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The Get Lit! programs present their 14th annual festival starting April 9 with the 1 p.m. showing of **Miss Representation** in the JFK Library auditorium.

Hoopalousa, the Get Lit! full court three-on-three basketball game for charity will include authors Sherman Alexie, Shann Ray and Jess Walter. The event will be free for everyone at Whitworth University at 7 p.m. on April 9.

For more reading on the Get Lit! festival, check out **Eagle Life**, page 6. Also on that page, learn about the **2012 Washington State Science Olympiad** to return to EWU on April 14.

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>

Gateway envisions the future



Draft rendering courtesy of EWU Foundation/BLRB

A draft rendering of the Gateway Project shows how this could potentially change and relocate the social center of the Cheney campus.

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The EWU Foundation, a fundraising alumni organization, presented The Gateway Project to the EWU Board of Directors March 23 at the Board Committee of the Whole.

The aim of the project is to create a community within the EWU campus by constructing a "city within a

city." This includes increasing visibility, retention and scholarships. Conceptually, after the initial building is paid off, the university would be in possession of a sustainable revenue generator.

According to Mike Westfall, vice president of EWU University Advancement, Project Gateway is still in the visioning process. The presentation was to inform the board of trustees and the next step is a feasibility study.

The Gateway project would redefine the heart of the campus at the Roos Gateway and would initially unite athletics and academics by creating a multipurpose building along the Washington Street side of Roos Field.

Washington Street would be rerouted around the backside of the stadium and a new Eagle Plaza would be created just before the Roos arch for game days only, which would increase pedestrian safety.

The first phase of building would introduce 5,000 more seats in lower seating rather than bleachers to the Washington side of Roos Field and 3,000 more seats to upper, covered seating. The inside of the building would house concessions with a view of the game, leasable commercial space, suites and a donor club with tiered seating and a patio, many bathrooms on one concourse alone, the

Academic Success Center, a training room, football operations, the University Bookstore, locker rooms for home and visitors and a dedicated space for the band near the field.

One of the presenters said that a dedicated spot for track would be located elsewhere on campus.

Further phases included additional seating in the

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Bylaw changes ease campaign conduct

After ramifications of last year's campaign mistakes, ASEWU alters the regulations for student elections

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New bylaw changes making the election process more user-friendly and giving the candidates more time to campaign are set in motion for the upcoming student elections.

Bylaw 203: Section 3 and bylaw 206: section 5A are the two bylaw changes that are changing the rules for the candidates.

ASEWU president Oscar Ocaña said that the bylaws are to give an advantage to candidates who want to start campaigning immediately.

"There's three different factors ... [rewarding those] who turn in their information on time, promotion and clarity to make the process smooth," Ocaña said.

The change to Bylaw 203: Section 3 is the acceptance of the contract agreement regarding the elections guidelines, which will make the election process more user-friendly for candidates.

Kelli Crawford, legislative affair representative and head of the review and proposal committee, said that the change is to make the bylaw more clear.

"We're hoping the candidates will be able to run [without] accidentally doing something incorrectly and therefore lose their candidacy," Crawford said.

Two changes were added to Bylaw 206 Section 5A. First, campaign materials cannot be posted until the candidate has filed to run. Second, the candidates must attend a mandatory election candidate information section.

The candidates can either meet with the director of elections or the ASEWU supervisor.

According to Ocaña, a candidate was disqualified last year because she opened a Facebook group before the filing of candidates was complete.

"How is it possible to be a registered candidate, but not start promoting yourself?" Ocaña said. "That doesn't make sense to me."

Ocaña said he disagrees with the old campaigning rules because each candidate had to wait to start campaigning until everyone turned in their packets.

Riverpoint divided between schools

Activities and lectures claimed as exclusive for WSU Spokane

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Activities at WSU Spokane have been excluding Eastern students, according to the ASEWU.

ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña is trying to combine services of the ASWSU and ASEWU so that students from both universities can share a campus and its activities that are supposed to be shared. Items such as daycare services, a fitness center and other offered services are things Ocaña is looking into.

These ideas were presented to the Board of Trustees a few weeks ago. The situation is still in progress.

So far, the issue has been addressed but nothing has been decided. Plans to eliminate the restrictions have not been implemented.

"Student and Activity

Fees are paid to the students' university in which they attend and are a part of their tuition and fees. The way the state has mandated the use of these fees we are unable to allow WSU fees to pay for Eastern students to be involved in some of our events," ASWSU Spokane President Holly Burke said.

Events exclusive to WSU Spokane students include the Spring BBQ, Ski Trips, Oz Fitness memberships and Chiefs Hockey games.

According to Burke, the student governments from both universities are working to find a solution to hosting joint student events through funding scenarios that combine funds from both EWU and WSU Spokane Student Associations on the Riverpoint campus.

Freshman Riley Ronalds said, "I have a friend who goes to WSU at Riverpoint and we were going to go to a lecture for extra credit. The problem

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Bus access all year?

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A new referendum that states the transportation fee for the STA buses will be included in the summer quarter fees is the next topic of discussion for the ASEWU.

If approved, students taking summer classes at Eastern will have full access to STA buses during the summer, similar to the rest of the academic school year.

ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña first started researching the bus fees when he heard a student complaint. He found that the transportation fee was not being charged during summer quarter.

According to Ocaña, enrollment during the summer is about 2,000 students with about 1,000 students who use the bus.

"Riding the bus cost [students] between \$90 to

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Illustration by Evan Sykes



College dean brings new perspectives

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Martine Duchatelet will begin her new journey as dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. In addition, she will also be the executive dean of the Riverpoint campus.

Niel Zimmerman, interim dean of the College of Business and Public Administration had planned on retiring last year, but the college was unable to find a viable candidate to be dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. Eastern began its second search for a candidate last fall and was successful in finding Martine Duchatelet, who will begin in June.

Prior to becoming interim dean, Zimmerman was associate dean of the College of Business and Public Administration. The dean of the college at the time was Rex Fuller.

“It’s a great place to live, it’s been a good place to work. We’ve had our ups and downs, seen a lot of budget issues over the years, ... but it’s been a good place to work,” Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman said that he has met with Duchatelet and that he thinks she will do a good job.

“She’s very easy to work with. She’s experienced, she’s been through the accreditation processes. ... I think she’s got a really good head on her shoulders,” Zimmerman said.

The accreditation process is for peer institutes to evaluate if their standards are comparable to one another. This process assures that schools uphold the quality of their programs to maintain accreditation.

Dr. Elizabeth Tipton, professor of decision science, is also looking forward to working with Duchatelet.

“Martine Duchatelet brings considerable experience as a

leader both inside and outside universities. I look forward to working with her as she leads the College of Business and Public Administration into the future,” Tipton said in an email.

Duchatelet is currently dean of the school of management at Purdue Calumet, which is located in northwestern Indiana near Chicago, Ill. Purdue Calumet has roughly 10,000 students, 1,000 of those being graduate students. According to Duchatelet’s résumé, she is responsible for overseeing roughly 1,500 students.

Zimmerman said that the outlook for the College of Business and Public Administration is good, but the institution as a whole faces problems.

“How is it going to be funded? Is the state going to continue to provide reasonable funding for higher education?” Zimmerman said.

“The only recourse is rais-

ing tuition. Of course you can’t raise tuition indefinitely. Nobody wants to do that, but I don’t see, in the near future, any of the states changing their policy with respect to education,” Duchatelet said.

According to Zimmerman within the past 10 years the financial burden of tuition has switched from the state to the student. The state used to pay approximately 70 percent of the tuition, while students paid 30 percent. Zimmerman said that those roles have been reversed.

Proposed ideas to help fight costs include increasing the usage of online courses, grants and pursuing international students who pay high tuition rates. Duchatelet said this problem applies to the country as a whole. Despite these problems, Duchatelet expressed that she has hope for the College of Business and Public Administration.

“I have a sense that the

outcome for the college is extremely good. The business and administration is strong, as well as the public administration,” Duchatelet said.

Zimmerman foresees additional programs being added to the Riverpoint campus due to its location and the growth of the university. Zimmerman also thinks that the college will be a part of the growth of the health care industry.

“I think that will be reflected in majors in this college. ... We want to be part of the development of the health care focus of this campus. Currently, we’re working with other colleges to offer a master’s in public health,” Zimmerman said.

Purdue Calumet is currently unaccredited in its school of management. Duchatelet said she spent a majority of her time trying to get the school accredited.

Zimmerman said he believes that Duchatelet is ready

to move on from her current position to a school that is further along in the accreditation process.

“I think she wanted to look for something bigger and more interesting to do,” Zimmerman said.

“For me it was a place that was attractive geographically, where the people were nice and welcoming, but also where the job seemed more of a challenge,” Duchatelet said.

Purdue Calumet is primarily an urban campus with three residential halls supporting foreign exchange students. Eastern, on the other hand, is both residential and urban when encompassing both the Cheney and Riverpoint campuses. This added complexity will be something new for Duchatelet to work with.

Duchatelet said she is eager and excited to begin working with the faculty and the students when she joins the campus in June.

EWU business goes Ivy League

Harvard-inspired online business and management course teaches graduate students modern practices

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Spring brings to EWU a course in Microeconomics of Competitiveness from Harvard Business School.

Eastern is one of seven universities in the country approached to teach the Microeconomics of Competitiveness course as part of the Master of Business Administration Program. This business course is based on materials developed at Harvard Business School’s Institute for Strategy and Competitiveness.

The Microeconomics of Competitiveness course is not a Harvard course, ac-

cording to Steenhuis. He said, “They don’t want anything that resembles or might leave the impression that we’re teaching a course for them, which is not what we’re doing.”

According to Harm-Jan Steenhuis, professor of management, EWU has access to their materials. The class is now available to students and this is the first time this course will be taught and offered at EWU.

“For graduate students in the MBA program who are either working professionals already or are looking to enter the work force, having a higher level understanding of economic development strategies will benefit the re-

gion,” director of the Masters of Business Administration program, Roberta Brooke said.

Eastern is offering the course to Master of Business Administration students and alumni spring quarter. The course will be open to the public during the summer quarter and onward.

The course content will be a mix of strategy issues, competitive issues and economic development issues. According to Steenhuis, the course will include discussions on economic development issue strategies at a range of levels such as the city, region and state levels.

“We finally applied this year and they accepted us,” said Steenhuis. “I think they were looking for impact in two ways: the people who would [or] could take the course and thus helping them with their intellectual development on this important issue. Second, the re-

search that we plan to do which should help not only our region, but it should also help the total network of affiliated universities.”

Freshman Amy Palmer said, “I have an interest in government and business and a course like this would be great so I hope they decide to offer this course at the Cheney campus too.”

As part of the MBA program, the course will be offered at the Riverpoint campus. Steenhuis, who received special training from Harvard Business School, will be leading the course instructions. Finance professor Dean Kiefer, who also went to the workshop, will be helping Steenhuis with the course and teaching some of the class sessions.

“The lectures that are given at Harvard are video taped and we have those. We will use some of those lectures in our course so that the students actually get access to how it’s being taught at Harvard,” Steenhuis said.

Cuts loom for EWU Math department

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The EWU Board of Trustees has directed President Arévalo to develop a plan to address the needs and appropriate innovation for both the undergraduate- and graduate-level math programs.

In a trustees meeting held on March 23, board member Mark Mays spoke about the importance the trustees placed on shared governance, noting that while not everyone gets to vote, everyone gets a chance to participate in decisions that are important to the outcome of the university. He stated that they heard mathematics department chair Barbara Alvin’s concerns about the discontinuation of the master’s program and understood that math was important.

“We also want to reaffirm our commitment to being able to provide students and to the region those academic programs that are vital in an era in which we’re committed to science, technology, engineering and math,” Mays said.

“To say that there’s something deficient about the students in terms of being able to master things, I don’t think that works. Certainly, students need to row their side of the boat or we’re just going to go round in circles. But we also need to look at different and creative ways and more effective ways to teach these students so we can focus on the outcome of their learning rather than just the process by which we’ve been doing it,” Mays said.

In a brief, post-meeting interview, Mays said that there was no motion to challenge or alter the administrative decision the president made in its current form.

Mays added that comments and concerns were about structure and the cost efficiency of the program and not about the dedication and ability of the faculty in the math programs.

Oscar Ocaña, president of the Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, said that his primary concern was for the success of the largest group of students at EWU, which, in this case, were the undergraduate stu-

dents. “How can we focus and get a master’s degree when we are not even capable of having a successful undergrad program?”

Ocaña added that the success of the math program related to many different majors and said that he hoped that the math department would focus their resources on undergraduate success before thinking about graduate programs.

Provost Rex Fuller recommended that the graduate math program be discontinued in September 2011 with which the president concurred. The president gave his recommendation to the board of trustees in November.

In an email, math professor Ron Gentle, PhD, said that a secret ballot at the Faculty Senate meeting on February 27 approved a recommendation to the president allowing the graduate math program to continue for two years, during which time the department would work to improve the program and the success rates of the developmental-level math students. Gentle added that the administration hadn’t yet replied.

Gentle said that the math department wanted “true ‘increased support,’” which would allow them to consult with administration, the ASEWU and community colleges to teach developmental-level math courses in different ways. He proposed running experimental courses and new labs. He stated that already large lecture classes were taught by full-time faculty with break-out sessions facilitated by four graduate students. He also said that the first developmental education course had been broken into two sections so that by week five, students could decide whether to continue on with the quarter or start over and retake the first half. He blamed part of the trouble the graduate instructors faced on the heavy workload of two sections per quarter, which the math department suspects is the highest in the country.

Gentle said that without the graduate instructors, the math department would need five or six lecturers this year and an additional five or six the following year. “This would be way too expensive but would be manageable as [three] lecturers plus [six] new grad students.”

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EWU and partners work to better Ghana

Professor works to develop disabilities center

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In partnership with the Burton Blatt Institute at Syracuse University, EWU professor and director of disabilities Romel Mackelprang is working to better the lives of people with disabilities in Ghana.

Their goal is to help people develop skills for life so that they are not reliant on other people or loans.

“We’re investing in people,” said Mackelprang. “The whole idea is to give them the opportunity to be successful in life.”

Mackelprang said that he invited Syracuse University to become involved because they have expertise in developing entrepreneurial concerns. Mackelprang, who hopes to get EWU more involved, has been working with Syracuse University for about a year.

Working with Mackelprang is Senior Vice President of Burton Blatt Institute Gary Shaheen.

The two have met with business universities in Ghana, Ghana’s deputy minister of health, government officials and others. Together, their work strives to help people with disabilities learn how to work and successfully run a business.

Mackelprang and Shaheen help them by means of loans and tools.

“We’re working on economic empowerment, education and health issues in Ghana,” said Mackelprang. “We are working to enhance economic empowerment for people with disabilities in Ghana. We’re also working with four universities in Ghana to enhance educational capabilities and collaboration including distance education.”

According to Mackelprang, he has been working with Syracuse University for a while and invited them to work with him on this project. In addition,

“It was such a wonderful experience just to go there and meet so many people and see how they live their lives day to day.”

Brian Mangis

Mackelprang, in collaboration with other universities, is working to develop more educational and business opportunities for people with disabilities.

Shaheen and Mackelprang are working with foundations to provide start-up loans for businesses and domestic universities.

The two are also working to help people develop the curriculum to do that. They have been working with disability organizations in Ghana to identify potential business people whom they feel they can work with.

“The problem is that the unemployment rate for people with disabilities in Ghana is about 90 percent. The way to help them earn a living ... is help them build their own businesses. Syracuse University has expertise in these entrepreneur development projects,” Mackelprang said.

Last summer, Mackelprang took Eastern’s first group of study abroad students to Ghana. The group spent a month living in a rural village, doing humanitarian work and building capacity of the land for easier living.

According to him, the goal is to have students help train others with disabilities with skills needed for jobs and start-up businesses.

“It was such a wonderful experience just to go there and meet so many people and see how they live their lives day after day,” said junior Brian Mangis. “This experience taught me a lot

about life and how some people live it. Going on this trip, I have learned so many things about what I go through and what they go through.”

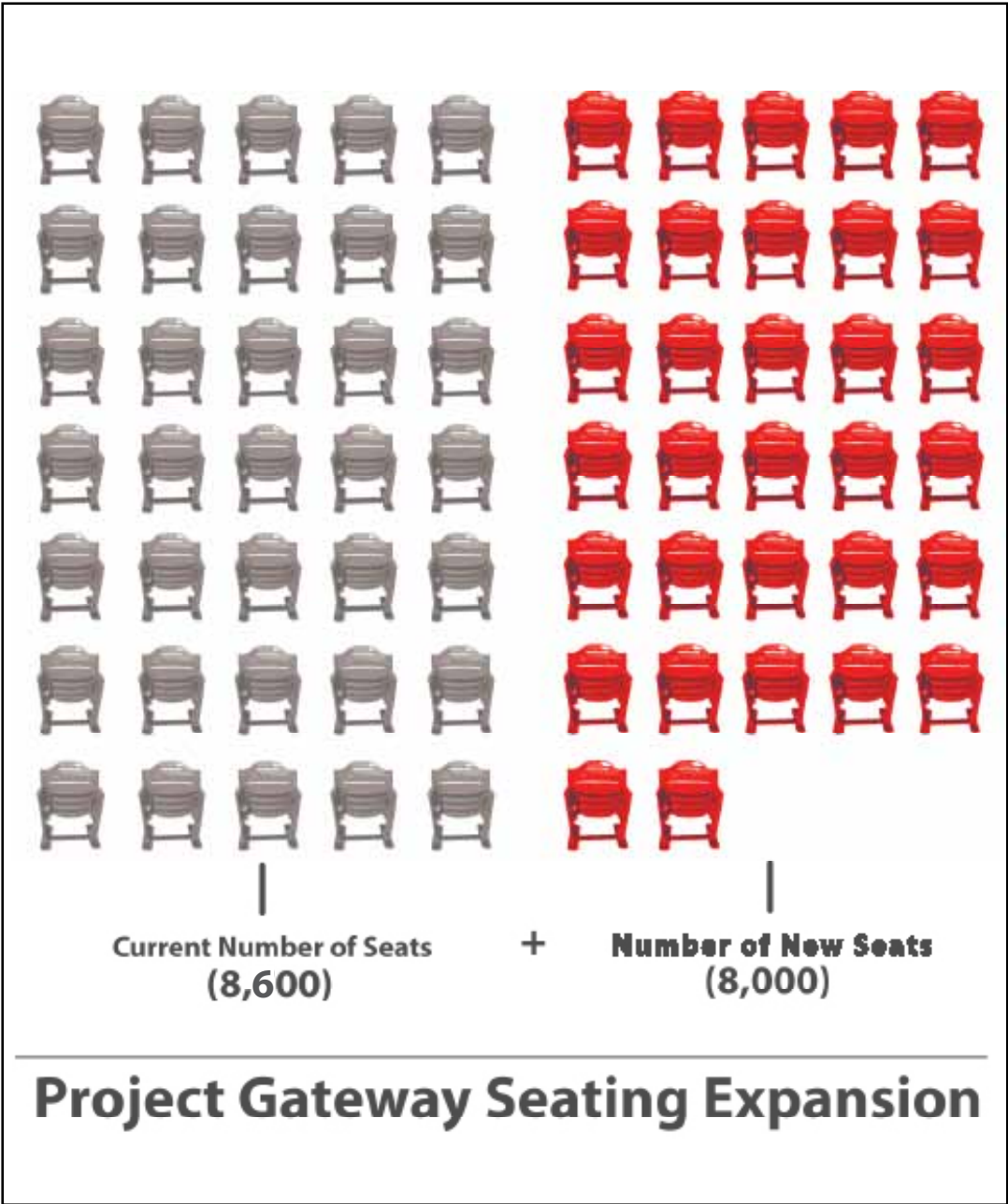
To Mackelprang, the most destructive thing people can do is go into these countries and provide charity. His work has been investing in the people.

“Rather than my going in as a white person or a person from the United States and being the expert, I learn more from them than they learn from me, and anytime I work there, it is with the idea of how are we building capacity,” he said.

Mackelprang has been involved in humanitarian work for five years and has done work in six countries. He came to EWU in 1987 and is a professor in the school of social work. Prior to Eastern, he was the chief of social work at the University of Utah Medical Center for the Division of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Mackelprang earned his bachelor’s degree in sociology, doctorate in social work and clinic social worker degrees from the University of Utah.

“This is important to me because it has taught me a lot about how some people live their lives and what they go through,” said Mangis. “When we were going to Ghana, I didn’t know what to expect. It turned out to be one of the best times in my life.”



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If completed, the expansion for spectators would result in 16,600 total seats including past seating.

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north end zone, which would connect the proposed building with the existing stands to the east (far side from Washington Street) and a dedicated student area on the south. The whole stadium could eventually seat 20,000.

Dr. Arévalo was “very supportive of the efforts” of the EWU Foundation and reiterated many of the details that had been discussed.

WSU Spokane:

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was that WSU students were only allowed to have one guest per event—there were three of us total with my friend being the only one from WSU. We tried to purchase a ticket but we needed to have a WSU student ID.”

Event rules at WSU Spokane state that students must purchase tickets with their students IDs, and that all tickets and passes are required to be purchased from the WSU student government office. Eastern and Pullman students are not considered WSU Spokane students and therefore do not qualify for student prices.

Students from EWU and WSU Pullman campuses must be a guest of a student who goes to WSU Spokane for all events.

“Although there are current programs which have had success implementing joint funding for events, ... we encourage EWU students to speak with their student government officers to help make more services and events like this a reality in the future,” Burke said.

Patrick Spanner, student trustee, said, “Since I’ve been here, I’ve been waiting for something like this.” After voicing his support, he asked the speakers for the project how it could impact every single student, including the 2,000 commuters from Spokane and all the alumni instead of just bringing new life to a certain area.

Spanner asked those in planning to consider this in their efforts and repeated his support for the project.

The project would be funded by donations only and if approved, would be attempted to be completed in 30 months, September of 2014.

Current programs that have been successful include the Riverpoint Interprofessional Education and Research student group and the Library Laptop Rental program.

In collaboration with the student government of WSU Spokane, ASEWU hopes to have all of fall quarter’s activities planned out during spring quarter 2012, according to Ocaña.

Bylaw changes have been made by the ASEWU council and executives to ensure their commitment to Riverpoint students, according to Ocaña. Passed on March 16, 2012, Bylaws 107 and 104 now requires that the ASEWU graduate affairs representative coordinate three or more services or events a quarter at Riverpoint.

Bylaw 104 changes require the ASEWU executive vice president to have three weekly office hours at Riverpoint and ASEWU graduate affairs representative to have two weekly office hours at Riverpoint.

“The changes in the office hours will allow us to have a better opportunity to work closely with the ASWSU student government,” Ocaña said in a later interview by email.

Bus passes:

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\$100 to get a bus pass during the summer,” Ocaña said. “1,000 students have the issue of paying \$90 of transportation just to come to school.”


According to Ocaña, LeeAnn Case, associate vice president of business and auxiliary services, analyzed the board of trustees policy and the students’ proposal for charging \$6.50 per quarter for transportation fees.

“The board of trustees policy ... doesn’t specify what an academic year is,” Ocaña said. “What the purchase considers an academic year ... includes summer.”

According to Ocaña, the negotiations with STA would allow for summer students to use the bus during the time between the end of spring quarter and the beginning of fall quarter.

“We’re paying for eight weeks [of transportation] but ... getting the benefit for 12 weeks,” Ocaña said.

The ASEWU will rule on whether the new referendum for summer bus passes will be approved on April 6.



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Police Beat



March 28

10 a.m. Collision

A vehicle in the parking lot near Tawanka Hall was hit and damaged. The driver was not identified.

11:30 a.m. Theft

A lizard was taken from a classroom in the science building. The animal was a donation to the school from a student and was kept in a cage in the greenhouse. Students came to check on the lizard during the break and found that it had been taken.

March 31

3 p.m. Domestic disturbance

Officers responded to a call regarding a broken no-contact order. Both parties were non-students.

April 1

3:25 p.m. Harassment

A student who was receiving harassing phone calls made a report.

Possession of marijuana

Two students were arrested Sunday evening in Pearce Hall for possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

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Green Dot Spot

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Green Dot is about recognizing behaviors that lead to power-based personal violence. Today we will look at the behaviors that may precede child sexual abuse. (If you want an exhaustive read: "Child Molesters: A Behavioral Analysis", by Kenneth L. Lanning. If you want a simple read, "Six Stages of Grooming" by Dr. Michael Welner.

According to Welner, there are six stages in the grooming process. The first three stages are the stages prior to isolation, where bystanders can observe behaviors and take action (i.e. do a green dot).

The first step that Welner describes is selecting a child based on a perceived vulnerability, such as "emotional neediness, isolation, and lower self-confidence." Lanning says a single mom is often targeted; a male may

feign romantic interest to gain access to the child.

The second step is gaining trust. The person must gain the trust of the parent or caregiver, as well as the child. During this stage, the person gathers information to understand the child's needs and then begins filling them.

The third step is filling a need and gaining more importance in the child's life. Welner says that at this stage, "gifts, extra attention, and affection" are given, and "should raise concern and greater vigilance." Lanning explains that to gain more importance, the person shows the child how much they understand him or her. They may know all the "in-video games, toys, television shows, movies, music" etc. If the child is older, they may allow the child to break the rules, such as drink, use drugs, or drive the car. The person's house may be staged to appeal to the preferences of children the age they are targeting.

Lanning says they also work on lowering inhibitions by slowly introducing physical touch through a hug, a pat, tickling, or wrestling. They may tell dirty jokes and encourage kids to talk about sex. They may swim or shower with them and dry them off. Once a special relationship is established, the person will often move to the fourth step, isolation by offering to babysit, tutor, coach, or take the child overnight, etc.

Bystanders need to understand what to look for. If we are looking for a creep who creeps us out, we will miss the "nice guy" who is subtly grooming the child. If we see a person doing the things described above, we might be inclined to second guess with "But he's so nice." We need to not ignore the signs. By working together we can shut down the access a predator is seeking. 509.359.6429

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Get Lit! Festival hits Cheney and Spokane

Authors Lois Lowry, Susan Orlean, Colson Whitehead headline literary festival

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“Eastern Washington University’s 14th Annual Get Lit! Festival” moves into the Spokane area April 9-15, bringing a variety of authors, poets, screenwriters and musicians together to spread their love of literature to the EWU and Spokane communities.

“Pretty much any member of the community that is interested in literature has the opportunity to interact with the festival,” said Kristina McDonald, assistant program coordinator for Get Lit! and a second year graduate student at EWU. “I think there are a lot of people in Spokane and the surrounding areas who keep coming back to have the chance to interact with these famous authors. I think this is a great opportunity for the Spokane community.”

Get Lit! began in 1998 as a one-day marathon of

readings sponsored by EWU Press and EWU’s creative writing department.

Get Lit! has now grown to a week-long festival with over 50 events for literary lovers of all kinds.

It is mainly centered at EWU in terms of planning.

However, collaboration with other universities in the area is essential to making the festival possible.

Some of the events will be held at the different area colleges as well.

EWU Get Lit! Programs Coordinator Melissa Huggins, and a small staff of interns, has put together this year’s festival, bringing in 30-40 local, regional and national authors.

They work to make the festival as interactive as possible for the community. Workshops, audience Q-and-As, panel discussions, book signings and readings are just a few of the interactive components.

“One of the things that

we think is really amazing about the festival is that there is a lot of opportunities to interact with the authors one-on-one. ... We try to create as many interactive components as we can,” Huggins said.

Students with a school ID get into most of the events for free. Signing up for workshops cost \$20 for students with ID and \$30 without.

Students can go to the bookstore on the Cheney or Riverpoint campus and show their ID to get up to two tickets for any number of events the student wants to attend.

“Students can get into 95 percent of the events completely free with their ID,” Huggins said.

The majority of the events are held Thursday through Sunday. The College and Teen Poetry Slams will be held Thursday evening in the Kress Gallery in River Park Square.

The first-place winners of

these two slams will have the opportunity to open for Ted Kooser on Sunday, one of the main headlining events.

“[The college poetry slam] is a great one for students whether you want to perform or whether you want to go see other students,” Huggins said.

Lois Lowry, author of “The Giver” and over 30 different children’s books, will be at the festival for a Saturday night headlining event.

Lowry will be doing a reading combined with the American Place Theatre doing a presentation of “The Giver.”

“[The Giver] is kind of a huge deal and has been a huge deal for a really long time,” said Huggins. “We read that book in school. ... It is still taught in a lot of the middle schools today. So we have a ton of people that are really, really excited about this event.”

McDonald said, “I have talked to a lot of teachers and principals and even

students in the area who are excited about meeting [Lowry].”

The evening events in downtown Spokane are the biggest crowd drawers.

Also headlining will be Susan Orlean and Steve Almond on Thursday and Jess Walter and Colson Whitehead on Friday.

“Everyone wants to go see Jess Walter. He’s funny and his books are fantastic and he’s an EWU [graduate]. So people are really drawn to those events and those are always fun,” Huggins said.

Students looking for an opportunity to interact with the festival on campus will get the chance on Friday. The “Comedy as Commentary” panel with Steve Almond, author of ten collections of mostly humorous fiction and non-fiction, will take place for students on campus. Joining Almond will be Jess Walter and Sharma Shields, both au-

thors who also “turn comedy into commentary.”

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The documentary “Miss Representation” will be screened specially for EWU students on Monday, April 9, at 1 p.m. in the JFK Auditorium.

This documentary explores the way women can change the subtle and powerful messages they get from the media every day.

There are a handful of events on the Cheney campus, but most of the events are spread throughout the Spokane area.

“When I think about how the festival is related to students, ... most importantly almost all of these events are free, and also that it is a really unique opportunity to be able to interact with authors of this caliber in Spokane,” Huggins said.

Robots, rockets and teens invade Eastern for Science Olympiad

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Over 1,000 people will visit Eastern on April 14 to participate in the Washington Science Olympiad 2012 State Tournament. The tournament will spread scientific events and a variety of young students across campus to compete for a trip to nationals in Orlando, Fla., in May.

Twenty middle school and 20 high school teams from across Washington state will be competing in 50 different events. Four regional tournaments were held around Washington in the past several months and the top teams from those events advanced to this state tournament.

The engineering events are open to the public and will consist of events like

shooting off bottle rockets, operating a robot, flying a helicopter for hang time and operating vehicles in different ways like one driven by gravity.

These events will be held in the Computing and Engineering Building, the gym and racquetball courts in the Phase Building and the Pavilion.

Along with the hands-on engineering events, teams have writing competitions.

According to Heather McKean, senior associate faculty in biology, the written tests are to teach the teams practical uses for science. Water quality, forensics and aquifers are past topics for the written tests.

“I think our engineering events are the ones that most people think of when they think of Science Olympiad,” McKean said.

Teams consist of up to 19 students: 15 for the 23 regular events and four alternates to participate in the two “trial events” and step up if a team member is not able to participate for some reason.

The trial events are held so Science Olympiad coordinators can see if that event would be a good fit for a future tournament. Most students participate in two to four events during the day.

Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization that strives to improve science education and increase interest in the science fields.

In 1985, the first tournament was held with 17 states participating. In 2011, 49 states participated, with 48 this year.

“From my point of view, for Science Olympiad ver-

sus another science activity like robots or something, the students who are in Science Olympiad are getting a broad base of education in various science topics and skills,” Sue Murphy, operations manager for the biology department, said.

McKean, said, “I think the other characteristic of Science Olympiad is that it reaches a broader range of kids. It’s not just the top kids.”

She feels that in order to change science literacy, all kids need to be involved to make a better future.

EWU has been involved with Science Olympiad since 1992. The State Tournament is held at Eastern every other year and at a school on the west side of the state for the others.

In 2000, EWU hosted the Science Olympiad National Tournament.

The Washington Science Olympiad 2012 State Tournament will start events at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, and the closing ceremonies and entertainment start in the Roos Pavilion at 4 p.m. Team check-in will be held on Friday from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The individual students competing in the events will be awarded medals, similar to the Olympics, but Science Olympiad has four medal spots and a fifth place ribbon for each of the 50 events.

Most events have two students competing for the team and those individual scores then go into a team score and a trophy is given to the top three teams.

The first place teams for the middle school and high school divisions will go to nationals in May.

“They are really nice medals that when the students are wearing them, they clink against their chests and it is just really a cool thing to witness,” Murphy said.

Over 160 people are coming together to run this state tournament at Eastern. Volunteers include faculty, staff and students from EWU, Whitworth, Gonzaga, and both Spokane Community Colleges.

Murphy is still accepting volunteers to help with the all-day event.

The volunteers would be helping with team registration, the scoring room and the opening and closing ceremonies.

“The people who volunteer, at least for me, may not have the most interesting job of volunteering, but they are certainly essential positions,” Murphy said.

Six student directors showcase stories

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A bullied student, a lonely man looking for love, a blind war veteran and musicians on the loose lit up the silver screen on March 15.

More than 50 film students, professors and actors came to see the screening of student-directed films from six film majors in the junior class.

The first film screened was “Corners” by P.J. Hanson. The film focused on a student who is bullied and ignored by other students.

The film featured the main character running down the hallway while being chased by another student, constantly turning corners as they run. The camera follows the chase closely, even when another unsuspecting student gets knocked down.

“There’s a lot of corners [the characters] run around. ... By going around corners, you really don’t see what’s coming,” Hanson said.

The student catches up to the main character and gives him his phone that he had left behind earlier.

According to Hanson, the humor of the collision in the hallway and the ending was intended because he wanted to make his film a comedy even though parts of it were serious.

“Listen Through Me” is a short film by Jacob Scott Moe, which featured a story focusing on a relationship between a man and a woman.

The story goes in depth, showing the man falling victim to nightmares and heavy drinking after he sees his girlfriend with another man.

According to Moe, the title of the film came from a song he was listening to

while he was editing as well as the main character expressing his actions through emotions instead of dialogue.

“Black and Blue” is a short film by Shay Smith about a man who is living a rough life and looking for a woman to love. The film conveys how lonely the man is and shows him trying to win the affection of a woman that he meets.

“[The beginning] was mostly to come up with the feeling that he had a bad home-life,” Smith said. “[It’s] connected to seeking a woman, to have someone around so [he’s] not lonely anymore.”

“Apologies” is a short film by Kaylee Hardin that begins with a man and a woman fighting and the man walking out.

The argument had distorted sound with only the lip movements and angry gestures to suggest that there was a fight.

Another scene showing the man drinking at a bar also blocks the sound by having music playing over the noise of people playing at a pool table in the background.

According to Hardin, the sound was distorted because she did not want to focus on what the couple was fighting about, but the fact that the couple had split up.

For the bar scene, the music was used to focus on only him and nothing else going on in the bar.

“As far as a lot of the editing things, I think I got a lot better at putting things together,” Hardin said. “I’m walking away with a lot of good feedback. ... That’s one thing I’m really happy about.”

“Blind” is a short film by Logan Stoodley about a woman who is blind as a result of serving in the military. The film focuses on

the war veteran by showing shots from her point of view where she only sees light and her struggle just to move around her house without endangering herself.

According to Stoodley, he came up with the idea for a story from a friend’s mother who served in the military and lost her vision during her service.

Stoodley is proud of the performance of his lead actress, Hannah Heilman. Heilman wore white colored contact lenses which made her look blind as well as making it hard for her to see during the filming.

“What you see on-screen is almost 100 percent of what [Hannah] did right after [blocking],” Stoodley said. “I was tweaking, I wasn’t actually doing full-on directing, which was very refreshing. It says a lot about [Hannah’s] talent.”

The final film screened was “Long Play” by James

Olson. The story revolves around a man who is left in charge of a record player and a collection of records.

Although his instructions were to not use it, he uses the record player to let Beethoven, a lounge singer and a rock band out into the real world.

The film shows the man’s quest as he tries to find the musicians and put them back into the record player. In the end, the man returns the musicians to their proper place. After they are returned, the genres of music are mixed up among different music listeners.

“I wanted to have music genres that [each] had a different audience so that in the end when they get mixed up, it would be a bigger problem,” Olson said. “If there were three different rock bands, it wouldn’t have been as big of a [deal].”

Searching the stacks helps students win NCUR Library Award

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Anthony Austin-Walker and Aaron Stroud are two of the 21 students from EWU who took their work to the National Conference of Undergraduate Research in Utah March 29-31.

Like the others, they spent months preparing for this opportunity but were the only two from EWU to receive the NCUR Library Award.

This particular award was made possible by a donation from Ray and June Johnson and is designed to honor students who make use of library resources for research projects.

In addition to the recognition Stroud and Austin-Walker received, the NCUR Library Award paid for hotel and travel expenses for the conference where they presented their work, plus \$250 to spend on what they might need there.

According to Aaron Stroud, much of his research was done by spending “endless hours on the library site they provided us,” and searching through the school databases. “All our research material was provided by the library,” he said.

Stroud, who hopes to start graduate school next fall and takes an interest in fishery management, has

been working on his project “The Use of Diagnostic Bones to Identify Bull Trout in Piscivore Stomachs” since early fall 2011.

According to Stroud’s mentor, Dr. Allan Scholz, Stroud’s research applies regression analysis techniques developed by archeologists, which help identify predators of the Bull Trout.

By examining the length and weight of bones in the stomachs of other fish, Stroud was able to identify which fish were depleting the Bull Trout population and record his findings.

Scholz explained that this sort of research has been used in the past so that the Fish and Wildlife authorities

“can improve conditions for Salmon” by offering a bounty to fish their predators.

“What [Stroud] used the library for was to compile literature to find what kind of research had been done and duplicate their efforts,” said Scholz.

Stroud said that he appreciates “the opportunity to present at the NCUR conference ... and seeing other students’ work from outside Eastern.”

According to McNair Scholar Austin-Walker, within two weeks of hearing about the opportunity, he began gathering sources for the project.

In order to be considered for the award, he had to sub-

mit his research along with all sources in an essay that ended up being 48 pages long.

Austin-Walker said that he spent “probably two months of solid work last summer” on his project entitled “Slave Life Cycles: Comparing Slavery in Ancient Greece and Rome.”

He said that his mentor, Dr. Georgia Bazemore, played a large part both in inspiring him to pursue his interest in ancient history and in critiquing his writing.

“She made my paper bleed several times,” he said, “and you really need that in a mentor.”

He added that Bazemore helped him by directing him

to some of the most recent literature on the topic of ancient slavery.

Bazemore, who described Austin-Walker as “an overachiever,” says she expects him to go far because of his ability “to make big connections that sometimes take years to make.”

She added that what he does is an example of “looking at the past, evaluating it and applying it to the present.”

Austin-Walker said that prior to taking Bazemore’s 100 level history class, he had yet to decide on a major. “She was so passionate and made it so real and interesting. The rest was history.”



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Varsity locker rooms overhauled

Athletes to benefit from upgrade

By Josh Friesen

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Every Eastern varsity sport except for football will soon be enjoying an upgrade to their locker rooms.

Every 10 years, the NCAA does a certification of athletic programs in the country. During this, universities report on things such as ethnicity, gender equity and governance of institutional control. The information is presented to the NCAA and a team comes to the campus to analyze the report.

Pam Parks, Eastern's associate athletic director, is one of the people supervising the project. According to Parks, the NCAA came back with a suggestion that led to the development of the project.

"Because men's basketball has a team room and a locker room of their own, then women's basketball needed to have a team room and locker room of their own," Parks said.

Originally, the women's volleyball and women's basketball teams had shared both a locker room and team room. The initial premise was only to move women's basketball out and give them their own locker room and team room.

That was when it was suggested to touch on more than just women's basketball.

"When all of the planning came together, we were able to expand from that original concept," Parks said. "We ended up ... touching on 13 of our 14 sports."

New construction took place in the storage area of the pavillion for volleyball, while the basketball team's areas were completely revamped. Men's tennis, which has never had their own locker room, now



Photo by Evan Sykes

With the upgrade to locker rooms, the women's basketball and volleyball teams will be getting their own locker rooms and team rooms.

has an area to themselves. Women's golf and women's tennis have their own locker rooms with a single adjoining team room.

Capital funding provided monetary support for the project. According to Parks, universities request money from the state to fund certain university projects. The locker room renovations qualify for such funding.

While renovations were taking place, the lingering question the athletic department had was what would be done to accommodate current student athletes' locker room needs.

"Everybody just used the general use locker rooms or just went home," Parks said. "It was really a challenge with basketball because [visiting] teams couldn't use the visitors locker room."

Carrie Ojeda, a women's basketball player, had to spend most of her season using the general use lockers.

"When we were down in the locker room for everybody, it was annoying," Ojeda said. "There's no space in there and it's a farther walk from our part of the gym."

Even though Ojeda and her teammates had to endure some discomfort, she said the wait was worth it. The women's locker rooms were completed before the end of the season, so they were able to move back in and enjoy a fully renovated space.

"We stuck it out, and we had [the new locker room] towards the end of our season," Ojeda said. "It's way better just being by ourselves."

According to Ojeda, the

biggest difference is the style and look of the locker rooms. She is also appreciative of the new team room. Before the remodel, the women's basketball team and women's volleyball team had to share a team room.

Ojeda said it was a hassle to coordinate with the other team to watch film and have team meetings.

"If [the volleyball team] was watching film, then you'd have to wait," Ojeda said. "It's easier to have just one team because we know when we're in there and we know when we're not."

Volleyball player Ashley Wright was able to provide some input to their new team room particularly when it came to decorations.

"Me and Lindsay Nie-meier have been doing a

lot of girling up the room," Wright said. "[Our coach] has just said to do whatever we want with it to make it more homey."

Like Ojeda, Wright is also excited about the volleyball team having their own space and not having to share with the basketball players.

"It is really nice to have your own space," Wright said. "We can go in there and just hang out whenever we need to and not worry about walking in on a basketball team meeting."

Ojeda is excited to be able to enjoy the basketball team's revamped locker room and team room, and the team looks forward to putting their own spin on their new space.

"I think they did a good job," Ojeda said. "I'm really happy with it."

Sprinter is jumping one hurdle at a time

Warner on his way to breaking records

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Sprinting at breakneck speed, Steven Warner flies over 60 meters of track and each of the five 42 inch hurdles along the way to his first Big Sky Championship. His finishing time of 8.07 not only led the Big Sky Conference but was also a mere tenth of a second from breaking the school record.

Not too long ago track was an afterthought to his primary sport, football.

His father, Lyndon Warner, coached football, and Warner ended up playing it for the majority of his childhood. It was not until middle school that Warner stepped out on the track.

"I wouldn't say I was serious about training to run hurdles until my sophomore year in high school," Warner said.

By the time he had to decide on a college sport, Warner said that he was burned out on football, and running hurdles became his primary focus.

"Hurdling is something I found to really be my passion over the last few years. I'm lucky I got to chose something I love to do," Warner said.

Stan Kerr, the men's head coach, found Warner's champion résumé and character to be valuable to Eastern's track team.

"Steven is a champion. He was a champion coming out of Kentwood High school," Kerr said. "He brings a champion's mentality that is very contagious."

Kerr said that Warner is very ambitious, works hard and is always busy.

"He's almost a guy that we have to keep the reigns in or he'll start to do too much," Kerr said.

Warner said that he feels he has a



Photo by Evan Sykes

Steven Warner's passion has led him to his first Big Sky Conference championship.

very good relationship with his coach Stan Kerr.

"I can talk to Stan about just anything," Warner said. "If I wake up and I'm tight on the hamstring, he's really good about switching up workouts."

Also according to Warner, Kerr has a very good eye.

What he means by that is that Kerr always notices little things in the way he runs and points them out so that Warner is able to improve his time.

After having hamstring injuries earlier in his career, Warner is con-

Steven Warner

Scholar Athlete for March 2012

First place in 2012 Big Sky Conference Indoor Championship for 60 meter hurdles

First place in the 2009 WIAA 4A State Championships for 110 hurdles

fidant that it is now behind him. The indoor 60 meter championship can attest to that.

"His progress is very strong and that's because of his goals," Kerr said. "He's a very goal-orientated person both athletically and academically."

One of the goals is breaking the school record, which Warner is currently a tenth of a second away from.

Kerr believes that Warner will surpass that record and set one that will stand for a long time.

One of the many things that stand out about Warner is his incredible work ethic.

Track teammate Zach Nielson recalls working out with Warner in the summer.

"When Stephen would work out with me and my roommate, he would do all his training and then jump in and do what we were doing on top of it," Nielson said. "To me that showed that he has a great amount of work ethic. It's good to have that on our team."

When he is not training, Warner likes to spend time with his friends and teammates.

He said that he feels the team is very close and enjoys being around all of them.

"I love our throwers, absolutely love our throwers," Warner said. "Every single one of them, they respect the coaches and they all have so much fun and it just rubs off on everyone."

"They get so excited when their running distance is close to ours," Warner said. "It's really cool to see them run because that's not really their event but they try hard."

Apart from track, Warner stays busy with his job at the REC center and his schoolwork. His interests include playing guitar, watching shows on Netflix and playing "Super Smash Bros", one of his favorite video games.

"Sad as it is sometimes studying [is one of the interests]," Warner said. "I'm in my anatomy series and it's really important for me to memorize all the things. That's pretty much it; I'm probably one of the most boring guys on campus."

Others don't find Warner boring. According to Nielsen, Warner is the most outgoing person he has ever met. In the short amount of time spent with Warner this proved to be true as he was greeted by several students.

"He knows every athlete in the athletic department," Nielsen said. "He's very big on supporting athletes. This year he got me to go to a couple of soccer games, and I barely go to the football games. The support he shows for everybody is just crazy and he's always willing to say hi and make sure you're having a good day."

Warner said that is what he likes about Eastern: being able to get to know the students and the teachers.

"Eastern is about four or five times bigger than the high school I came from, so it's big but not that big," Warner said. "Being on a team that isn't that huge, it's cool to be able to know everyone."

Many people might recognize him from the REC center staff, he's hard to miss with his dreadlocks and wide smile, but not everyone realizes who he is.

According to Nielsen, "If there is one person who is one of the most exciting athletes that not a lot of people have heard of, it's probably Steven Warner."

EWU Sports
in Brief



Callagy

Women's golf takes third at Bulter Spring — Despite being in fourth after the first 18 holes, the Eagles' women's golf team finished third at the Bulter Spring Invitational, March 27. The team shot a total score of 674, only three strokes behind second-place Evansville, who finished at 671. Sara Callagy, sophomore, lead the Eagles in scoring with 166 and picked up 19 pars between both rounds. Callagy tied for seventh in individual competition. Freshman Caitlin Rice also fared well at the event, scoring 81 on the second day, with a total of 168. Rice tied for 12th.

Track and Field earns success at Al Manuel Invite — Four more Eastern track and field athletes qualified for the Big Sky Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships after competing in the Al Manuel Invite, March 31. Sophomore Angelica Rodriguez and Spokane Community College transfer student Nicola Nida qualified in the 400-meter. Rodriguez finished with a time of 57.14 seconds while Nida had a time of 57.38. Sophomore Robin Taylor earned a spot in the pole vault, with 12-1 1/2, earning second in the overall competition. Kent, Wash., native Tim Pettit also qualified for the championships in the 800, finishing with 1:52.30, his career best.

Men's tennis stung by Hornets — The Eastern men's tennis team was defeated by the Sacramento State Hornets, 4-3, March 27. Seniors Chad Henninger and Julian Sanchez earned victories in singles action and at No. 2 doubles, making them both undefeated in Big Sky conference competition. The loss to the Hornets puts Eastern in third place with 3-1.

Women's tennis loss and rainout — The women's tennis team lost to the San Jose State Spartans, 7-0, March 26. The Spartans, who are now on a 10 match winning streak, shut out the Eagles in the singles competition. In doubles play, junior Chelsea Patton and sophomore Kelsey Knight defeated San Jose State freshmen Isadora Busch and Jessica Willett 8-3. The Eagles were supposed to play San Francisco State March 26, however the match was canceled due to rain.

Foreign athletes adjust to life at EWU

Players find new experiences in U.S.

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When you are from Rome, Italy – a city of culture and history – a rodeo in Hermiston, Ore., is likely the last place to find a gateway to Eastern, but that is exactly how Morena Mannucci learned about EWU's track and field program. Whether by rodeo or traditional recruiting means, foreign student athletes are scattered across Eastern's various team rosters. From Bunbury, Australia to Ciudad Real, Spain, athletes say goodbye to family, friends and everything familiar in their lives and travel to Cheney to continue playing the sport they love while working towards a degree. Mannucci – tall with the build of a long jumper – had a brother who threw for the University of Idaho. He married a teammate who happened to be from Hermiston, Ore. "I went to Hermiston, and there was the rodeo," said Mannucci. "I didn't even know what cowboy was. [Rodeo] is kind of like football. I don't know what they're doing." While attempting to understand the intricacies of bareback riding, Mannucci met Brandt Lind, a track coach for Hermiston High School whose son, Kersee, had just completed his sophomore season at Eastern. "[Lind] sent me a picture of her competing and some stats," said EWU Assistant Track and Field Coach Jon Hill. "It really just fell into our lap." For foreign athletes at Eastern, studying and competing in their respective sport simultaneously is a major departure from the system favored in Europe where clubs are separate from the universities. Generally after high school, choosing between college or the sport is inevitable. Once in America, the challenge of transitioning into a different culture and language is jarring, especially without the support of family. No longer can mom and dad provide guidance from the sidelines. Luckily, Mannucci's older brother, now in graduate school at Oregon State, can offer advice and perspective. His close proximity was never more valued for Mannucci then after the indoor track season ended in February. "I think I asked too much from myself," said Mannucci. "I wasn't having fun anymore. I was just thinking about the final result. I was frustrated. My parents ... used to come and watch me compete, and it's something that I really miss." At the end of the indoor season, she felt empty. A sport like track and field demands a certain fitness level, but a clear and calm mind is essential to take advantage of the physical abilities. "I got emotional during the [indoor championships]," said Mannucci. "I don't get emotional. That was a sign that something was going on." Mentally, the 20-year-old sophomore found herself lost.



Photo by Casey Picha

Sophomore Ilija Čuić is from Croatia. He arrived in America in 2010 to play for Eastern.

A plane ticket to Portland to visit her brother, who had paved her way to America, was next. "He's pretty straightforward. He's just like my parents," said Mannucci. "I needed somebody to tell me what's the right thing to do and what's not." Mannucci found herself consulting with her jumps coach too. "She was getting to a point where we were just refining things, and I think it was challenging for her because the next step was to actualize," said Hill. "That's always the hardest part of the process." "Just like in anything, it's about the struggle and the resolution from the struggle. I think that's where the growth comes in. So she was struggling, but afterwards ... we had a long talk about what is it she's in this sport for and I think she put it into perspective." Any athlete thousands of miles

away from home and family comes up against unexpected tests. Figuring out how to solve them in an unfamiliar environment is the challenge. Ilija Čuić, a native of Zagreb, Croatia, arrived at Eastern in September 2010 to play tennis, but the moment he arrived, an unexpected circumstance greeted him. Because of an NCAA rules violation, the sophomore could not even practice in the fieldhouse with teammates. "I played one day after my 20th birthday and they considered me a professional," said Čuić. "I didn't take so much money, but I violated some of the rules and I was not able to play for a whole year. "At the beginning I was calling my dad. I wanted to come back. I was basically on my own the whole first quarter, and I needed to figure out my way on my own, how to practice, how to go to class."

Runners preparing for Bloomsday Corporate Cup

Employees to represent Eastern

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The running boom of the late 1970s inspired the inaugural Lilac Bloomsday Run in 1977 when over a thousand runners made their way from downtown Spokane over "Doomsday Hill" and back to the Spokane County Courthouse. The 2012 event will have well over 50,000 participants from a variety of demographics and fitness levels. The 7.46 mile race is a celebration of wellness and has become a fixture in the Spokane area. For employees at Eastern, the Corporate Cup – a competition within Bloomsday where organizations compete amongst others of similar size – has become a way for EWU employees to represent the university. English professor Dr. Grant Smith, who came to Eastern in 1968, has been involved in every Corporate Cup since it began, except the first one. "The Corporate Cup start-

ed in 1982 and we didn't know about it. But we were at ... the awards ceremony, and they awarded something called the Corporate Cup," said Smith. "We looked at one another, 'What's that?' you know. Washington Water Power ... won the Corporate Cup. I said, 'Hey, I know those guys. We would have beaten them if we had been entered. Let's enter next year.'" So the run of dominance began. In the current 15-year winning streak, stretching from 1997 to 2011, the EWU Red team set the record for the best total time of 2:03:14 in 1997 and is the only team with a perfect score of 3,000 points in 2004, 2008 and 2009. The EWU Red squad is one of eight teams that will run the race. The EWU Ladies of the Academic Success Center have also formed a team, but one that is less interested in winning the race and more in taking advantage of the opportunity to do something together. Amy McGreevy, a retention specialist, started at Eastern in August 2011, and she is looking forward to her first Bloomsday race – or at least parts of it. "I'm looking forward to the massages at the end," McGreevy said "I like doing these things for the team building part. I like these events because they're community oriented."



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There will be eight teams from EWU competing in the Corporate Cup in the 2012 Bloomsday.

Brown, the Eastern scholars coordinator of the ASC, will be running in her fifth Bloomsday and third Corporate Cup. This year's presents a unique challenge to Brown because she will be eight months pregnant in May. "I figured as long as I wasn't a couple weeks within my due date I was probably fine," said Brown. "If I happen

to go into labor on the course, oh well, they've got trucks." The 36th annual Lilac Bloomsday Run is May 6, kicking off at 9 a.m. "We want to have this event recognized for its true value in our community," said Smith. "It's a great thing for Spokane and for Eastern. It's really important for students to ... take some pride in their institution. It's a question of identity and community."