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Upcoming:

Did you get the email? EWU Campus Recreation wants your opinion about programs, facilities and additions. You can take their survey here: http://bit.ly/Ihf8iY.

April 20:

The Band Invitiation II Finale Concert will be at 6 p.m. in the Music Building Recital Hall.

April 21:

The department of music performance, Clarinexus, has been cancelled.



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April 23 to 27: Pride Week will conclude with a masquerade in the MPR April 27 from 7-11 p.m.

April 24: Don't forget to vote in the **ASEWU student** primaries.

April 27 to May 10: The graphic design senior exhibition begins with an opening reception on April 27 to May 10 with an opening reception in the EWU Gallery of Art from 6-8 p.m.

In brief:

April 20 is **"Cover the Night,"** an event sponsored by the activist group Invisible Children, starts in the evening on Eastern's campus. It begins at 8:30 p.m. at AMC at Riverpark Square in downtown Spokane.

Occupy Wall Street calls for, "No work, no school, no shopping, no banking, no trading," on May 1.

"Occupy May Day," is a general strike aimed at getting the attention of the one percent. Occupy Spokane is currently working on organizing its own strike in the Spokane area.

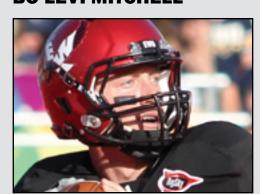
The Special Olymics Washington East Region Spring Games will be held at EWU on May 5 and they need 200 volunteers. For information about opportunities available, email Jill Ives at jives@sowa.org.

Seniors push their game to the next level

Photos by Aaron Malmoe

As students prepare for graduation this June, many of them are also looking to their future employment opportunities. For three Eastern football players, that means the possibility of continuing their football careers at the professional level. Read the full story by Fedor Gaponenko on page 9.

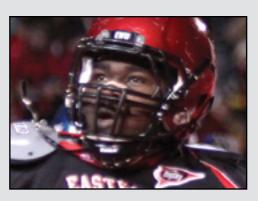
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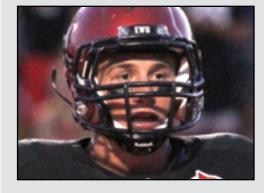
"Canada is a route I might take because it fits my game well just to go out there, sling the ball around and play my game."

RENARD WILLIAMS

"Anyone who's willing to give me an opportunity, I will be blessed to have it."



MATT JOHNSON



"I grew up a Cowboys fan, so visiting there was really cool. ... But if any team wants me, I'm not going to complain."

Getting primed for the primary

Record number of candidates run for student government elections

By Frank McNeilly

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An all-time high of 36 candidates are campaigning for council and executive positions in the ASEWU student government this year.

Legislative affairs, technology advancement and student services have the smallest number of candidates running for those positions.

The legislative affairs representative candidates are Corey Metzner and Shelby Pelon.

Metzner is a sophomore running for the ASEWU legislative affairs. He is doublemajoring in government and philosophy.

Metzner graduated from Ballard High School in Seattle where he learned leadership skills as captain of the swim team and as an Eagle Scout.

"In high school, ... I was vice president [of the] slam club ... which focused on educating people about suicide in recognizing the ... warning signs and educating on ways to get help," Metzner said.

One of my main focuses I want to do is I want to make sure all the students at Eastern are more connected with the policies," Metzner said. "[Students] don't realize how big of an impact they can have themselves in structuring the system."

Whether or not you vote for me, take time and carefully consider who you are voting for and know the implications," Metzner said.

Shelby Pelon is a sophomore running for the ASEWU legislative affairs representative position. She is studying government with hopes EASTERN VOTES

to get a certificate in public policy and administration.

Pelon's leadership experience at Eastern includes serving as the vice president of standards for the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority as well as the legislative liaison for the ASEWU.

"I see it as the bulk of my training," Pelon said. "I was over in Olympia for a quarter working with the Washington Student Association and fighting for the students at Eastern to make sure that we didn't have any more cuts coming this next year. The legislatures over there actually heard us, so that's what I want to continue ... with this next year."

According to an email from Pelon, if elected, she wants to make sure that students get involved in making their voices heard in Cheney and Olympia through vote campaigns, including onand off-campus students.

"What I see as one of our biggest accomplishments is [when] the legislature released the budget a couple of days ago and there were no cuts to higher education this year, which is great," Pelon said. "That means we're not really going to see much fluctuation with our tuition, that was the one thing we pushed really hard for over there.

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Reed urges youth to voice their votes

By Kristie Hsin SENIOR REPORTER

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Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed paid EWU a visit as part of his annual College Civics Tour Tuesday April 17, encouraging students to get more involved and registered to

heartening student voter small in numbers, the par-

registration, the event took place in Hargreaves Hall Reading Room at 3 p.m. Reed stressed the issue of young voters having the tendency to be a very "mobile population."

In addition, he also led students in a game of jeopardy. Topics included vocabulary, government, history and geography. With a direct focus on Though the audience was

ticipation was enormous.

The majority of it went really well, and I really liked how both teams were really respectful and had fun as well," said ASEWU Legislative Liaison Shelby Pelon. "And we all knew a lot so that surprised me."

Organized by the Office of Secretary of State's College Civics Program, Reed will have visited 45 colleges

of this tour.

He kicked off his annual tour Monday April 9, visiting Centralia College, Clark College, Washington State University Vancouver and The Evergreen State Col-

"I think it's always beneficial ... especially the more we can bring public officials to Eastern really helps get our students engaged. and universities by the end A lot of times students feel

kind of disconnected from Olympia just because we're so far away. It's really hard to feel that our vote really matters," said ASEWU Leg-islative Affairs Representative Kelli Crawford. "Even if it was just a small but active group, they'll tell their friends and so hopefully more people will be more open to it next year."

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International students score with World Cup

Ocaña's vision for tournament continues beyond his presidency

By Josh Friesen

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Among the traditional intramural sports that are available this spring, a new event, the EWU World Cup, will be held on April 25 and 26. ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña brought up the idea of having a soccer tournament with a World Cup flair, complete with teams representing different countries. Ocaña to invite our exchange students

wanted the tournament to bring students of different backgrounds together.

"When we apply to universities, ... we are promised that we are going to have this amazing cultural change expe-

Ocaña rience," Ocaña said. "We have the opportunity to come and join us, but we never do something together." According to Ocaña, East-

ern has many students of differing cultures. He feels the opportunities for interaction between different backgrounds are limited. While this is the first year of the EWU World Cup, Ocaña hopes that it will becomes an annual tradition at Eastern, encouraging more connection between students of different countries.

'I wanted to come up with an idea where all of us can do an activity together," Ocaña

Ocaña's vision for the proj-

ect started in the spring of They will have the opportu-2011, when he noticed that a group of international students attempted to create the event through the International Student Association. They struggled to get the process up and running. Ocaña shared the same feeling and saw to it that their dreams would be realized.

When I was elected, I thought, 'Well, that might be a good opportunity for us to reach out to international

students," Ocaña said.
The EWU World Cup will enable students to represent a different country. There are eight players to a team.

nity to pick which country they would like their team to symbolize. This does not necessarily mean that everybody on the team has to be of the same background. Mike Campitelli, director of campus recreation programs, said the event is open to all students, and he expects to see students of all races on the same team.

"It's irrelevant where the eight players come from,' Campitelli said. "It's a matter of 'Who do I want to represent?"

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PRESENTERS

Volunteers clean city of Cheney

By Kristie Hsin SENIOR REPORTER khhsin@gmail.com

The city of Cheney gears up for its annual Clean Sweep taking place April 21 at the Veterans' Memorial

The event will be from 9 a.m. to noon Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers will check in at Veterans' Memorial Park located on Fourth Street before being divided throughout the city for Clean Sweep.

At noon, volunteers can return to the park for a complementary lunch provided by Dessert Pals, Activate Cellular, Gatto's Pizza, Corona Village and Fellow fest," the credit union will Baptist Church.

"I've lived here my whole life and my grand kids get involved with the ing." said freshman Allev Clean Sweep sometimes Peters. "I love being outand it's a good thing, too. side and helping people, Kids need to help take so why not? I think this is care of the area they live a great way to give back to in," said Mary Monree, a the community.' Chenev local. "An event like this is great for community building. It's also a ments, Jarms Hardware, great excuse to be outside

in such lovely weather." locations will be available Spokane Regional Solid for local residents wanting Waste, Doug Nixon Farmto dispose of their house- ers Insurance, Jackie Olhold garbage and construc- son State Farm Insurance tion debris and metals, such as bikes frames and grills. Furniture disposals ber of participants, volare not included. Drop-off unteers will be split up locations include Amazing equally to the different Grace Fellowship, located at 416 Betz Road, and Pre-

free recycling at the Les cas. Schwab Tire Center on 7

from Fire District Three.

the Cheney Federal Credit them up," Lucas said Union located on 520 First Street. During this "Shred-



Photo illustration by Mikayla

also accept donations for the Cheney Food Bank.

"I plan on volunteer-Event sponsors include

Edward Jones Invest-Jazzercise Cheney, Cheney Do It Best Hardware, Two dumpster drop-off Cheney ABC Preschool

Depending on the numparts of town. The clean up event, put on by the city sley Drive, located across of Cheney, strives to help make Cheney better and Tire and battery materi- brighter, according to City als can be dropped off for Senior Planner Brett Lu-

Spokane St. The Cheney show strong community Recycling Center, located support, more so than we at 100 Anderson Road, is had last year. Last year, the designated location for we had over 100 attendees, the disposal of vard waste. so we hope to get over 100 For safe disposal of attendees this year [and] documents, a chance to find areas in Cheney community mem- the community that needs bers can drop them off at some attention and clean

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Attendees of the "Insiring the Future" luncheon enjoy refreshments as they hear from keynote speaker Mark Milliron.

Luncheon presents ideas

University strategic planning makes progress on campus innovations

paign."

By Trevor Parus STAFF WRITER trevparus@gmail.com

Faculty, staff and stu-Reese Court for the unveilling of the 2012-2017 strategic plan that has been in the works for nearly a year on Friday, April 13. The plan from 75 percent in 2011 to outlines values, visions and missions of the university for the next five years. The year graduation rates from strategic plan goes into effect July 1, 2012.

Keynote speaker Dr. Mark Milliron addressed ways in which other univer- of innovation by creating sities were adapting teaching techniques to a modern will provide a more flexible world. Milliron said that it learning environment for is apparent that change is students. Furthermore, the state." needed based on the realities university is hoping to crefacing this generation. "We're about to turn out Energy" which has yet to be

a generation of students who defined. The university also are less educated than the hopes to increase faculty regeneration that came before. search programs for under-It makes you take a deep graduate and graduate stubreath and say, 'We gotta dents to participate in. take a deep look at this," Milliron said.

system is not preparing or projects for students.

In addition, the strategic plan outlines goals for the university and what those key strategies are and how hopes to do this by increasdents were in attendance at they can be measured. Student success was the first goal outlined in the strate-

gic planning, which includes

improving retention rates

82 percent by 2017. The plan

also hopes to increase six-

adapting to a modern world.

46 percent in 2011 to 54 percent in 2017. Eastern is also striving toward being an institution a "virtual campus," which ate a "Center for Alternative

Community engagement through staff, students and Milliron spoke about faculty is one of the key goals don't forget about this plan merging new and old meth- of the strategic plan. This and we keep working toing the two and taking the internships and mentor- faculty involved." best of both worlds. Mil- ships through providing an

of becoming more visible by raising its reputation as Ocaña said a high-quality university. It nal and alumni pride cam-

Oscar Ocaña, ASEWU president, said that the new plan will increase the school's competitiveness. "The strategic plan is aligning us to finally work collectively. The university is moving to not just the direction from the administration, but actually hearing what is needed to be done for us to improve as a university and become competitive with the

Kaleb Hoffer, ASEWU said finance vice president, said that it is important for the university to not lose sight of the plan. "Good ideas are always great, but they don't mean anything without great execution. Five years is a long time, so I hope within the next five years that we

The university has hopes strategic plan that they are setting up, ... it is possible,'

"As long as everyone works together and we have ing media exposure and the same strategic goal in plans to "develop an inter- place then it's completely possible," Hoffer said.

According to Gary Pratt, chief information officer, the strategic plan is the byproduct of focus groups, which included hundreds of students, and committees, which included faculty, staff and administration. Faculty members were included from the Cheney, Riverpoint and Bellevue campuses. "The idea is that this

came from you, so we did hear you. That's how we got this information," Pratt Bertha Ortega, Eastern's

Board of Trustees chair of the board, said that although the past few years have not been the best for higher education because of funding cuts, it is important to implement goals for a growing university.

"Eastern should be the first choice of students, facods of teaching by integrat- goal is intended to increase wards keeping students and ulty, the community, business and government when "It's a lot of hard work, looking for academic exliron said that our education increase in service learning but as long as they don't cellence and innovation,"

before, and I think the candidates higher positions often do things process, candidates will present like there's a lot students don't

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By Kristie Hsin

Eastern has narrowed its dent affairs." search for a new dean of students to three final candidates.

The university will bring Linda Pimley Fossen, Amy R. Johnson and Laura A. Bayless to campus for interviews April 23 through

fairs Stacey Morgan Foster, who Skype. has been filling in as a temporary dean of students, said, "We had a to have the students' best interest ASEWU president.

in higher education and in stu- nior Amanda Park said.

views a candidate's résumé and

larger pool than we had the time as a top priority. I think a lot of

this time are representing people for their own agendas and it isn't materials at an open forum on know and aren't included in ... who have significant experiences always good for the students," se- campus where students, faculty forums like these are a great place

Three dean of student candidates remain

The search committee con-When selected, candidates sists of: Laurie Connelly, chair comments and recommendations. are reviewed through human re- of the committee and associate to the president, Stacey Reece, The search committee re- director of student involvement from 3 to 4:15 p.m. and leadership, Pui-Yan Lam, somaterials. Once candidates are ciology and justice department narrowed down, the remaining chair, Virginia Hinch, director of Vice President for Student Af- applicants are interviewed over career services, Michelle Helmer-"I think our new dean needs tive assistant and Oscar Ocana,

Similar to the previous search Hanna Ramsey said. "I often feel has not been decided.

and staff can sit in, comment and fill out a score sheet with their All open forums will be held

Johnson on April 26 and Bayless student activities, career services on April 30.

"I've been to the forums from ick, dean of students administra- the last search and it's really nice Morgan Foster, final decisions

for students to express their concerns and comments."

In addition to working closely with the student government, at the campus's JFK Auditorium the dean of student's position requires work with campus rec-Fossen will visit April 23, reation, residential activities,

With the recommendation of that students get to have a say in are made by President Arévalo. these sorts of decisions," senior When final decisions will be made



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In Brief

After an arraignment was stricken for reasons other than failing to appear on Jan. 30, no new court appearances have been scheduled for the three students and current or former members of the Sigma Nu fraternity who were booked on charges of drug possession early last quarter.

According to Cheney Police Commander Rick Campbell, the investigation is still ongoing and under review by the Cheney Police detective

The Cheney Police have not recommended any charges to the Spokane County Superior Court's prosecuting office at this time. This lack of developments

in this case comes after the three students were throwing a party on Normal Parkway in Cheney that was searched by Cheney Police after a search warrant was executed for a reported odor of marijuana.

NEWS

Workshopping mental health

Students attend weekly sessions with Counseling and Psychological services

By Trevor Parus STAFF WRITER

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Counseling and Psychological Services is hosting a student workshop series this quarter every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in PUB 261. This series is shop with some tools, strategies designed to help students face and resources to begin the proevery-day issues. The workshop series will

include topics such as break ups, time management, money management, life after college, stress management and much According to Lisa Olson, co-

for Counseling and Psychological Services, the series is designed to help accommodate in addition to providing them what we have to offer. Students provides us the opportunity speaker, and the topic.

take away an increased understanding of their concerns. We always make room for more," also hope they leave the work- Olson said. cess of making desired chang-

Olson said that while workshops can vary depending on the weather and the time of the many students share common hardest part, not even the task school year they average around eat, such as pizza.

es," Olson said.

volved by simply coming to topics," Olson said. students with everyday troubles the workshops ... and sampling

realize they are not alone with had whole groups of friends or future," Olson said their struggles and that they residents from an entire hall

> Olson said that even if students are not interested in the "We at CAPS recognize that

concerns, but not all students itself. ... This is my first time 15-20 students each week. Oldesire counseling services, coming to an event like this, son also said that every week, By providing workshops in a but I look forward to coming ordinator of outreach services the series offers something to central location, we offer op- to these again," McCormick portunities for all students on said. "Students can become in- campus to learn about these

with the knowledge of the avail- who are new to the series to let students know about might bring a friend or peer our counseling services should "Our hope is that students to share the experience. We've they be needed now or in the

"Starting the task is the

ule is advertised on the CAPS

show up in the past. We can studying biology, said that topic of discussion, the topic this workshop will help her may be applicable to helping with procrastinating in the fu-

DATE

May 31

Kavla McCormick, who is she found the procrastination workshop to be helpful. Mc-Cormick said she finds starting tasks to be hard and that

The workshop series sched-"The workshop series also website and includes the

Karen Wanjico, Violence April 19 Advocate, OSRR Amy McGreevy Academic Success Cent Money Management: os and Tricks for Catcl Student Financial and Getting Ahead. Life After College Financial Aid and and Plannina foi Staff & Peer Educators leopardy Game: A Fun and Interac-Ryan Kiely to Wellness with Yoga: An Informa

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lence in our culture by encour- said. "Predominately, women

aging men to be aggressive are victims of violence, and

and women to be very subor- predominately, men cause

issues are topics Miller wants trying to look at it from the

we're giving children, like places to all kinds of people."

Voices against violence heard in campus mall

"... we're trying to take it to another level

By Libby Campbell CONTRIBUTING WRITER easterner.news@gmail.com

A pack of men tottering around campus in high heels would seem strange on an avwas a way for males to demonstrate their empathy toward females. Members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity invited male students to "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" during the event Voices Against Violence on the campus mall, April 10. The event, put on by Health, Wellness and Prevention Services, aimed to

"It's an event that's designed to increase the knowledge of students about sexual and stalking," said Michelle

raise awareness about personal

Pingree, director for Health, Wellness and Prevention. "It's designed to get resources out to victims and to let students know where the resources are. About 73 percent of our population knows somebody who's erage day, but on April 10 it been impacted by sexual violence or personal violence, so this is our way to get that information out.

Campus organizations and volunteers set up tables that offered information on everything from sexual assault statistics, gender and social issues, victim support, tips on prevention, art therapy and demon-Phi Beta Sigma fraternity

member Xavier Walker said was a way for men to better unmembers of the opposite sex.

by demonstrating that we do care about women and domestic violence." Xavier Walker

"Men can go through what it feels like to be a woman. For men, it hurts to walk in heels, but we're trying to take it to another level by demonstrating certain gender norms. that we do care about women and domestic violence," Walker said. "Every year, we 'walk a mile in her shoes' to show encourages boys to want to be that we care about and support their high heels demonstration those who have been victims."

One table used toys and very feminine and helpless," children are exposed to gender how that can perpetuate vio-

and social issues. While pointing to soldier action figures and dolls, Erika Miller explained how children are subjected to

"Men are portrayed as very strong, masculine, powerful and aggressive, which kind of that masculine, aggressive figure. Women are portrayed as violence, partner violence derstand what it is like being coloring books to show how Miller said. "We're showing

book page.

big project he is working on is

Filla has served on the stu-

dent union board of control,

as the Student Services Repre-

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"This is ... my third year be-

The organizers behind to spread even more awareness about a topic that is a widely known problem.

dinate to men."

she said.

Gender norms and social

to challenge. "We want to call

attention to these things that

toys, that encourage women

to just want to be brides and

wives and mothers, and men

to want to be strong, military

men. I think it's a great cause,"

about, been talked about and have in our society," Pingree mote."

been impacted by personal violence. "Usually, it's a situation where, with a little information, someone may be able Voices Against Violence hope to step in or may be able to prevent it from happening,"

that violence, though that's

not always the case. We're

perspective of this violence

can happen in all kinds of

high percentage of people

who know someone who has

Pingree referred to the

"It just takes that moment. "This issue has been known That moment, that decision to make a call, to interrupt, to been worked on for 25, 30, 40 divert their attention. That's years, and it's still an issue we what we're trying to pro-

Elections:

continued from front page

Pelon is campaigning verbally as well as using posters of experience with technol- Casteel said. "I try to do stuff a poster on the second floor [ASEWU] council like we've leng said. "It's a role I tend to and Facebook.

"I feel like I really do have student technician and chair the experience and the passion to be a good legislative affairs representative to get the students organized to make sure that they're participating with not only their student government, but state government as well to have their voices heard,"

Two candidates are campaigning for a position that deals with the technological resources that are available to students and letting students know what they have access to. James Reisenauer is cam-

paigning for the Technology Advancement council position for the ASEWU. He is currently a freshman planning to major in computer science. Reisenauer has experience serving as the chair of the stu-

dent technology fee committee at Eastern, along with working as a student technician in high school by fixing computers.
Reisenauer graduated from

Hanford High School in Richland, Wash., where one of his teachers convinced him to start and Safety Services position. a sports broadcast club.

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president. He also has been a work. broadcasts," Reisenauer said. "We had three cameras wired to the internet with announc- camps. ers ... We got a lot of viewers."

of the student technology fee "I hope to ... unite some of the committees around campus [like] campus architecture and [the] student technology to know exactly what you're fee committee," Reisenauer doing," Casteel said. "If I was said. "People request certain re-elected to Technology Aditems from student technology

but ... [don't] ask the appropriate committee for [them]. According to Reisenauer. he plans to talk to as many students as he can verbally and through Facebook.

"My main goal is to find some way to innovate Eastern," Reisenauer said. Steven Casteel is a junior

at Eastern who is running for make it a priority to ... adver-

Advancement council position. Casteel is a visual communication design major with a minor in 3D animation. He enjoys playing the red piano on

re-election for the Technology

the first floor PUB lounge. Casteel is co-campaigning with Mason Clark, who is running for the Student Health Casteel founded the East-

Baseball Club is looking for

camp counselor at 11 different "When I see a leadership ogy. Reisenauer has four years opportunity, I ... jump for it,"

ogy combining his work as a out of my comfort zone. Casteel was the Technology Advancement representative for the ASEWU this past year. "One of the problems we had at ASEWU was that it takes a long time to get ... trained and

> vancement, ... I could just jump right into it. "I could let students know the services they have available to them," Casteel said. "Students don't know that they projects that Filla was involved have free anti-virus, ... they're paying for it. Instead of just focusing on the proposals that EWU's Dining Services concome from the Tech Fee Comtract with WSU. mittee. I would really want to

are paying for." Two candidates are competing for the chair of student services, the position that is one of the most directly involved with students.

tise the services that students

Justin Filla is running for re-election as the student services representative for ASEWU. He is a first-year se-sentative this past year. nior who is returning next year

"I ended up directing the ern Atheist club, where he is to finish his studies with social ing involved with ASEWU." Filla said. "I'm just looking Filla has finished his minors in sociology and psycholexperience and knowledge

> back for another year and For his campaign, Filla has hope to have another good "I like to be a leader," Main the PUB, stakes with fliers had this year. around campus, fliers at the residential halls and a Face-"A big thing I've been work-

joring in special education ing on this year is getting involved with the child care cenand elementary education ter," Filla said. "In the past, our with a minor in business. representatives have worked "I want ... to help Eastwith people from the adminern as much as possible in istrators from the child care any way that I honestly can," Maleng said. "Whether [it is] center, but not directly with them. My goal is to work with bringing my opinion or sitting them and see what [ASEWU] down with students and hear-

ng what they have to say." Maleng graduated from One of the student services with this year was partnering skills as a sophomore class ... I'm going to be learning for According to Filla, another treasurer, the jazz band head the rest of my life."

programmer, a marching band council member, an forward to hopefully bring my FFA Sentinel, an FBLA secretary and an ASB publishing

Kristanie Maleng is run- just because I want not only ning for the Student Services to grow up for myself, but I council position. She is a really want to make an im-

freshman with plans on mapact. According to an email from Maleng, she plans to use posters and business cards to campaign for the primary elections, then get more creative for campaigning for the

general election. "I know that I'm a freshman. I know that I don't have very much experience at Eastern, but I also know that I'm Mt. Baker High School in really willing to work and re-Deming, Wash., where she ally eager to learn," Maleng worked on her leadership said. "I want to be a teacher.





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Drug busts at Eastern: do they mean anything?

After a few drug busts, including two in the last month, a question arises: does EWU, and the Chenev community, have a drug problem? Should drug use on campus really be that big of a

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Let's examine the last few in-

On January 15, three students were arrested after throwing a

Officers arrived after a neighbor complained of hearing a woman screaming outside.

The officers attempted to talk to the occupants of the house, but had the door slammed in their

All three were expelled from

Then, on April 1, police were called to Pearce Hall where they

found a few hundred dollars and the scent of marijuana.

The students' tuition was non-Finally, on Wednesday, April 11, Patrick Janicke, senior, started

slashing tires in the parking lot of the Rock Spring Apartments on Al Ogden Way. His roommate called the police soon thereafter. When the police arrived, his roommates told

them that Janicke was a chemistry major and that he had been doing experiments in his room for class. After obtaining a search warrant, police went back and

"It should come as no big surprise that Eastern is not exempt from drug abuse."

> found a meth lab in his room. We can guess what will happen to his school career.

> > ter on Addiction and Substance Abuse did a study that involved college students and drug use. The study found that almost half of all college students use illegal drugs. Another 60 percent said that it would be "very easy" to obtain prescription drugs. Some 77 percent even said that it would

In 2007, the National Cen-

mariiuana. Therefore, it should come as no big surprise that Eastern is not

be "very or somewhat" easy to get

exempt from drug abuse. Still, it brings into question something bigger: do a few minor drug busts really mean anything?

After the Summit of the Americas, and Obama's failed attempt to woo any of the countries involved (except Canada), we're starting to see the War on Drugs for what it's really worth anyway. Numerous Latin American countries believed that drug use should, at the very least, be decriminalized.

"We cannot eradicate global drug markets, but we can certainly regulate them as we have done with alcohol and tobacco markets," President Otto Perez Molina of Guatamala said. His sentiment closely resembles that of most other countries.

"Personally, and my adminis

tion is not the answer," President Obama stated during the Summit of the Americas.

America's position on the status of drug legality has only created criminals out of people who need treatment before incarcera-

In the end, many students' lives will be ruined with charges that should otherwise be dealt with in other ways.

Remember: At least we're not San Diego State University. Back in 2008, 96 people were arrested 75 of them were students, after a six month long operation.

All of their tuition was nonrefundable. All of their lives were ruined.

And we thought Eastern was

Through the Eagle's Eye

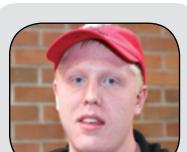
"Do you think Eastern has a problem with drugs?"



"Probably, yeah. I don't see a lot of it, but just because we're on a

college campus I feel like there's more people

using them." Kendra Powers



"Not that I know of. I heard that someone at school got fired for drug use. So that's the

Daryn Walter



only thing I've heard in



"I don't think it's a problem. I mean a lot of

people everywhere you go use drugs. We're in college, so what do you

expect, really?"

Matt Mahar

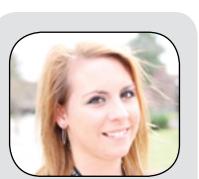


"After someone took the Easterner and dumped

them in the recycling bin because they didn't want

the story to come out about

that drug raid, yes." Victoria DeLeon



"I don't think Eastern has a

drug problem. We regulate it best we can. But there are

stupid people. We can't let

stupid people label Eastern

a drug school"

Katelyn Johnston

Disagreement is not disrespect

By Christopher Stuck

You are an individual. You are not identical to any other person on the planet. But you are similar. You are a part of people. You are part of your culture. You are part

of your group. And therefore, though you are an individual, you do not exist in a vacuum. When you act, you act not just as yourself, but

Stuck as a representative of your groups. When you do something mean or stupid or embar-

rassing, it does not reflect identify as atheist or agnoseveryone with whom you ally yourself. I tell you this due to several incidents I have recently witnessed on I do not know who she

know who he was, but he tore down a similar poster, crumpling it with disgust and dropping it on the floor.

cal poster and left it on the simply lack belief. ground in a bus stop. It is hard to conceive that these incidents were coincidence, being that these people targeted these posters very specifically while leaving others unmolested.

In this case, the disrewere posters for the Eastern Atheists, an on-campus orand skeptics. I am not a part of Eastern Atheists, but I am atheist. I am atheist in the "I have no belief in higher powers" meaning of the word and not the "there is abso-

lutely no god" definition. To me, and to many who Atheists President Stesolely on you. It reflects on tic, the claim that there is no Facebook page, their "fogod is just as specious as the cus is more about building claim that there is. My non- a community of like mindbelief is based upon know- ed friends than anything ing that the existence or else. Our other focus is on non-existence of any higher destigmatizing the word power is not demonstrable was, but she moved sev- and has no bearing on my dialogue with our peers on eral bulletins and flyers to daily life. It is a lack of be- the topic of theism through

lack of god. My lack of faith is not because I am unhappy. I am tion for non-believers is irhappy. It is not because god

literally spat upon an identi- hiding, fighting or spiting. I

I include my personal views not just as a responsible revelation of what could be seen as bias in this situation, but also because "atheist" doesn't denote just one

Atheists, agnostics, secspect shown these posters ularists and humanists are a variety of backgrounds. Like most people, non-beganization for non-believers lievers find comfort, fun or with like-minded people. It is highly likely that you have the same impulse, no matter your beliefs or non-

> According to Eastern ven Casteel on the group's atheist, and engaging in

cover up a poster. I do not lief in god, not a belief in the events like 'Ask an Atheist' tabling." That this an organiza-

I do not know who they "let me down." I am not bit- relevant to its right to post were, but they crumpled and ter, I am not angry, I am not the posters and irrelevant to its expectation to have those posters remain unmolested by those with alternate opin-

However personal these specific incidents were for me, I would have been equally outraged if I had witnessed the same events happening to flyers belonging to Chi Alpha Christian is personal for me. These a variety of people from Fellowship or Berean Bible

Study or any other group. You should be, too. You should be outraged camaraderie in interacting at the disrespect shown to other people, even if you disagree with or even dislike them. Remember that you may act as an individual, but your actions reflect

upon your group. When you do something mean, stupid, embarrassing or disrespectful, you do it on behalf of everyone you care about. Ultimately, disrespect for other people is disrespect for yourself.

With that in mind, my advice is this: Treat your own actions as if you are representative of everyone you know, but treat the actions of others as acts of that specific individual.

When you respect othrelevant to its validity, irers, you respect yourself.

Green Dot Spot

By Jessica Willis CONTRIBUTOR

Throughout my life, since my undergraduate education, I have been actively involved in violence prevention.

My entry into this work started when I did a collegecredit internship as a crisis counselor. Work in this area has

generally been experienced by me as both challenging and rewarding. I first formally learned

about the Green Dot program when I joined the EWU campus community. I am absolutely excited to be a member of the Green

Dot team at EWU. The Green Dot program is based on some very simple and inspiring ideas.

Green Dot is an approach to the reduction of power-based violence that recognizes every individual as having an integral role to play in making their surrounding community a safer

place to live. Every individual is a significant contributor to shaping the social environment, and each of us can fairly easily tap into our skills and abilities to be active as bystanders in reducing or even preventing violent situations before they actually occur.

When I got trained as a Green Dot advocate I came to a realization about how every individual significantly impacts the level of violent acts that happen in our communities.

Simply by doing a green dot, every one of us can decide to take action and, as a result, minimize the likelihood that harm will happen to anyone in our immediate environment.

My green dot this week was encouraging a friend that we should walk together to our parked cars. The hour was late, the

moon was out and the parking lot was largely de-While taking action can

sometimes feel scary, the Green Dot program gives me daily opportunities to develop skills and confidence in order to face fears that might otherwise lead to

larger community effort to stop violence before it hap-

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social networking sites. They glass or a bottle of something check sites like Facebook and Twitter to keep tabs on "You might want to look at and abbreviations in texts current employees, and as a your profile and think, 'Do I and online. Now is a good

tive employees, according

to Krista Benson, program

coordinator of the College

of Arts, Letters & Education

are looking at you online,"

Benson, who has studied

most important thing to re-

member is that nothing you

do online is ever really private.

talking about the same thing

on Facebook. ... Anything that

happens on the internet can be

er. Even if you delete it, what

if somebody took a screenshot

of it? It only takes two key-

strokes to take a screenshot of

working profile more appeal-

ing to prospective employers

is simple: Think about what

Making your social net-

something," she said.

COMMUNITY—

means of a background check need all of those pictures?"

employers look up the social Those can go on your hard

at Eastern. "Assume that the that you don't have public

social media trends, says the those who want to be taken

"Just like how having a new professionals," Benson

loud conversation about your said, "is, 'Can you let go of

boss in a bar is in public, so is being a student and partying

screenshot and it exists forev- 8 o'clock on Friday?"

people you want to work for anymore," Benson said.

networking sites of prospec- drive. The pictures of dudes

As many as 70 percent of bikini, you can untag those.

in your hand," Benson said.

in their swimming suits,

drunk with their friends on

some Caribbean cruise—that

can probably be something

Leaving behind the party

persona many college stu-

dents acquire is essential for

seriously as professionals, no

on Thirsty Thursdays? And

can you start being the per-

son who shows up to work at

content that needs to be

monitored. What students

post as status updates and

how you go about posting it

should not be anything you

would be embarrassed for a

Improper spelling, gram-

mar, punctuation and vulgar

future boss to see.

Photos are not the only

"A genuine concern for

matter the career field.

"The photos of you in your

How to polish your networking sites

Generation Y is accus-

tomed to using shorthand

time to stop replacing words

with numbers and to start

spelling words out. Those

who continue to be lax with

grammar and spelling could

person and think, 'I'm a little

concerned that you're going

to throw that into an email

somewhere," Benson said. "So

much professional commu-

nication is written in emails

now and a lot of students

write emails like that. Look at

your profile and ask, 'Who do

pletely eliminate all personal

aspects of your Facebook ac-

count, however. The key is

finding the right balance be-

tween personal and profes-

sional. "To some degree, it's

just cleaning up your online

profile, but more so it's being

comfortable with melding

who you are professionally

with who you are person-

"Talk about your accom-

plishments. Your friends

actually want to hear about

them," she said. "Think about

the ways you can be position-

"Everybody has a different

ally," Benson said.

There is no need to com-

I look like to a stranger?"

"I'm going to look at that

be targeting themselves.

Not even one week on the job and Hayden Indahl heard the words that make any employee's stomach drop. "Hayden, come into my office, please."

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Indahl, who was a new hire at the Residential Life program at Eastern Washington University, was about to experience the repercussions of having his online life collide with his professional

"A friend had commented on one of my Facebook statuses and used the word 'gay," Indahl said. "I think he said something like, 'Your school is so gay.' My supervisor called me into her office and told me to immediately take it down. I mean, my friend said it, it wasn't even me."

Though Indahl only received a light slap on the wrist, more and more common. As college seniors prepare to graduate and begin their job searches, they should know that it is not only their résumés that need polishing they might want to consider refining their social network-

By Desireé Hood

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you are posting. Employers are beginning "When you are in your or offensive language are obing yourself to be part of who early twenties, probably a vious red flags to prospective you are as a student and as to delve into their employees'

Campus society founder speaks at White House He co-founded the Com- volved in some way," Oberst

Skyler Oberst, a graduspectful information about the ating senior, has made the most of his college experience. From starting the Compassionate Interfaith Society on campus to speaking to top White House aids in the dining room of the White House, he has accomplished many things in the past few years. His other achievements in

the past three years include their religion or what they serving as Youth Scholar with the North American Interership Institute and interning peace emissary, the indigenous with the Pluralism Project at Masai Warriors from Kenya and a holocaust survivor are Harvard University.

He is graduating in June with a double major in philosophy and anthropology -- much different from his goals when he started at Eastern.

Oberst came to college seeking a degree in government with the lifelong career goal to be a district attorney. But after taking a philosophy of religion class his freshman year, he had what he called a "weird change of heart."

"I got interested in religion and the parallels between religions," said Oberst. "And around that time, I witnessed in the community some hate crimes where there was some religious discrimination happening right in front of me and I thought, 'I need to do something about this."

passionate Interfaith Society said. on campus, forming an orga-Westboro Baptist Church nization that can give out remade a visit to Eastern two

different religions, traditions and cultures in the community. "It's completely organic," Oberst said. "It's just Eastern students who got together Bishop Desmond Tutu. and [were] like, 'You know what? We need to be a little Oberst flew to Georgetown to bit more nice to one another' and that you can't really sec-

took 48 hours before some prominent people at the just a few who have visited conference. Oberst was asked

Eastern. "What's interesting is, every single one of them hits on the same thing, which is compassion," said Oberst. "Everybody wants to be nice to one another. Everybody at least has been told to be nice to one another and it would be really great if we could start listening to that."

The club volunteers on campus and in the community. They have scrubbed graffiti off the local Mosques and gardened for the Buddhist Abbey. They also installed a "peace pole" in the campus mall. "Pretty much anything that

has this flavor of helping out people and being nice to one another, we are probably inthat comes with it.

perspective and I like to work years ago, and CIS taught classdifferent people's perspectives into my own," said Shryock. es on how to have "a non-vio-"It's an interesting way to get lent demonstration for peace" from lessons by Gandhi, Marnew information." tin Luther King and the Arch ber of CIS, started attending Two days after the protest, the meetings because a friend

attend a leadership conference atmosphere was enjoyable and the first slide was about and has continued going to the tion off groups regardless of Westboro. When asked what the members of the conference would do if Westboro came to In the past, Oberst and the their campuses, Oberst took stuff they do at CIS meetings is faith Network, attending the CIS have organized speakers the opportunity to discuss the refreshingly kind," said Lubi-Interfaith Youth Core's Lead- coming in. The Dalai Lama's actions that EWU and the CIS na. "The age old saying, Walk a This caught the eyes of has a completely different

to speak at the White House about student activism in the interfaith movement on college campuses. Talking to top aids to the president in the east dininvolvement. ing room in October 2010 is a memory that Oberst will have

CIS currently has 16 different religions in attendance. Their meetings include lively discussions from talking about the zombie apocalypse to the furry creatures of the Muppets. There is only one rule when people walk through the door: No "soul saving" will be community." allowed. The meetings are a forum of people in a "safe zone"

Phillip Shryock, a member of the club, enjoys experiencing

according to Oberst.

religions without the "stigma"

According to Lucas,

in 2000 and re-elected in Reed: As the 14th Secretary

Reed's College Civic retire when his term ends voter education.

is "I Will Vote."

Reed earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science they're a little more fired up from Washington State University.

He was elected Washington's Secretary of State on this."

thing fake, things you really to professionals are part of the generation who has had a visible online life for years. sharing informational links "That can hurt your job that reflect your interests. search if vou're not aware of Benson mentioned a friend

shares links to news stories you on Facebook before your interview. I've had it happen.' Benson recalled another time when a colleague added her on Facebook shortly after she was hired. They began communicating via social

you are aware of it. There are

hiring managers who will add

settings, but setting your acnecessarily mean you are in the clear. "There used to be really easy loopholes, especially with Myspace, but they've

closed a lot of them. However, the easiest loophole, if you have your profile set to private, is if [prospective employers] know somebody that knows you," Benson said. They can ask that person if there is anything on

want people to know.'

who is interested in graphic

design and social justice. He

your profile to be concerned about, or might even ask to look through it. "It's not an invasion of your privacy. It's all public, even if you've got it locked

to only friends. ... It's really easy for anybody to gain access [to your profile]."

regarding those topics. "A prospective employer could look at that and really get a feel for the kind of graphic designer he is, and it's not fake," she said. Facebook allows users to control their profile's privacy media.

"We started communicatcount to private does not ing pretty quickly, and have since become friends, which helped me in my professional life because this person was an administrator. ... I had no reason at my job level to have direct access to an administrator, except I did [because of Facebook.]"

Transitioning from a

college student to a young professional is scary and exciting, but necessary. Professionalizing your social networking sites is just another step in making the transition as smooth as possible.

As far as finding the balance between personal and professional, Benson offered one last piece of advice. "Be yourself, but think less about who I was at 18, or 19 or 20, and focus Most people transitioning more on who am I becoming.'

ment consists of the Chenev

Code and Enforcement De-

partment and the Building

munity of our size to do this

and support community

events, as well as show our

er civic community organi-

zations," said Lucas. "We

can all pull together and

"It's a chance for a com-

Department.

Department,

Clean:

Michael Lubina, a memasked him, but found that the

"You hear things that you vourself can't think of. ... The mile in another person's shoes

Three years after the journev started, Oberst has handed the reins off to a new president and is a "proud papa." He enjoys seeing the organization survive without as much of his

"All of the things that I have really gone through and the recognition that I have got, I mean it's great, but I am more interested in making sure that the CIS is here to stay," said Oberst. "That it is an integral part of the university and it continues to be a beacon of compassion in the campus

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the city is in the process of compiling the list of locations around Chenev that require attention and work. For the first three years,

Cheney Clean Sweep was connection with the school managed by the police de- district, university and othpartment. This will be the second year in a row that the event is hosted by the Community Development make Cheney a better place Department. The depart- to live and work."

continued from front page of State, Reed plans to

l'our began in 2006 and is funded by the Help America Vote Act, a United States federal law adopted in 2002 to promote

This year's tour theme

years. I've enjoyed it and I find it very refreshing and learn a lot," Reed said after the event. "I just hope that

about it all, feel more con-

nected and are going to be

ready and willing to work

"I've been doing it for

seven years and each one is

a little different. Students

actually change — they

change over these seven

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As part of the Green Dot team, I know I am part of a

letters: furthermore, all letters are

-If your letter is in response to a specific article, please list the title. and date of the article.

EWU CROSSWORD Puzzle from words found in this week's issue.

> Across 2. EWU _ _ _ Cup.

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5. Associate head women's coach Hedberg 9. Keynote speaker for strategic plan luncheon

_____ White and Jess Walter

11. Location of 2009 track team bus accident

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7. Bing Crosby readers on April 13:

8. HooPalousa teams: Spokane Dirty Real-

12. Kyle _ _ _ holds the 10,000-meter school record.

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As a non-fiction writer

himself, he currently has a

fly-fishing blog on the Seattle

Post Intelligencer, an online

newspaper. Williams trav-

eled to Spokane from Bel-

levue with his wife, a fiction

writer, to attend the festival.

In the future, he mentioned

he would also like to teach at

of attending the workshops

is that you get one-on-one

contact with authors, giving

you a better opportunity to

talk with them," said Karen

Maner, a non-fiction Master

of Fine Arts graduate stu-

dent. Karen Maner has been

interning as a staff writer for

the Get Lit! Festival since fall

quarter and has had the op-

portunity to interact with

many authors whose books

ment is a trip to Argentina.

Smith's next travel assign-

she has read.

"The biggest selling point

the writer's festival.

Almond and Orlean discuss pie, people and whiskey

By Nicole Livingston nicolejanelivingston@gmail.

Authors Susan Orlean and Steve Almond shared excerpts from their books, answered questions and made audience members chuckle at their personal anecdotes on April 12 at the Bing Crosby Theatre as part of the Get Lit!

Steve Almond was introduced by Verne Windham, program director and classical host of Spokane Public

Radio, with a forewarning. "Now, be careful if you hang out with Steve Almond because you might find yourself in one of his stories," said

Windham. Almond opened with some playful banter relating "Every time there is a new

Susan Orlean book, I have the exact same reaction, I'm like, 'I don't care about orchids. I don't care about botany. I don't even know what an orchid looks like. I don't, Susan, don't. Oh my God, orchids are fascinating!"

He immediately drew the audience in with his low, inviting voice and quick-witted humor as he shared an excerpt from his collection of short stories, "God Bless America.

The excerpt was from a story called, "Donkey Greedy, Donkey Gets Punched." The story follows a man

that goes to see a psychologist at the advice of his wife and the reactions that he and

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Other pieces that Almond shared were from a small book of a collection of hate letters he had received entitled. "Letters From People Who Hate Me," and a more somber piece about Hitler and World War II from his book, "This Will Only Take But A Moment, Honey."

Almond left the podium to be replaced by Nancy Roth as she introduced Susan Orlean. Orlean walked up from

the audience with a warm and friendly approach, gesticulating and laughing along with the audience as she made jokes about the pie and whiskey event that followed.

"I have to say I'm happy to come back any time due to the fact that there is a nip bottle of whiskey in the author bag. A first in my many, many experiences at literary festivals, so you people know how to do it right," said Orlean.

Orlean claimed that she had never expected to write about Rin Tin Tin.

"This is the story of my writing career. You could say, 'I never expected to write about blank,' and that would be pretty much every single thing I've ever written

She shared excerpts from her newest book, "Rin Tin Tin: The Life and The Leg-

In her first excerpt, she painted pictures of World War I grave sites and how surreal it felt that she was historical events happened, proach things."

the psychologist have to each and that it did not feel any more real to know so.

Her second excerpt was about her taking a puppy on She had taken it to deliver

to a family that had bought the

puppy from a friend of hers. She wanted to keep the puppy by the end of the flight and cried when she had to give it to the eagerly awaiting

The evening concluded with a question and answer session with Almond and Or-

They answered questions regarding their own works and about writing in general. Students, faculty and area residents were in attendance

for a number of reasons. "I've been a fan of Susan Orlean for a long time. She's one of the authors who's on my thesis list for my graduate thesis here at Eastern and I was looking forward to the opportunity to hear her read from her new book which I haven't gotten the chance to read yet," said Summer Hess, a graduate student in the

"I heard about it from a friend and we both write," said Rose Saunders, an attendee. "I was very interested in hearing more about it.

creative writing program at

"It's always great to hear directly from the people who produce things, to get a little bit of an idea of the creative process ... because they're both so different, every writer is different. It's good to see standing in a place where the different ways people ap-

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EWU student takes first place in college poetry slam

you. But sometimes a goodbye

that you never want to end is like

courage you can sing to.

Excerpt from "Baby Peas" by Kurt Olson

By Christopher Stuck and Rei Inoue FOR THE EASTERNER

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"And the first poet [scores]: A cube, a starfish, a potato and what is that? Is that a rhombus?" College Poetry Slam host Mark Anderson said after the "sacrificial" poet, Isaac Grambo, performed.

The judge informed Anderson that the rhombus was, in fact, a trapezoid. After his scores were tabulated by Kristina McDonald, assistant coordinator for Get Lit! and scorekeeper for the slam,

Bv Davis Hill and Katie

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was alive Friday night, April

13, with laughter and ap-

plause for two visiting writ-

ers speaking as part of the

Jess Walter have both pub-

lished multiple books and are

both nationally acclaimed,

novels and one nonfiction

book and is a former Na-

tional Book Award finalist.

A winner of the Edgar Al-

len Poe Award, he has been

published in "Playboy," "Mc-

Sweeney's," "ESPN maga-

zine," "Newsweek" and oth-

Whiting Writers Award. His

award-winning authors.

Colson Whitehead and

2012 Get Lit! Series.

The Bing Crosby Theater

FOR THE EASTERNER

The poetry slam, hosted by EWU's "Writers in the Community" program as part of Get Lit!, was held at the Kress Gallery at River Park Square, April 13 at 8:30

Nine college-aged poets from the area performed being judged on originality content and performance by five judges. Scores ranged from 0.0 to 10.0. The highest and lowest

to get each poet's score for each round ist mock scores because of make it more receptive for

Walter, Whitehead use humor to

inform and entertain festivalgoers

and also read from one of his

short stories. It follows Cole

Griffith, a middle-aged di-

vorcé whose heart problems

and existential crises threat-

Whitehead opened with

Afterwards, he read from

en his career as a C-league

a synopsis of his childhood

and how he came to be a pro-

one of his works in progress,

a mock writing guide that

includes tips such as "Keep

the good stuff off the page,"

Both writers used incisive

humor to capture the audi-

ence. Walter's evocative lan-

guage and entertaining read-

ing style drew many laughs.

podium, he slowly cleared

his throat and began to speak

five novels, one of which spend Friday nights in my alyptic obsession," he said.

During the question and

As Whitehead took the

basketball player.

fessional writer.

Walter has published five and "Write [only] what you

Whitehead has published in a dry monotone. "I usually

was a finalist for the Pulit- apartment weeping over my

work has appeared in such answer session, the writ-

publications as "The New ers gave advice on fleshing

York Times," "The New York- out characters, literary pac-

er," "Grata" and "Harper's." ing and beginning to write

first. He spoke about writing apocalypse narrative.

Walter took the podium and the appeal of the zombie

zer Prize, and has received a regrets," he said, "so this is a

MacArthur Fellowship and a nice change."

suicides written on grains of rice and a rabbit's foot-horseshoe. I wasn't going to tell you that I loved

When an audience mem-

ber asked about supporting

oneself as a writer, Walter

cocked his head, raised an

eyebrow and said, "Support-

ing yourself?" The audience

also spoke seriously about

Walter and Whitehead

In response to a ques-

tion about the viability of

the print format, Walter ex-

plained the changing nature

changing," he said. "How

we [create narratives] may

change, but everyone wants

stories. ... Desire for written

bie apocalypse novel "Zone

One," Whitehead explained

part of a larger post-apoc-

lyptic time due to the news.

the] news, and think ... 'the

world is falling apart."

. you see [horrible things on

At the end of the session,

Walter and Whitehead re-

treated to the lobby to sign

books and speak with admir-

post-apocalyptic themes.

Asked about his zom-

"The undead ... are just

"Story dissemination is

roared with laughter.

contemporary issues.

of the industry.

art won't dissipate."

scores were dropped and the middle three were combined Grambo received surreal- to engage the audience and a fun tone for the evening.

"It's a bit of a sham," An-Grambo's final combined his role as the non-compet- the competing poets. The derson said. "Poetry slam is him the overall win with a and Johnson won gift certifi-

By Kelly Manalo

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As a daughter of par-

Her book, "The Warmth

of Other Suns," is about the

rican-Americans from the

Wilkerson interviewed

1,200 migrators of the Great

Migration by visiting church-

the country to hear their sto-

Faulkner, "The past is not

dead, it's not even past," and

then continued to recount

the stories of the people she

gation, cheap labor and har-

African-Americans were

"It seems so archaic to the

vest reasons.

tightly-bound world.

According to Wilkerson,

es and social groups all over

south between 1915-1970.

herself a southerner once refound.

poetry more fun. The scores of a possible 60. Second are more for the audience's place went to Whitworth benefit than the poets'. It's student Danielle Estelle with all about bringing energy an overall score of 55.7 and

up into two rounds.

The poets performed in random order in the first round and were ordered based on first round scores The Lincoln Center on April from highest to lowest in the second round. The Easterner's own Kurt

Olson won the first round

with the highest-scoring

poem of the night, "Baby Peas," earning him a 28.4. Olson tied for first place in the second round, giving

dured it?" asked Wilkerson.

ping in Raleigh, N.C., Wilk-

erson found an article that

announced a suspension of

ents who migrated from the a trial due to the fact that people could become ac-

black and a white Bible for

to the audience that it was

so dangerous to leave that

leaving until they were gone.

Rights Movement was in full

swing, it got harder for peo-

ple to leave. The south didn't

take kindly to people leav-

cans lived in the south, now

better for their children.

ing," said Wilkerson.

people did not say they were

"In 1960s when the Civil

"Even the word of God

was segregated. There was a son.

explained

Pulitzer Prize winner talks

about the Great Migration

south, Isabel Wilkerson calls the black Bible could not be

migration of six million Af- the courtroom," said Wilker-

in place for economic, aggre-country," said Wilkerson.

score was Mythical Creature. ing "sacrificial" poet, meant odd scores were meant to set necessarily a game to make combined score of 56.3 out cates.

third went to Tim Johnson The contest was broken of Loon Lake, Wash., with Olson was slated to open

for former Poet Laureate Ted Kooser at a performance at 15, but Kooser did not attend after extreme weather forced the cancellation of his flight from Nebraska to Spokane. Instead, Olson opened

for Gabrielle Calvocoressi, Russell Thorburn, Thomas Brush and EWU professor Christopher Howell. Estelle

to choose what they could do

revolutionary concept. In-

stead of working in fields,

countants, professionals,

musicians or whatever they

wanted to be," said Wilker-

have access to a book."

"In the past, blacks could

"This was a new idea and

In an old newspaper clip- for a living," said Wilkerson.

Lowry, American Place Theater company bring "The Giver" to life

After a brief intermission,

Lowry took a seat in the front

row while young audience

the opportunity to take the

microphone and offer their

thoughts on the subject before

Mara Stephens strode out onto

the stage in a plain grey, high-

word was spoken, her manner

and appearance brought the

audience directly into a future

in which "sameness" was all

Stephens played every

The lights went down and

the performance of "The Giver"

could become a reality.

readers.

Smith teaches the art of travel writing

write down everything in their

travels and to employ all the

senses in writing: smell, sound,

taste and sights. He also sug-

gested writers have a pur-

pose and ask themselves: why

should the readers care? Why

should an editor invest their

In the second hour, Smith

gave tips on how to get pub-

lished and get money for writ-

ing. His advice was to meet edi-

tors and publishers in person,

join journalist associations and

promote yourself on the inter-

net. Attendees had a chance to

ask questions throughout the

workshop. Some of the ques-

tions were regarding how to get

article assignments for online

ple get ideas for writing and

hear another perspective on

the business," said David Wil-

liams after attending Smith's

"It's nice to hear other peo-

and print publications.

time in me?

while sharing his own experiences

By Jane Martin STAFF WRITER

> The 14th annual Get Lit! Festival brought two-time Newbery Medal winner Lois Lowry to the Bing Crosby Theater on April 14 for a thoughtful look at her work and a production of "The Giver" from the American Place Theater's "Lit-

not rent a library book. It was illegal. Toni Morrison, a Nobel prize winner, did not This was Wilkerson's way

of trying to help the audience After speaking briefly envision what it would be about her work over the years, Lowry read aloud from her latlike without Morrison's litest book, "Son," which is the erary contributions, without the Jackson 5 and Motown fourth installment in "The Giver" series.

She explained that migrators' children's talents have "Before the migration, 90 helped shaped American culpercent of all African-Ameriture.

Chris Aumack, an attendthe people in the south lived half of all African-Americans ee of the talk, said, "I like in a caste system that was set are dispersed throughout the hearing diverse voices that "Gifts to the world was kane."

made possible by the singular She said she was in disbedecision of the parents who lief that this talented writer held captive and lived in a migrated to find something only had an audience of 35

"She's inspired me. Now I "For the first time, the way it is today. What would lowest caste of people rec- want to write and explore my you have done, had you en- ognized they had the right own [family] history.'

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By Kelly Manalo

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Julian Smith, author of

"An Odyssey of Love and Ad-

venture: Crossing the Heart of

Africa," taught a workshop on

how to be a good travel writer

and get paid to do so. His book

discusses his travels across Af-

rica before marrying his girl-

travel writing, discussed what

worked or did not and listened

to Smith's expertise on the

matter. According to Smith, the

biggest challenge is writing in a

way that has never been done

before. He stressed the impor-

tance of avoiding clichés, using

the same approach [again and

again] and word choice. "Write

about the unusual and absurd.

Hopefully, it will come across

to your readers," said Smith.

analyzed

Smith advised writers to travel writing workshop.

friend of seven years.

Participants

erature to Life" program.

The lively audience, still laughing after an introduction from author Chris Crutcher, welcomed Lowry to the stage with an uproar of applause.

According to Lowry, this

was the first time she had ever read her book in front of an au-

The excerpts she selected gave the audience enough of the story to connect with the

character in the story and tranto another without pause.

there was.

By changing her voice and orize because I connected with

their predicaments without Stephens was able to commuspoiling the ending for her nicate the individual personality of each one. No props were used, with the exception of a single chair in the center of the

While the story was

members were encouraged to describe attributes of a utopian abridged in order to be persociety and to come up with formed in the space of an hour, ideas for how such a society the dialogue used was taken verbatim from the book. Many children jumped at After a standing ovation for

> Stephens, Lowry took a seat beside her on the stage for a Qand-A session. A young audience member

asked Lowry how she came up with her characters.

"My characters just appear in my imagination. ... buttoned uniform. Before a Incidentally, they often name themselves and I rarely change

those names," said Lowry. When Stephens was asked how long it took her to memorize all the parts for the performance, she said, "I would say two weeks to have the whole sitioned seamlessly from one book memorized word for word. It was not hard to mem-

Writers use pie and whiskey for inspiration

By Al Stover SPORTS EDITOR

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"First of all, what kind of crazy people think of giving away whiskey and pie?"

That was the question asked by poet Elizabeth Austen before she read in front of nearly 300 people in the lobby of the Woman's Club of "The homema" Spokane.

Austen was one of 12 authors who read at the Pie and Whiskey Reading presented by the Get Lit! Festival, April 12. The whiskey was provided by local distilleries, like the proverb, "The beginning of [Walter] that some people Dry Fly distillery, while the wisdom is to call things by can't get this many people at pies were homemade.

Prior to the event, the auther last line from Li-Young one involving pie and the oth- Refugees." er involving whiskey.

at the reading. A student at

"The homemade pie is said.

Austen used the pie an epigraph from the Chinese

Spokane Falls Community event to earn extra credit for

She began her poem with

thors were given two prompts: Lee's poem, "Self Help for Other authors who read at

ing pie crust.

Rachelle Henning was one the event included Jess Walof hundreds in attendance ter, Sam Ligon and Kate Lebo. Lebo, a graduate student from the University of Wash-College, Henning came to the ington who baked some of the pies, wrote a recipe for mak-

The whiskey and pie had definitely a benefit," Henning nearly run out by the time the reading started.

Lebo was surprised at prompt for her untitled poem. how many people came to the

"I was just saying to Jess their right names," and used their wedding," Lebo said.

Local authors switch pens and papers for jerseys and sneakers

By Al Stover and Terry FOR THE EASTERNER

easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com Fans filled the seats of

Whitworth's fieldhouse as the 2012 Get Lit! Festival featured the second Hoosmiths defeated the Spokane cow, Idaho. Dirty Realists 101-96.

such as Jess Walter and Chris Crutcher, as well as former Gonzaga basketball give each other a hard time." players Casey Calvary and David Pendergraft.

comprised of Whitworth points with one steal. staff and basketball players. In addition to giving fans being asked by Huggins to festival. Events like this, the chance to watch local play. writers compete alongside

can Indian Graduate Fellow- authors and the athletes. ship in Creative Writing. In the previous Hoo-Palousa, the Dirty Realists

event also benefitted the

defeated the Wordsmiths. According to Get Lit! Programs Coordinator Mewhere the Whitworth Word- previously played in Mos-"Jess Walter decided to

> these guys get into it and Miranda Tubbs, an Eng-

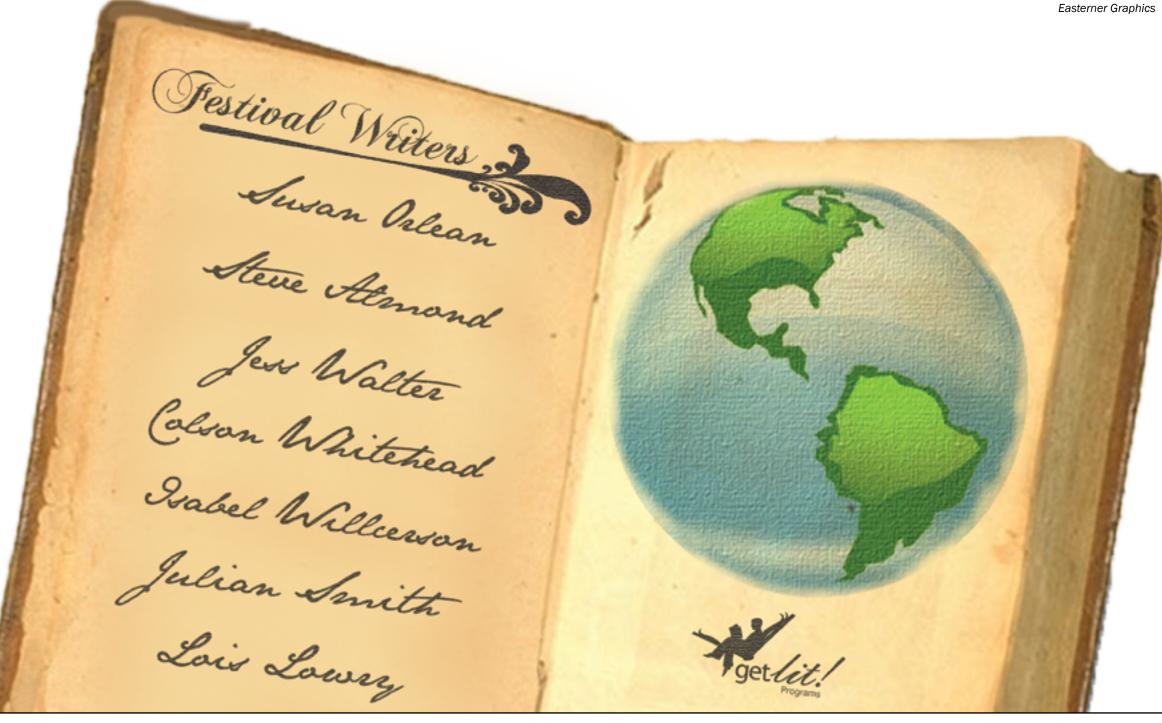
lish major who assisted with

University of Idaho's Ameritimidating playing with the "I've never felt so small in my life, but it was cool,

Tubbs said. "I'll be back next vear if they will have me." Walter improved his score to six points for this Palousa basketball game lissa Huggins, the game was year's HooPalousa, as opposed to the five he scored

in the previous game. Although his team did The Dirty Realists were organize a second game as not win, Walter enjoyed the comprised of local authors a part of Get Lit!," Huggins competitiveness of the game said. "It's always fun to see as he enjoys the idea that literature can be about all kinds of things.

"You can make it about basketball or about pie and The Wordsmiths were the festival, scored four whiskey," Walter said. "Get Lit! is more than just a book She got involved after festival, it's a community benefitting the Native Amer-"She knew I coached and ican creative writing fellowthe basketball players, the played a little," Tubbs said. ship, just really show that."



working together for years.

berg would travel home

from Louisiana State University, the two would play

tennis and practice hitting.

much different coming here,

and [Moira Hedberg] listens

really well," said Mykala

Hedberg. "She's grown up

watching me play, so she

knows that I've been play-

ing a long time. We don't re-

ally have any arguments or fights because we're friends

Mykala Hedberg fin-

Remembering that she is

"In my mind, I'm still

no longer a student-athlete

pretty fresh with playing

and being out on the tennis

shed her collegiate career

in 2010.

"It really hasn't been that

Whenever Mykala Hed-

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Police Beat



To the left is a person of interest in a If you can identify the person or have any information. please contact the **Eastern Washington University police** department at 509-359-9233.

April 10th

A report was made about missing wrestling equipment. April 11th

A non-EWU student borrowed the equipment from a club and did not return it.

12:00 a.m. Vandalism

The front doors of Showalter Hall and the pillars in front of Senior Hall were tagged sometime during the night. More than one

person was possibly involved, but the tags were not gang related. The incident is under investigation.

EWU police assisted the

Cheney police department

running with a knife and

with a call regarding a man

slashing tires in the parking

lot near Rock Springs apart-

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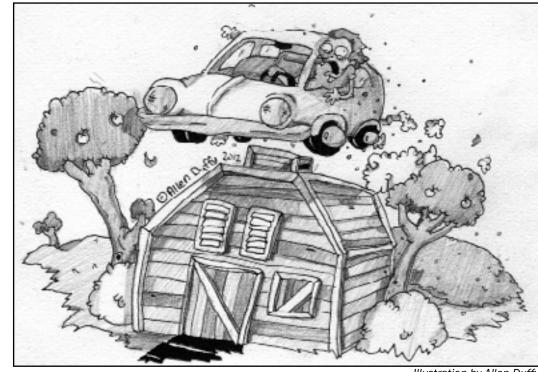
11:00 a.m. Fraud

In Kingston Hall a student reported a money scam that was attempting to take advantage of EWU students. The scam involved a fake offer for tutoring services. The suspect is unknown at this time.

April 12th

11:38 a.m.

ment complex. The suspect A backpack was stolen from was apprehended near the Safeway parking lot. the storage area at the EWU



An unknown person drove over a dirt ramp and launched a car into the bushes next to the Red Barn

1:20 a.m.

11:50 p.m.

Minor in Possession

was reported on the 2nd

Sacred Heart hospital.

bookstore. The suspect took a backpack and then returned it after taking three textbooks from it. The incident is under investigation.

April 13th

7:30 p.m. Collision

EWU street sweeper got into a collision in lot 12. The driver of the truck had minor injuries.

A white pick-up and an

April 14th April 15th

3:13 a.m. Agency Assist

EWU officers arrested a non An unknown person drove a car through a dead end student for drunken driving. on Lincoln street. The car sped down the street and over a dirt pile/ramp, and was launched over a drive-A highly intoxicated male way and into some bushes next to the Red Barn. The floor of Pearce Hall. The midriver then abandoned the nor was not an EWU student vehicle, which was later and had to be transported to towed. The incident is under investigation.

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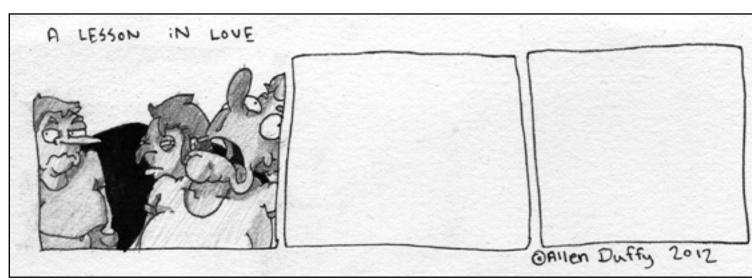
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Women's tennis finishes sixth in Big Sky her sister in a college setting, but the two have been

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Upcoming EWU Sports

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EWU Men's Rugby vs. Western Washington at 12 p.m.

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April 22

EWU Women's Golf in Big Sky Conference Championship at Chandler, Ariz.

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April 24

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April 27

EWU Track and Field in Pelluer Invitational at Cheney at 4 p.m.

April 28

Track and Field in Duane Hartmann Invitational at Spokane at 10 a.m.

> **EWU** Football Red vs. White Spring game at 2 p.m.

> > May 5

EWU Track and Field in Vandal Jamboree at Moscow, Idaho at 10 a.m.

Team set to rebuild for next season By Kyle Franko kyle.franko3@gmail.com

arrived in Cheney, Mykala Hedberg moved across the country from Louisiana to accept the EWU associate head women's tennis coaching position. Since arriving in Washington and living with snow for the first time in her life, Mykala Hedberg, now

Not even old enough to

rent a car when she first

women's coach of the Eagles women's tennis team, finished the season 4-15 overall and 2-6 in the Big Sky Conference. Predicted fifth in the preseason poll, the Eastern Eagles ended the season losing their last four matches and

25 and the associate head

finished sixth in the conference standings. With one senior on the roster and two freshmen playing in the top three, the Lady Eagles are set to build upon a transitional season.

"It's been a learning experience for me," said Mykala Hedberg. "We've seen how things have worked, and what hasn't worked so

Mykala Hedberg – who

said opposing coaches were surprised when they first saw her, assuming the youthful-looking coach was another player – will be planning out a workout schedule for the returning players and encourag-



lot of things I'm going to be Big Sky. looking for from each and every single one of them, ... because I want them to come back in the fall ready to go," Mykala Hedberg said.

The young squad struggled through stretches of the has been taking it all in on the court and feel inse- about taking the job, but ... season, but freshman Moira stride. Hedberg was named the Big Sky Conference player of the tle bit nervous at first," said week March 20. Playing No. Moira Hedberg. "Individusummer tournaments as 1 singles in all matches ex- ally, I thought I did the best first season where Mykala how good we are. How good cept the first, Moira finished I could."

"There's going to be a 9-10 overall and 4-4 in the As the number one sin-

squared up against the op-

posing teams' best every match. The true freshman "It's been fun. I was a lit-

With her older sister as the coach, Moira Hedberg ana. has been able to lean on her gles player, the Oxnard, Calif. native found herself

one there to talk to," said

Moira Hedberg. "Not just best, ... she knows how to risk, came and helped us. get me back up."

Hedberg officially coached we can be."

court," said Mykala Hedberg. "It's a little difficult

proved challenging.

right now having to separate the two. I love competing and I think they could sense I came into this hungry to kind of continue with the program that was here." Junior Chelsea Patton. who finished 2-16 overall and 1-6 in the Big Sky, is

grateful Mykala Hedberg

made the trip from Louisi-

"A lot of people didn't for more than tennis advice. want to take the job. It's "It's nice having some- technically the 'associate,' and it's not the head women's coach," said Patabout tennis. But when I'm ton. "People were skeptical cure, and I'm not doing my I'm really glad she took the

"I know she wants to This may have been the shove it in everyone's face

Walker overcomes injuries and setbacks

Thrower reflects on bus accident and recovery

By Peter Sowards CONTRIBUTING WRITER packerfan4life@gmail.com

Taylor Walker can laugh about it now, but it was not so funny at the time.

On Feb. 13, 2009, two buses carrying the Eastern Washington University track and field team were involved in

an accident after a driver cut off one of the buses heading westbound on Highway 520 in the greater Seattle area.

Walker, a freshman at the time, was on board one of these buses and among the students injured in the

accident. "It was Friday the 13th," Walker

"I broke my cheekbone, so that Walker tore all the tendons in her

World Cup:

Berto Cerrillo, adviser for

campus programs for Student

share the same goals. Cerrillo

Cup allows students to get in-

around a game and enjoy

Eastern, Cerrillo also would

between students of all differ-

do. I hope that other people

see it for that," Cerrillo said.

"The whole idea behind this

is to build a stronger commu-

nity amongst one another."

ent backgrounds.

promote a vibrant interaction last at EWU.

themselves," Cerrillo said.

"I really like that aspect

volved and be engaged.

said he hopes the EWU World est from staff and faculty.

continued from front page

concept and something we've

never done on this campus

from it."

A thrower on the javelin team, Walker was unable to compete in burg. the weekend's events. She was of her freshman year after recov- tinue to throw through this after kind of sucked, but they helped me ering from the broken cheekbone she had recovered," Mecklenburg through it. when she was once again met with said. "[She] has come back and [set said. "We all kind of joked about it, ill fate after being involved in an- personal records] for us and scored like 'it's a bad day to travel, get in other car accident a week before for us. [She] scored last year for us conference championships. "If

Walker spent the summer re-

but also for those with whom she

"I was with my teammates,"

and I got a broken wrist from it,

Weight Throw 37-8 **Outdoor Best**

Taylor Walker

Indoor Best

Shot Put 37-10

Shot put 33-7 1/2 Hammer throw 113-9

Javelin 134-1

shirt season due to the injuries she of my life." sustained. She did not, however, and field coach Marcia Mecklen-

totaled my car."

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was riding.

'She really stuck with it through

the conference championships. at the conference championships. "She has overcome some advertogo to regionals."

foot and was in a boot the entire sity and stuck with it and really has helped the team out in doing that."

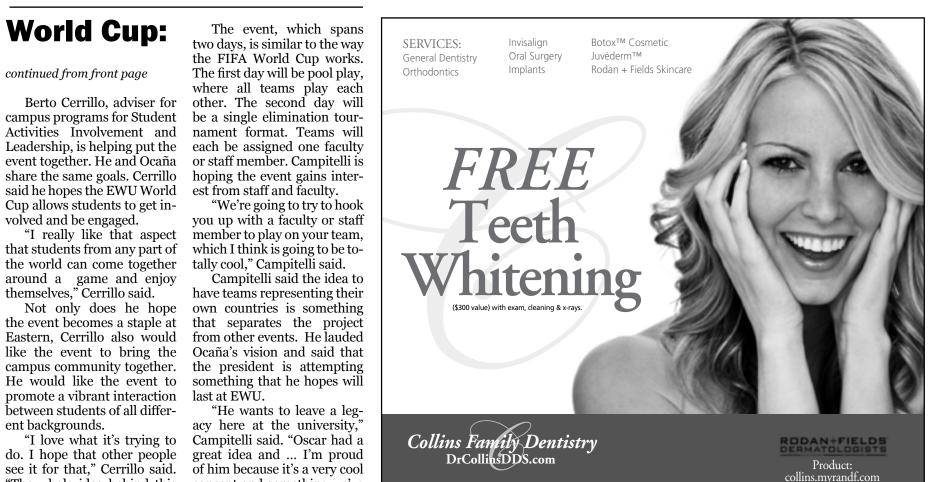
Walker's personal record in habilitating her injuries and was the javelin throw is 134-1, but she fully healed when she was involved hopes to better that mark at the in yet another car crash. This was upcoming conference championmore severe, not only for herself, ships in Bozeman, Mont. When asked if she ever came close to giv ing up athletics, Walker, now a junior majoring in recreational man-Walker said. "One of them had to agement, seemed appalled at the get staples in the back of her head, very notion and said that she came one of them messed up her knee closer to giving up driving than she

did being an athlete. "Never in my mind did I think Walker was forced to use the I would just stop doing track," 2009-10 season as a medical red- Walker said. "It's such a huge part

Walker relied heavily on her kind of sucked. Got a black eye let the injuries keep her down for teammates for support in her long, according to women's track recovery, especially the javelin

"The javelin crew is pretty tightknit. They didn't want me to give looking forward to the final meets some adversity and chose to conit up. ... There were times when it

"I want to hit over 140," Walker said, referring to her goals for the you hit that, that puts you in a spot



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Eagles finish regular season in Montana – EWU men's tennis team ended their regular season with a defeat from the No. 1 ranked Montana Grizzlies, 6-1, April 14. The Eagles ended their regular season with a conference record of 6-2, earning No. 3 in the Big Sky Conference. Sophomore Mario Navarro won his singles match, defeating Montana's Andrew Warren, 6-4, 7-5. Navarro was also victorious in doubles action as he and junior Ilija □ui□ beat The Grizzlies' Ben DeMarios and Carl Kuschke, 8-4. The Eagles will compete in the Big Sky Conference Men's Tennis Championships April 21-22 where they will face the No. 2 Sacamento State Hornets. The Hornets, who have won three straight Big Sky tournament titles, de-feated Eastern in the regular season, 4-3,

Mam to play for

March 27.

Cambodia in Davis Cup — EWU alumni Pannhara Mam, class of 2008, will be competing in the Davis Cup as a member of the Cambodian national team. The Davis Cup is an international team event that features 130 teams. Cambodia is one of several teams making their debut in the Davis Cup. With 48 wins in singles competition throughout his career, Mam helped EWU win the Big Sky tournament championship in 2008. Mam holds the record for doubles wins with partner Kyle Schrader and was selected for the All-Big Sky First-Team his freshman, sophomore, junior and senior year.

Leavitt sets record at Boppell Track, Davis qualifies

- Senior sprinter Whitney Leavitt was just one of several EWU track and field athletes who captured wins at the inagural Whitworth Twilight, April 12. Leavitt was victorious in the 100 meter with12.25. She also won the 200 and set the Boppell track record in the 200 with a time of 24.79. Eastern won a total of 14 events, including senior Shene Davis, who won the long jump with a mark of 18-4 1/4 and the triple jump with 37-3 1/4, which qualified her for the Big Sky **Conference Outdoor** championships. She and Leavitt were also a part of the Eastern women's 4x100 relay team, along with Angelica Rodriguez and Nicole Nida.

Eagles push their game to the next level

Seniors get ready for pros

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The Inferno is once again buzzing with the sound of whistles and clamor of football gear as coaches and players prepare for another season.

But for three former Eagles, the future is not yet certain.

After being team leaders, earning individual honors and helping the Eagles win their first ever national championship in 2011, Walter Payton award-winning quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, first-team All-Big Sky defensive tackle Renard Williams and first-team All-Big Sky strong safety Matt Johnson have all garnered interest from both the NFL and Canadian Football

"I'm excited for all three of those guys," Eagles head coach Beau Baldwin said. "They each obviously had amazing careers. Every one of them at one time or another has been an All-American player or All-League player, so those kinds of things are rare. Three guys in the same class that are coming out that have done some amazing things, for two of them four years and for Bo [Levi Mitchell] two years, but all the same it's pretty special."

Baldwin was reluctant to predict where his former players would end up, but he is confident in their abilities and will not be shocked to see them with great success at the NFL level.

"You never know what the NFL is thinking or what anyone is thinking," Baldwin said. "All I know is that every one of those guys was a great football player for us. [In terms of] their opportunity for the next level, it's not going to shock me at all if every one of those guys is in an NFL camp getting an opportunity. That's what I expect, and they're going to just have to run with it."

Bo Levi Mitchell

Mitchell is currently living in Addison, Texas with his best friend and has already worked in front of several NFL scouts, including EWU's Pro Day on March 7 at the

"It was kind of a starting point when you hear from the NFL teams peders on April 15.



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Bo Levi Mitchell has earned several awards at EWU, including the Walter Payton award.

and find out what they thought," Mitchell said.

The big one was on April 4 at Southern Methodist University near Dallas where Mitchell was able to throw for scouts from 24 teams.

"A lot of exposure just throwing out there for those guys," Mitchell said. "Let loose and let everything take care of itself. It was a good experience. It's really like a domino effect. If you get one or two scouts talking about you, the rest of them start talking about you."

Although Mitchell feels that the pro days went well, he is keeping his options open and has discussed the possibility of signing with CFL's Calgary Stampeders.

Obviously, the main route is to go to the NFL, but for a lot of guys, that's not how it works out," Mitchell said. "With me being six-foot, the chances are slimmer than if I was six-foot-four."

Mitchell visited with the Stam-

"Canada is a route I might take because it fits my game well just to go out there, sling the ball around and play my game," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, the most important thing is that he gets to play professional football in the

"I'd rather be somewhere where I can start playing right away and keep my game going," Mitchell said. "If I had a choice between practic[ing] in the NFL or start[ing] in Canada, I think I'd go to Cana-

Matt Johnson

Johnson also worked out at EWU's Pro Day on March 7 in front of the Packers, Colts, Browns, Giants and Seahawks.

"I was pretty happy with everything," Johnson said. "For a perfect and now, it will be the next step. day, I was a bit low on some of my If I'm blessed enough to hear my stuff, but I can't complain."

He has also visited several joyed."

camps including Dallas, Chicago and Philadelphia.

"I grew up a Cowboys fan, so visiting there was really cool," Johnson said. "But if any team wants me, I'm not going to complain."

Currently, Johnson is taking some spring classes and staying prepared for workouts and visits.

I just know I'll be playing football somewhere," Johnson said. "If I get drafted or picked up as a free agent, it'll be fine either way."

In the worst case scenario, if he is not playing next year, Johnson wants to get an assistant position somewhere and start coaching

"That's what I eventually want to do after I play," Johnson said. "But I think I'll play somewhere whether it's the NFL or maybe CFL.'

Renard Williams

Apart from EWU's Pro Day, Williams has had a visit with the Se-

"Working with the Seahawks went really well," Williams said. "They had me run through a lot of position drills. Overall, I feel like I did well."

That is the only workout he has had so far, but he has had calls from other teams too. Williams believes that he is "definitely" ready to play at the NFL level.

There were a lot of questions after my junior year... if I was going to come out after we won the national championship," Williams said. "I wasn't ready at that time, so I came back and got another season under my belt and I truly feel ready

Williams does not have a "dream team" that he would like to play for.

"It truly would be a blessing to get an opportunity with any team in the NFL," Williams said. "Anyone who's willing to give me an opportunity, I will be blessed to have it."

Williams is staying with his family in Port Orchard, Wash., and wanted to give a shout out to the football team, saying that he is expecting big things for them this

To Williams, getting to hear his name called in the NFL draft would be one of the happiest moments in

"I'm going to be overwhelmed with joy," Williams said. "Growing up playing peewee ball and junior high and high school and collegiate name, I'm just going to be over-

Runners go the distance

Conference qualifiers vie for positioning

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Kyle King has a debt to

former indoor 5,000-meter conference champion has never scored for the EWU men's track and field team at an outdoor championship meet. This season, he is looking to make amends.

King said he has been on a scholarship for a long time and anyone who is should be scoring points for the team at championship meets something he has never done running outdoors.

"My freshman year, I was a freshman. Sophomore year, I had mono," said King, who after graduating this spring is headed to the University of Oklahoma to run in a different shade of red. "This is my first year fully healthy and ready to roll, so I need to pay some debts this spring.'

This outdoor season may be the perfect opportunity because conference standout Diego Estrada a five-time track and field All-America selection from Northern Arizona University – is redshirting.

Currently, King has the second fastest time in the 5,000 – the 14 minute, 10 second mark was an outdoor personal record and

event is the 10,000, where he already owns the school

"Kyle [King] has shown he's one of the best in the conference in longer races," said assistant coach Chris Zeller. "[He's] going to run a 10K next week at [the] Mt. Sac [Relays]. ... That will hopefully set him up well to win the conference."

King is not the only distance runner expected to contribute in a major way.

Senior Bowe Ebding, along with sophomores Tim Pettit and Jordan Curnutt, have all qualified for the Big Sky Outdoor Championships in Bozeman, Mont., May 9-12.

Pettit and Curnutt both are in the top 10 for fastest conference times in the 800. Both reached the qualifying mark March 31 at the Montana Al Manuel Invitational, in Missoula, Mont.

In that meet, Pettit set a personal record of 1:52.38 in the 800, but the mark came at a cost.

"I did something to my hamstring, just doing strides the day before. And it just got really tight on the inside. I didn't really think anything about it. I just ran through it," said Pettit. "I went in to talk to Shawn [Edgerly, an assistant athletic trainer,] afterwards, and I guess my hips were out of placement. It caused extra tension on my right

For Pettit, taking two weeks to rehabilitate the is the third fastest time in hamstring was a setback and school history. But his best a frustrating experience.

"That actually really, really sucked," said Pettit. "Just being in the best shape of my life and then not being able to do even track workouts for a week."

Pettit is slowly working his way back and expects to be at full strength soon.

He will need to be fully healthy to reach his goal of achieving all-conference, something Pettit and Curnutt missed at the 2012 indoor championships.

Entering the final meet of the indoor season in Flagstaff, Ariz., Curnutt was seeded third and Pettit fourth in the 800.

However, neither finished in the top eight.

"At 7,000 feet, ... they just kind of blew up and really ran pretty horribly," said Zeller. "They have a little bit of a chip on their shoulders this spring. They want to prove themselves. We expect both of them to be battling for top five and ideally top three.'

Like King, Ebding has qualified for the championships in the 5,000, but the senior's focus and best chance for an all-conference performance is in the 10,000.

With a personal record of 30:56.84 in the 10,000, Ebding hopes that this season he can break the 30 minute

Either way, Ebding knows he is headed to Bozeman, Mont. for his last Big Sky Conference Champion-

"It's been a lot of miles, a lot of work and it'll be really

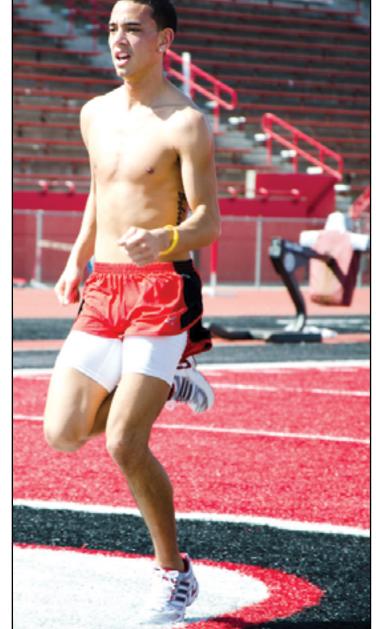


Photo by Dylan Paulus

Senior Bowe Ebding has qualified for the Big Sky Outoor Championships.

interesting when that's all said and done. It'll be really emotional, I think.'

For now, though, Ebding is enjoying his final season at EWU.

"We got a good group

of guys, really fun group of guys, motivated and putting in a lot of good miles, putting in a lot of good work," Ebding said. "It's going to be really tough to walk away