally repressing protesters. Just a year ago, "the Ugandan police Rapid Response Unit frequently operate[d] outside the law, carrying out torture, extortion, and in some cases, extrajudicial killings," according to Human Rights Watch. The Ugandan Army has also been implicated in numerous rapes in the northern part of the country, along with violence against its own citizens.

Uganda's President, Yoweri Museveni, just began his fourth term as president, effectively placing him in power for 25 years. If it sounds like a dictatorship, it's because it is. And Invisible Children Inc. wants to send him more money.

Joshua Keating stated in Foreign Policy online that "stopping Kony won't change any of [the things promised by Invisible Children in its video], and if more hardware and money flow to Museveni's military, Invisible Children's campaign may even worsen some problems."

Green Dot Spot

By Karen Wanjico

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Green dot is concerned with bystanders helping prevent power-based personal violence regardless of who the intended target of the violence is. In this article, I am sharing the work of Cindi and David Struckman-Johnson, who studied men and women who experienced sexual coercion at college. The name of the article is: Tactics of Sexual Coercion: When Men and Women Won't Take No for an Answer (2003).

In their survey of 656 students, 58 percent of the male and 78 percent of the females reported one experience since age 16 of at least one tactic of sexual persistence being used on them. The most common forms used after the person said "No" were:

- attempted sexual arousal (persistent kissing and touching); 62 percent
- emotional manipulation (lying, threatening, using position of authority, blackmail); 60 percent
- exploitation of intoxication (taken advantage of or purposefully inducing); 38 percent

Almost all of the instances were done by an acquaintance, friend, boyfriend or girlfriend. Fewer than 5 percent of all incidents occurred with strangers (p. 81).

The emotional manipulation experienced by men included

compliments, questioning their masculinity or heterosexuality or the female asking if they are not pretty enough or good enough. Blackmail techniques included threats to tell a man's current girlfriend, parents or employers and making threats of suicide or self harm. One woman wrote, "I started crying and basically guilted him into having sex [with] me."

Exploitation while intoxicated included luring to an isolated location. In some cases men reported being joined in bed, while they were trying to sleep it off. One man was approached by a female stranger who joined in the card game, got him to finish her drinks, then said, "Let's go to a different party." She drove him to where no party was happening. She refused to drive him home, and then attempted the sexual arousal technique. In several instances, women bit, pinched, slapped and hit the males who said no.

As the advocate for EWU, I want to make sure that all students are free from sexual coercion. Green Dot is about looking out for other people and stepping in to help prevent the violence before it occurs. It could be as simple as observing who is being too persistent when someone has already expressed his or her disinterest, and asking if they need help ditching the person. If you want more information, call the advocate at 509-359-6429.

Letter to the editor

Baumgartner taxes for education after cutting it

I would like to thank Sen. Michael Baumgartner for standing up against Senate Democrats and voting for \$78 million in cuts to our education system (\$40 million K-12, \$38 higher education), while simultaneously introducing a Constitutional amendment requiring higher education to be the second most important priority in our state (SJR 8225). Without Baumgartner's courage to do say one thing, but do the opposite, Washington's businesses

would not have to rely on other countries' graduates to fill the void in their offices.

Michael Baumgartner is the kind of politician that we need representing Spokane. Baumgartner, who in his own words from the senate floor on March 3, "wants to tip [his] hat, to the majority party. You know you got beat tonight. You got beat by the rules, but you put up a good fight, and that's just the way this process works," bloats about cutting into our state's educa-

tional resources.

So, thank you Michael Baumgartner for being the creative politician and cutting more of our education dollars over what appears to be a simple game to you. Without leaders like Baumgartner, Washington families could not have counted on 5 straight years of cuts to our education.

Kris Byrum

6TH DISTRICT CONSTITUENT AND EWU ALUM

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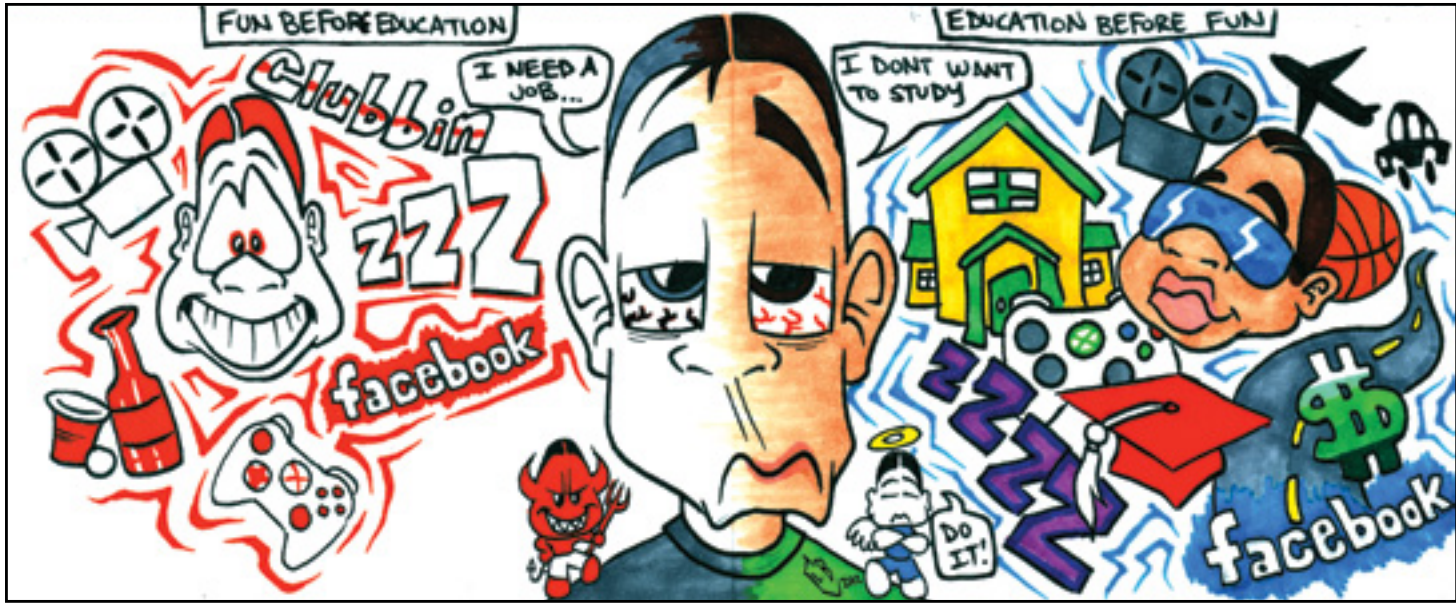
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HISTORY OF EASTERN IN PICTURES



Photo courtesy of EWU Libraries, Archives and Special Collections
Snowball fights are a long-standing element of campus life. This view is from the late 1970s.

Police Beat

March 5

5 p.m. Agency assist
The front door of a home near the 200 block of Walker Street was found unlocked and open while no one was home. EWU police were called for backup while the house was searched for the occupants. No one was found inside. Officers determined that the wind might have blown the door open because of a faulty lock.

in a locker at the URC. The jacket was stolen sometime between 11 a.m. and noon. The incident is under investigation while surveillance tapes are being reviewed.

Theft
A wallet was stolen at the URC sometime between 12:50 and 2:20 p.m. A student placed his wallet on a windowsill and realized that it was gone upon returning.

March 10

1:39 a.m. Vehicle prowl
A student returned to his Jeep in parking lot 4 by Martin Hall and found that his glove box had been rifled through. The vehicle had been left unlocked. Nothing was missing.

4:45 p.m. Theft
A former student was caught shoplifting at the Eagle Express Market. The female was seen leaving the store without purchasing an item. Police were able to make contact afterward and make an arrest.

March 11

5 a.m. Agency assist
EWU officers were called to assist Cheney police with a burglary in progress on 2nd Street. A drunk male was trying to break into an apartment that he mistook for his own.

March 6

Possession of marijuana
The smell of marijuana was reported coming from a car in parking lot 13 near Morrison Hall. Officers made contact with the male student who was in the car. The incident is being forwarded to OSRR.

March 7

Theft
An exchange student made a report that his iPhone had been stolen from his desk in the Science Building. The theft occurred on Feb. 13 during a 10 a.m. chemistry class. Anyone with any information is asked to contact EWU police.

March 9

Theft
A student left her black North Face jacket unsecured

The Easterner is a team of hard-working, self-motivated students and is currently hiring writers.

Writers must seek campus-pegged stories, research and interview for two 600-word articles per week written in Associated Press Style, and collaborate with the copy desk to edit articles for grammar, content and style.

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"Antony and Cleopatra" brings Ancient Egypt and Rome to life



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Rainee Palmer (left), playing Cleopatra and Howard Holcomb as Antony rehearse a scene.

By Al Stover

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Basked in red light, Mark Antony slays four soldiers with his sword. As the lights change, Cleopatra dances on stage with her attendants while Antony’s soldiers linger in the background.

Antony scoops up his lover and carries her off as the soldiers begin to kiss and fondle Cleopatra’s attendants.

This is the opening scene in “Antony and Cleopatra,” being put on by EWU’s theatre department.

“Antony and Cleopatra” is a play written by William Shakespeare. It is about the Roman general and politician Antony and Cleopatra, queen of Egypt, who are engaged in a lavish affair.

In the beginning, Antony

leaves Cleopatra and returns to Rome to deal with the death of his wife Fulvia, the threat of Pompey and the developing tension between him and Octavius.

Although Antony weds Octavius’ sister Octavia as a gesture of good will, he makes decisions that lead him back to the arms of Cleopatra while battling Octavius.

“Antony and Cleopatra” is a tragic love story that features displays of hedonistic fantasy, carnal desire and the power of following the heart despite the consequences that will follow.

For Director Jeff Sanders, “Antony and Cleopatra” is one of Shakespeare’s plays that he has admired for a long time. Although it is rarely performed, Sanders believed the program could pull it off.

“Shakespeare gets the same 10 plays recycled over

and over again,” Sanders said. “I think everyone is fascinated with the story of Antony and Cleopatra historically, but not a lot of people know what he did with it. This is him writing at the peak of his talents.”

Although it has elements of other Shakespeare tragedies, such as death, betrayal and love, Antony and Cleopatra leaves the audience with a sense of ambiguity.

“We’re only left with [Antony and Cleopatra’s] actions,” Sanders said. “Antony and Cleopatra very rarely talk to the audience and tell why they make the decisions they make. There’s a beautiful enigma wrapped in this play.”

Cleopatra was played by Rainee Palmer, who was seductive and sultry but also vicious, manipulative and commanding when she was upset. However, there were

moments when she was also in anguish when Antony was away or when she angered him.

Antony, played by Howard Holcomb, was just as passionate and commanding as Palmer. However, he was also tormented as he was torn between his love for Cleopatra and his duty to Rome.

The supporting characters had roles that were both serious, such as Octavius and Maecenas, and comical, like Lepidus and the abused messenger. Teko Dumoulin played Enobarbus, who was Antony’s loyal, sly and comic friend.

Dumoulin, a senior, has had roles in other Shakespeare plays, such as Oberon in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” and Mercutio in “Romeo and Juliet.”

For Dumoulin, the difference in performing in “Antony and Cleopatra” was doing the research for his character.

“There’s a plethora of information about these people because they actually existed,” Dumoulin said. “It was cool doing the research because you could go in and delve into the actual person you are trying to portray and find out what they did and the choices they made historically and try to work your character out.”

Cleopatra’s attendants were a graceful, vibrant and sexy complement to their queen.

Kendra Sherrill played Iras, one of Cleopatra’s attendants. Sherrill had done research over winter break to better learn the relationship between a queen and her attendants.

“[Attendants] relation-

ships with their maiden [are] very complicated,” Sherrill said. “They’re very close and she depends on them. That helped during the course of the production. I got really close with Rainee and Chailee [Friant, who played Charmian, another one of Cleopatra’s attendants].”

Sanders had used contemporary themes when he directed Shakespeare plays in the past. To give the play a theme of a hedonistic fantasy, Sanders knew that Cleopatra’s Egypt was the embodiment for hedonism and pleasure. Some ways Sanders did change the script from Shakespeare’s original work included merging characters together.

The performers were not the only people who made “Antony and Cleopatra” come alive.

The sets, lighting, costumes and hand-made props — courtesy of the stage crew-combined with original music, created by Cody Bray and Jeremy Larson, created an atmosphere like that of ancient Egypt and Rome.

Different elements that were added to this production included a choreographed sea battle and a live snake.

“It’s kind of an exhilarating experience to see it come together,” Sanders said.

Sherrill, Palmer and Friant handled the snake, whose name is Jack, on stage in the final scene. Although Palmer and Friant are terrified of snakes, Sherrill loved the experience.

“They were the ones who actually had to work with him more than I did,” Sherrill said. “I was like ‘Come on, I like it.’

Antony and Cleopatra showtimes

at the EWU Theatre

March 15 5 p.m.

March 16 7:30 p.m.

March 17 7:30 p.m.

They did a good job working up to it. He’s done shows before, so he’s a veteran.”

Sarah Malinak came to watch Sherrill perform. Overall, she enjoyed the play.

“Everyone’s acting was really good,” Malinak said.

Devyn Johnson, a junior majoring in visual communication design, enjoyed the performances of the actors.

“Everyone practiced really well,” Johnson said. “I could tell they really worked well together.”

Blaine Nicholls, who played Pompey, has been involved with theater since he was a kid. Nicholls credits Sanders as being one of the best Shakespearean teachers he has ever had.

“He knows Shakespeare better than anyone I have ever met,” Nicholls said. “The way he made me learn while I was acting was an unbelievable experience.”

According to Sanders, one of the things he enjoyed about working on the play was seeing the roles come through the actors as they progressed.

“I don’t know if I have ever worked with such strong student work on stage,” Sanders said. “I’m so proud of them.”

The Dating Doctor will see you now

By Christina Jordan

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“What I am about to teach you right now is going to be important for the rest of your life. I get paid \$1,000 an hour, but because of Eagle Entertainment, you all get my services for free,” David Coleman, also known as the Dating Doctor, said.

Coleman shared his take on relationships in the PUB MPR on Thursday night, March 8.

“I started giving relationship advice in college. I would get 20 bucks for giving good advice to people, and it escalated from there into my current profession,” Coleman said.

Coleman has been named the National Collegiate Speaker of the Year 13 times. He speaks at many universities as well as non-profit organization events, church events and leadership conferences.

“You are the stars of my show. When I actually have to stop the show and tell you

that you are so brilliant, I will clap and throw chocolate at you,” Coleman said.

Apart from making many witty side comments, Coleman had a lot of practical relationship advice in his show.

“Don’t ever tell someone that they ‘complete you.’ You should be complete all by yourself. Then, you should find yourself someone who complements you. You should not rely on someone else to complete you.”

Coleman is a huge fan of simplifying by giving something an acronym or a creative title. In the packet he handed out, there were bold headings like “The Three Types of Love,” “The Five Stages of a Relationship” and “Healthy vs. Unhealthy.”

“Something I always like to share is the ABCs of initial interest. Using this method, you will be able to tell whether or not someone you meet is worth your time in pursuit. ‘A’ is for attraction. Is there attraction between the two of you? Something that draws you together? ‘B’ is for believability. Is this person sincere

and honest in what they are saying, or do they seem to fabricate their answers? ‘C’ is for chemistry. Do they smile at you, laugh at your jokes, and maintain eye contact? ‘D’ is for desire, the desire to know them better. If it’s absent, don’t step into a relationship.”

Coleman also shared some steps to tell if someone is initially interested in you.

“A good rule for men who are trying to decide if a girl is interested in them is to make eye contact, then look away. Second, make eye contact again — don’t say anything stupid — and then look away again. Third, make eye contact with her and don’t look away until she does. Then walk away. If she is interested in you, she will scan the room and find you. If she’s not, then she won’t,” Coleman said.

Coleman also spoke caution against letting someone control you to the point where you have to endure disrespect or mistreatment in order to keep them.

“The one who is less invested or less interested in

the relationship controls the relationship,” Coleman said.

According to the Dating Doctor, 30 percent of long distance relationships fail the first year. 90 percent fail within two years.

“If you’ve got a year and a half left, go ahead and try to make it work. But always remember that absence doesn’t make the heart grow fonder. Proximity does,” Coleman said.

At one point in the show, Coleman had the guys sit on their hands while girls from the audience were allowed to stand up and tell them things like, “Stop asking us out over Facebook” and “Stop being creepy.”

Then, the guys were given the opportunity to say things to the girls like, “Quit leading us on” and “Don’t wear revealing clothing. We guys like girls with class.”

Near the end of his show, the Dating Doctor said, “A relationship should be built on five things: trust, respect, intimacy, passion and commitment. If your relationship doesn’t look like this, you’re settling for less.”



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David Coleman, a.k.a "the Dating Doctor," tells the audience about the five ways men show interest in the world of relationships.

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Rokko's opens with a big bang

After a successful opening, restaurant hopes to find a normal routine soon

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A trip to Japan, a love of Japanese street food and an Australian Cattle Dog inspired Rokko's Teriyaki & BBQ, the newest addition to the restaurants in downtown Cheney. David Hall and his wife Inez opened Rokko's on Feb. 24 and the family business was booming instantly.

"We just turned on the lights and we just got slammed," Hall said. "I think people are willing to go out of their way to get real food."

The Hall family came to Cheney on a recruiting trip for their daughter in 2009 and wanted to eat teriyaki for dinner. They were saddened when they found that there were no teriyaki restaurants in town. When they visited downtown Cheney, Hall was even more discouraged.

"I thought, 'This is the biggest waste of an old downtown I have ever seen in my life, especially for a college town,'" Hall said. The idea to sell everything they owned in Seattle and move to Cheney to open up Rokko's "do or die" style was born at that moment.

The inspiration came from a picnic Hall attended when he was 13 years old. That picnic left a lasting impact on his taste buds.

When the family knew a restaurant was opening in the near future, that picnic was forefront in his mind.

"They had teriyaki chicken legs glazed with teriyaki sauce, ... they had meatballs. They were mixing and matching stuff. And it was all Japanese-ized. It was the coolest thing I had ever seen in my life," Hall said.

Hall has a background in construction and with the help of friends and family, they turned the building into a Japanese alley. The remodeling idea came from a trip they had taken to Japan.

The view from the hotel was of an alley, with a modern building on one side and an older house on the other. The memory still stands out for the family.

"When I walked in here, I thought, 'You know what, I am going to give it that feel,'" Hall said.

If patrons of the restaurant sit at the tables right in front of the windows and look the length of the restaurant, the "modern building with graffiti" is the red wall that runs the length of the building on the right. The kitchen area on the left is the "old house." The "alley way" leads to the bathroom at Rokko's and is decorated with multi-colored lantern lights strung overhead to light the way.

The food served is different from anything else in

Cheney and the community is glad to have something new to try. The Stevens family visited Rokko's because of a recommendation from a family member. Paul Stevens is looking forward to trying out a variety of items on the menu.

"That fellow sitting over there, he got the meatballs," said Stevens. "When he got up to get his silverware, it was all I could do to not grab one because they looked good. But he's big. I figured he would probably beat me if I grabbed one."

Stevens had the pork shank and was thrilled with his choice.

"It was awesome," Stevens said. Next up on the menu for him might consist of meatballs, served in his own to-go box.

Diane Stevens had the spicy teriyaki chicken. "It cleared my sinuses. It was very good," she said.

Not all of the patrons enjoyed their meal as much as the Stevens family. Josiah Torba will return "eventually" to eat at Rokko's and give them a second chance.

"It depends on what you are looking for. If they are just hankering for teriyaki, it's a good place. If they are hankering for getting better food for the same price, they could probably do so at China Buffet. I am a quantity over quality guy," Torba said.

The family-friendly es-



Photo by Doug Ault

Rokko's features decor that is reminiscent of a Japanese alley the Hall family encountered on a trip.

tablishment is located at 506 First St. This was a soft opening and they are still getting things figured out. Hall estimates that they are serving 300 people a day with their homemade food. They are figuring out how to serve better food and serve it faster.

Currently, the hours of operation are 12-3 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. However, those hours may vary as the restaurant finds a normal routine. Hall suggests calling 509-359-8010 for more information on current hours of operation.

"Japanese street food is

insanely good," Hall said. "It's delicious and it's fun and it's fun for them to eat. We wanted a fun food place so it made sense."

Paul Stevens plans on returning to Rokko's. "I think it's a good addition to the town. We liked it and we are coming back."

Research:

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of their experiments in other colleges and institutions. In order to conduct an experiment somewhere, Manson is required to write up a research proposal that entails the research experi-

ment, what the scientific impact will be and why they need to use their facilities.

Manson is a physical inorganic chemist who specializes in material synthesis using tools of molecular chemistry.

Essentially, he takes certain kinds of molecules and strings them together with

metal ions in order to make certain kinds of structures.

"Its pretty cool to see the different types of reactions," said senior Adora Baldwin. "You have one thing that will react a specific way and you change one position, heat or different concentration and you get a completely different

result and it's kind of exciting to see that."

Baldwin is a chemistry major and, according to both students, Manson has opened career opportunities and interest in chemistry for them.

His research is funded by a National Science Foundation grant of \$265,000

total—roughly \$90,000 a year, which was one of the largest grants nationwide. He received this grant for his research approximately a year and a half ago.

According to him, more than 1,500 proposals were submitted in the same year his grant was funded in September 2010. Only 10

percent of those proposals were awarded grants.

Manson has been on staff since 2003. He has published more than 90 research papers and has worked with students, faculty and staff at Eastern and with other institutions across the country and other countries.

JFK hours:

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hope to request a permanent schedule change consisting of additional hours beyond the current library hours of operation," Maria Christianson said in an email.

Wilson has worked closely with ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña and ASEWU Academic Affairs Eric Palomino regarding this pilot program. According to Ocaña, the library plans to continue this program again next quarter if this first pilot run goes well.

Wilson says students

are not as rushed to get their work done as they are during the spring time because of graduation.

In terms of student success, the library does not have a system in measuring students' final grades due to their use of the extended hours.

"As students, we feel that this week is the most valuable time for the library to be open because the majority of the student population will be studying before finals are upon us," said Christianson. "This is especially true when professors schedule their finals early during dead week."

According to Wilson,

last year, the library saw an average of 34,000 student visits a month. This year, the library saw an average of 36,000 student visits per month.

"The library is a place for information seeking, as well as a place for knowledge creation," said Wilson. "To use Eric Palomino's term, it is 'a place of academic exploration.'"

All final decisions will be made by Wilson.

"I believe that this is going to be a huge retention tool," said Ocaña. "Many of us have to work, many of us have kids, so what are we doing to evolve? I think this is the first step to show that."

Downtown:

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fantastic and if you can bring part of that feeling to downtown, ... I think between the college and the city, they could get together and come up with some great ideas," Steve Schultz said.

According to Steve Schultz,

there has been an abandonment of the old town area. He said that new development has taken a priority while the old town has been put on the back burner.

"I think that's wrong. The college has been around for over 100 years. ... Some of the buildings in downtown have been around for 100 years. ... Let's get it connected and

make it a place where everyone wants to come," Steve Schultz said.

Schultz said that the university and the city have been very helpful with opening Red Rooster.

"I think that downtown within the next two years is gonna be back. There's gonna be a resurrection," Steve Schultz said.

Corrections for Issue 19, March 7, 2012:

Front, Lights, camera, drag-tion, p. 1: Only the proceeds from the Delta Chi intermission drag show go to the V Foundation. The rest of the proceeds go to the Spokane Aids Network. Beyoncé Blaqué's name was misspelled.

Eagle Life, American Composers Orchestra, p. 5: Ben Robertson was referred to as a music professor, but his actual title is audio engineer. He also teaches a class on how to build instruments with Dr. Johnathan Middleton.

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EWU
Men's Rugby
vs. British Columbia
at 1:30 p.m.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Air Force
at Issaquah, Wash.
at 3 p.m.

March 18

EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Seattle
at Seattle
at 9:15 a.m.

March 24

EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. Sacramento State
at Sacramento, Calif.
at 1 p.m.

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EWU
Men's Tennis
vs. Pacific
at Stockton, Calif.
at 2 p.m.

March 25

EWU
Men's Tennis
vs. Fresno Pacific
at Fresno, Calif.
at 12 p.m.

March 26

EWU
Women's Golf
in Butler Spring
Invitational
at Avon, Ind.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. San Jose State
at San Jose, Calif.
at 9:15 a.m.

March 27

EWU
Women's Golf
in Butler Spring
Invitational
at Avon, Ind.

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EWU
Women's Tennis
vs. San Francisco
at San Francisco, Calif.
at 11 a.m.

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EWU
Men's Tennis
vs. Sacramento State
at Sacramento, Calif.
at 1 p.m.

March 30

EWU
Track and Field
in Al Manuel
Invitational
at Missoula, Mont.
at 10 a.m.

March 31

EWU
in Al Manuel
Invitational
at Missoula, Mont.
at 10 a.m.

Men's rugby chewed up by Beavers

Team hopes to be eligible for playoffs

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Even a cold and cloudy Saturday afternoon could not keep the EWU men's rugby club from holding their heads high in a close 17-12 loss against the Oregon State Beavers.

The March 10 matchup pitted EWU against their conference foe in a game that sought to determine EWU's playoff chances.

A win would have strengthened the Eagles' odds of reaching the Sweet 16 in the Division 1 National Championships playoffs.

According to the club's head coach Ian Martin, the Eagles and the Beavers have a history between each other regarding reaching the playoffs.

"Last year, it came down to a game between Oregon State and us," Martin said. "This year, it'll probably come down to the same."

Jacob Moffett, the club's backs' captain, said conference leader Oregon State must lose for EWU to still have a shot at reaching the playoffs.

"It came down to us," Moffett said. "We have to win out and [Oregon State] has to lose at least one."

Late in the first half, Connor Fischesser bulldozed his way through numerous Oregon State defenders to score a try.

However, the referee determined that an EWU player was offside, denying the men points.

Fischesser exited the game due to an injured knee after the score was nullified. According to Moffett, the injury does not seem serious.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

EWU's mens rugby team lost 17-12 against the Oregon State Beavers. They are currently ranked sixth in the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference.

Although the outcome was not what Moffett would have liked, he believes the team left everything they had on the field, something that was stressed in a pre-game speech before the game was underway.

"Everybody was going 100 percent the entire game," Moffett said. "That was the best game I've ever played in. ... I'm proud to be a part of this team."

Brendon Rannow, the club's president, felt that even though they lost, the team is just as talented a ball club as Oregon State.

The two clubs will play again in the spring, but Rannow said it will be for pride instead of standings.

"It will be fun to play them again," Rannow said. "They know we're a good team and we know they're a good team. We'll go out there and play a game and see who's better."

According to Moffett, the club fought hard in a game that was decided by only five points.

"It was really, really close," he said. "If we would've scored one more time, we would've tied it."

Late in the second half, things began to look bleak for EWU as Oregon State drove down the field.

Players on the sidelines rejoiced as forwards' captain Eric Populous intercepted an Oregon State pass and sprinted down the sideline.

His 40-yard scamper set up EWU for what would have been the game-tying try.

Unfortunately, the men were unable to punch it in for the win.

"I picked it and had one more guy [to outrun],

but he came with me and played it well," Populous said. "But, that gave us a surge and we were almost there for 15 minutes."

Populous agrees that the club played well against the Beavers in the grudge match.

According to Populous, the team played with a lot of heart, but costly mistakes and questionable calls by the referee kept the rugby club from emerging victorious.

"We played well," Populous said. "We left our hearts out there."

Baseball's new leadership and players spearhead change

Regionals or bust for Eagles

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The first day of spring is fast approaching and that can only mean one thing: it is time for baseball.

For EWU Baseball Club players who grew up spending their summers competing on the baseball diamond, the urge to get out on the field always hits as the weather turns.

This year's team is out to do more than hit home runs and turn double plays.

Club president Cash Ulrich is determined to change opinions of what Eastern baseball is capable of accomplishing.

"We really don't have that great of a tradition," said Cash. "We have a long tradition. We're the longest [running] club at EWU, but it's not a rich tradition. That's one thing I'm trying to turn around before I leave here."

Ulrich, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, played for the club last season and decided to run for president after feeling like there was a void of leadership.

The club does not have a head coach.

Consequently, the duties fall to Ulrich, Corey Ventura, the vice president; Logan Goulet, the secretary and Levi Lane, the treasurer.

Together, the four are a brain trust coordinating the team's practice schedule, the lineups for games and any other necessary duties.

Ulrich and Goulet said they have made it clear to their teammates that the best players will play in games.

"There used to be a lot of buddy-buddy thing[s]," said Goulet. "The friends would play. Not necessarily your best players. ... You have to live with it for at least this year. Vote in someone [else] next year if you don't like it."

Without a coach, maintaining a competitive, serious atmosphere can be a challenge, but Goulet said that much of the responsibility



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Senior Jacob Druffel bats and throws right and plays both catcher and first base.

falls on the athletes who signed up to play.

"We're not there to hound them. A lot of that falls back onto our players and how competitive they are," said Goulet. "We don't feel like we should be players as well as coaches yelling at them. That's not what we're there for."

Instead, Ulrich and Goulet want to encourage the team to compete every day in practice and in games. Club baseball is for fun – the players pay to play – but the Eagles' baseball team is an outlet that goes beyond intramural games.

Competing in the National Club Baseball Association, EWU is part of the Northern Pacific - North Division.

The post season starts with regionals, which is comprised of the three division winners in the northwest and one at-large selection.

The team that wins regionals advances to the club world series in Columbus, Ga. May 25 - 31.

Eastern has never advanced to the post season and for this year's squad, anything less means failure.

With an influx of talent, Ulrich believes this season's team can take the next step.

It starts with new players like Corey Ventura. A third baseman and pitcher, Ventura anchors a bullpen with improved depth and talent.

After high school, Ventura attended Pierce College in Tacoma, Wash., where he played baseball for two years.

Upon graduating in 2009, Saint Martin's, a Division II school in Lacey, Wash., offered Ventura a scholarship to continue his baseball career.

Having been recently married, Ventura and his wife discovered she was having a baby.

"I had to choose between baseball or being able to help take care of the family," said Ventura. "I chose not to go to Saint Martin's." After taking some time off, Ven-

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tura enrolled in Eastern's mathematics-secondary education program.

As the club's vice president, he is part of the committee that substitutes for the role of a coach.

"I think it's actually a benefit towards us, especially now that we have a couple kids that have been around baseball after high school," Ventura said.

Ventura grew up playing baseball in Olympia, Wash., and whenever winter wears away, the instinct to play baseball is inherent.

"This is the most fun part of baseball, right before you start your season," said Ventura. "When it starts getting warm, your baseball blood starts itching."

"We're shooting for regionals. We really think that we can go the distance and show people what Eastern's baseball is all about."

EWU Sports
in Brief



Monterola

Monterola once again makes EWU history — Junior Keisa Monterola broke new ground after she placed fifth and became the first EWU female athlete to earn All-America First-Team honors for indoor track and field by placing fifth with a mark of 14-1 1/4 at the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Boise, Idaho, March 10. Monterola has already broken the EWU school indoor pole vaulting record with a height of 13-11 1/4 and the Big Sky Conference indoor record with a mark of 14-4. Monterola hopes to qualify for the 2012 London Olympics. To do this, she would need to get a mark of 14-5 1/4, which is the Olympic B-standard.

Eagles stung by Hornets in Big Sky tournament — The EWU women's basketball team wrapped up their season after losing to the Sacramento State Hornets in the quarterfinal round of the Big Sky Conference championship tournament 71-61, in Pocatello, Idaho, March 8. The Eagles ended with an overall season record of 16-14. This is the third straight year the Eagles qualified for the tournament. Seniors Brianne Ryan and Chene Cooper have gained numerous post-season honors. Ryan was named the 2012 Big Sky Confence Player of the Year, College Sports Madness's Big Sky Player of the Year, Female Scholar Athlete for March and was selected for the Big Sky Women's Basketball All-Conference and College Sports Madness first-teams. Cooper earned second team honors for both the Big Sky Women's Basketball All-Conference Team and College Sports Madness All-Big Sky team. Junior Carrie Ojeda earned fourth team selection from College Sports Madness.

Men's tennis defeats Redhawks — The men's tennis team snapped a two-match losing streak after once again defeating the Seattle Redhawks, 4-3 on March 10.

Track champion earns scholar athlete honors — Junior Steven Warner was named the male Scholar Athlete for March. Warner recently captured his the Big Sky ConfeeIndoor Track and Field championship title in the men's 60-meter hurdles with a time 8.07 seconds, Feb. 25.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Cliff Colimon scored a total of 49 in both games the Eagles played in the Big Sky Conference tournament and was selected for the Big Sky Conference Championship All-Tournament team.

Hayford's first year ends in Big Sky semifinals

Eagles earn first playoff victory since 2006

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Eastern's men's basketball team finished a successful season by winning a home playoff game. After missing the postseason for five years straight, Eastern hired former Whitworth University head coach Jim Hayford, who helped the Eagles return to the Big Sky tournament. "As a new coach, when you establish a new program, you want to lay a foundation of success," Hayford said. "There are many things our team accomplished this year that will lay a good foundation for the future of Eastern." The Eagles won 15 games, the most since 2004 and six road games, most since 2003. For the first time since 2006, they hosted and won a home playoff game beating Idaho State (81-75) before losing in Missoula, Mont. to Montana (74-66) during the semifinals. Griffin also finished strong with consecutive double-doubles in his last three games, giving him four this season and seven for his career. "Towards the end, we were trying to host a game at home," Griffin said. "I just went out there and tried to help the team and ended up putting up good numbers." Ederaine was a force on defense, consistently being a presence inside with shot blocking and rebounding. He finished his senior year with six double-doubles.

Colimon led the team with an average of 16.5 points and five assists per game and earned first team All-Big Sky Conference and Big Sky Championship All-Tournament honors. Colimon scored 20 or more points 13 times as a senior. He scored over 20 in seven of his last nine outings, averaging 21.9 points in those nine games. In the two tournament games, he scored 49 points. "Our system really allows the point guard to make reads and make the first decision of each possession that we're going to do," Hayford said. "I thought, down the stretch, Colimon really grabbed the whole essence of what his role is and really gave that role everything it deserved and did a fantastic job." "I had a lot of confidence," Colimon said. "I just realized it's my senior year and I had to step up." For Colimon, the home playoff game will always be his best memory as an Eagle. For the first time in his college career, his family was able to come down from New York and watch him play.

EWU men's basketball season leaders	
Scoring	
Cliff Colimon	527
Collin Chiverton	446
Cliff Ederaine	337
Laron Griffin	272
Jefferey Forbes	222
Tremayne Johnson	205
Parker Kelly	148
Jordan Hickert	101
Kevin Winford	62
Rebounds	
Cliff Ederaine	235
Laron Griffin	224
Tremayne Johnson	126
Cliff Colimon	120
Jeffrey Forbes	89

EWU men's basketball season leaders	
Field goals made	
Cliff Colimon	173
Collin Chiverton	147
Cliff Ederaine	123
Laron Griffin	101
Jeffrey Forbes	73
Tremayne Johnson	66
Parker Kelly	46
Jordan Hickert	33
Kevin Winford	23
Free throws made	
Cliff Colimon	115
Cliff Ederaine	89
Laron Griffin	70
Collin Chiverton	64
Tremayne Johnson	60

In their final game against Montana, Griffin scored 15 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Ederaine scored 16, his best performance since scoring 20 against Weber State. Assistant coach Shantay Legans said that Hayford's best attribute that he brought to the team is his winning attitude. "Players bought into him and his winning," Legans said. "Every

year, he's won since he's been a head coach. When players found out we were getting a new head coach they came to me, 'Hey, this guy has won before!'" Ederaine feels that Hayford brought in not only winning, but a sense of closeness between the team. "I like how we all came together and how close we got over the amount of time we got," Ederaine said.

Diving:

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In September 2011, Clark was a lifeguard at the pool and saw Ryan doing flips off the diving board. "We went up and talked to him to see if he wanted [to join]. He comes every week," said Clark. "It adds a different dynamic. He's awesome." After a lifetime of diving,

Ryan has learned the proper technique through Schmidt's coaching and is now completing dives he could not do before. "The first dive I ever did different, other than a regular forward dive, was a back dive and then a back flip," said Ryan. "I hadn't done those for 25 years. When you get to 50, 60 years old, you're not just swimming laps. You can do something more fun." One of the newest clubs

on campus since starting last spring, they now have 13 members. Practices, available twice a week, are a great fit for beginning to intermediate divers. "It's kind of for everyone," said Clark. "We're just trying to get it to a point where people will come and try it out." The small group setting allows each member to progress at a pace they are comfortable with, but the group

strives to improve every practice. "You kind of push yourself that way," said Ryan. "How far can you go?" The club is not for experienced, competitive divers, at least not yet. It is a way to discover a passion for diving. "You get a sense of accomplishment," said Ryan. "It's something that not everybody does. A lot of people are out there swimming laps but very few [are] going off the board."

The Springboard
Diving Club

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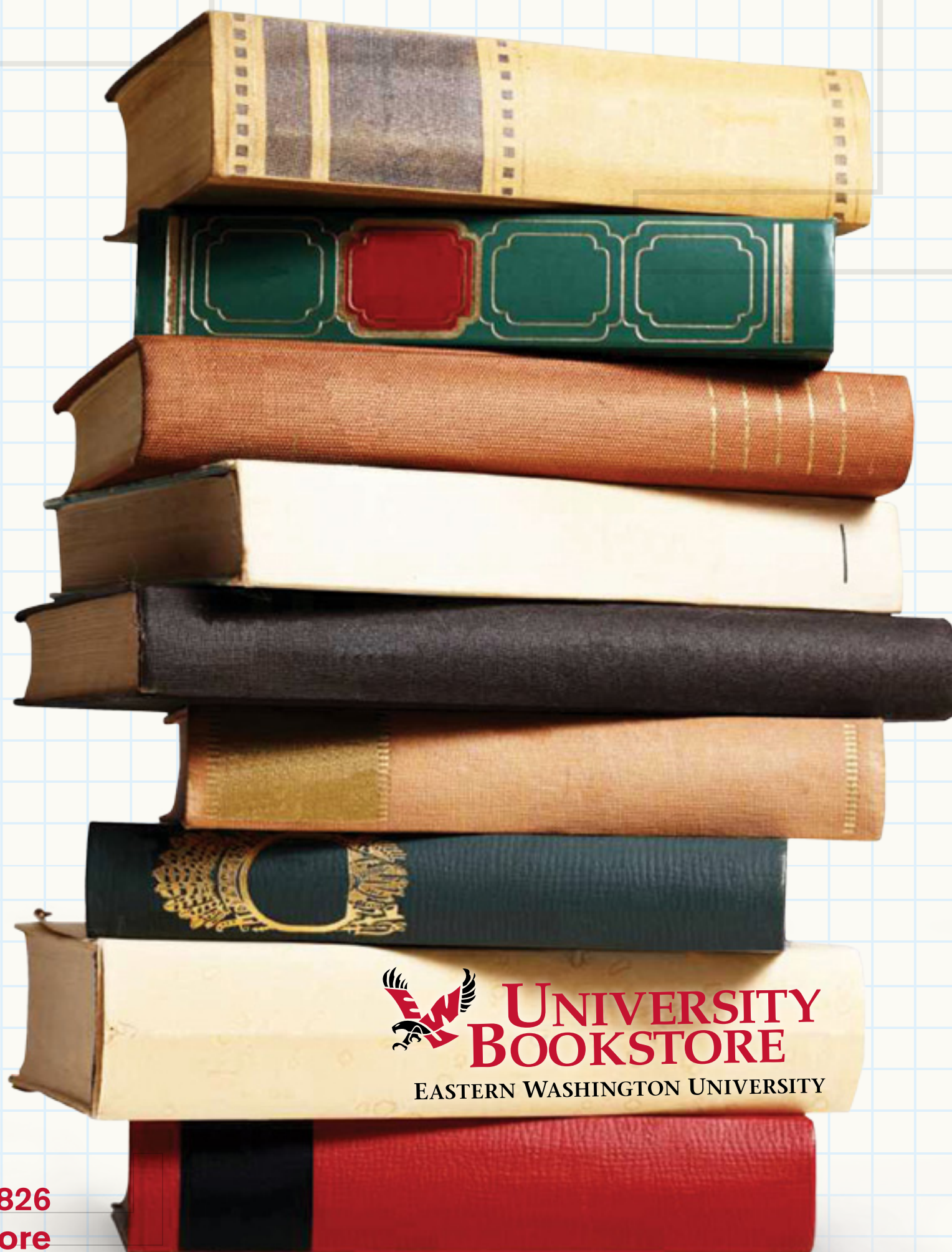
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