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## Dallas selects Johnson in fourth round

Safety Matt Johnson will put down his red and black EWU jersey and throw on the Dallas blue and white. Johnson, a graduating senior was selected by the Dallas Cowboys in the fourth round of the NFL Draft April 28. Johnson, who was a fan of the Cowboys as a child, will head to Dallas May 3 for a mini-

camp, according to the EWU Athletics website. Despite his last season ending early due to injury, Johnson had 341 tackles, 210 interception return yards and 17 interceptions. As Johnson readies to leave EWU, his twin brother Zach Johnson will return to the EWU lineup in the fall as a linebacker.

Matt Johnson is one of three former Eagles to be drafted as early as the fourth round. Running back Taiwan Jones was also drafted in the fourth round by the Oakland Raiders in the 2011 NFL draft, while offensive tackle Michael Roos was drafted by the Tennessee Titans in the second round of the 2005 NFL Draft.



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**Upcoming:**

The 11th annual Lu'au is May 5 in the PUB MPR at 5 p.m. The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase in the PUB from the Hui O'Hawaii club during lunch hours prior to the event for \$15 and at the door for \$20.

On May 7, Dr. Linda Heidenreich will present "In Praise of the Underdog: Why Chicana/o Studies Must Flourish in Tucson, AZ"

The EWU Sustainability Project and the EWU Libraries are showing the documentary "**Vanishing of the Bees**" on May 21 in Martin Hall 158 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Also featured that evening will be honey tasting with the West Plains Beekeepers.

**In brief:**

**Eagles who read to lead** applications are being accepted by the EWU Libraries until May 7. The requirements to be featured in a poster promoting reading may be found at <http://bit.ly/It1dZ7> along with the application.

**Eastern's beverage contract** with PepsiCo Inc. began on July 1, 2010 and will terminate June 30, 2015. A committee reviews potential contracts based on established criteria. A student representative is invited to join that committee when it's formed. The process of renewing the beverage contract begins nine to 12 months before the expiration of that contract.

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## Casteel tries for comeback

Former ASEWU council member runs again after being fired

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A violation of a bylaw resulted in Steven Casteel being terminated by the ASEWU as the Technology Advancement representative. In spite of his termination, Casteel is running again for the same position in the general election on May 8.

Article two section 7 of the ASEWU constitution states that the salaries of ASEWU council members receive a quarterly salary that shall not exceed the cost of in-



Casteel

state undergraduate tuition. Since Casteel's termination, ASEWU Executive Vice President Clem Bustamante has taken over Casteel's duties. ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña said that Casteel broke bylaw 107, which is the Positions and Responsibilities of the ASEWU council representatives, by not being in his office during his allotted office hours. Bylaw 704 states the disciplinary power of the ASEWU

Superior Court. Section 2 of the bylaw 704 states that five measures are taken before termination for the ASEWU council members that are not doing their duties properly. According to Bustamante, Casteel received several warnings about his professionalism and punctuality to ASEWU meetings before breaking bylaw 107. Bustamante said that the ASEWU was following the constitution and procedures with bylaw violations with Casteel's termination.

Since Casteel violated a bylaw, he had to defend himself in front of the ASEWU Superior Court, where he lost. Casteel appealed to the ASEWU Superior Court and Council and lost at both panels. Nick Fell, the Chief Justice of the ASEWU Superior Court, said that the Superior Court rules on issues regarding the bylaws and the constitution.

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## Pride Week ends with masquerade ball

Dancers disguise their identities for an evening

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Masks, streamers and balloons of all colors were scattered through the PUB's MPR as students danced to songs such as Justin Timberlake's "SexyBack" and Werner Thomas' "The Chicken Dance."

Pride Week ended with a masquerade ball hosted by the EWU Pride Center on April 28.

Patrons wore masks ranging from a rubber skull mask to one mask of the goddess Demeter from Venice, Italy.

Fira Ballew, who had been looking forward to the masquerade since winter quarter, wore a black and gold cat-like mask inspired by a combination of steampunk and the three Egyptian goddesses: Bastet, Sekhmet and Wadjet.

"Because Sekhmet is often referred to as the Eye of Ra, or in ancient Egyptian Wadjet, thus the Wadjet eyes," Ballew said.

Evan Knudson was one of the students who spearheaded the process of putting the masquerade together. According to Knudson, the reason for a masquerade ball as opposed to other dances is because anyone who is there wears a mask to hide their identity.

"That's how people in the LGBTQ community live, they have to cover up who they are all the time to conform to society," Knudson said.

Although the fundraising for the event did not quite go as well as planned, Knudson had a lot of support during the planning process. The



Photos by Dylan Paulus

**Evan Knudson and several members of the Pride Center attended the Masquerade Ball. The masquerade was a chance for students of all races and genders to come together and dance the night away.**

only difficult part was getting everything approved by Eastern. "Once the ball started rolling, it was really easy," Knudson said. For Knudson, seeing everyone in masks come to-

gether is what he enjoys most about the masquerade. "They don't know if you're a part of a fraternity or a part of a sorority, ... if you're a part of Eagle Pride, they don't know if you're a part of the math club. All



of them having a good time together. I love that ideal," Knudson said. In addition to the music played by the disk jockey provided by Eagle Entertainment, there was also food and tarot card readings.

According to Sandra Williams, Pride Center coordinator, the Pride Center has been trying to put together a dance since she started working at EWU.

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## Tires and drugs

Student booked on charges including manufacturing of methamphetamine

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Patrick Janicke began slashing tires at his apartment complex shortly before midnight on April 11. It was this act that led to his detainment and the discovery of the chemicals and equipment that police suspect were being used to cook meth in his shared apartment. According to Janicke's roommate, who asked not

to be named, Janicke had claimed that the equipment was on loan from EWU for class-related science experiments. As Janicke was not only a chemistry major, but a "really intelligent guy who would ... come home and build a wind turbine over the weekend," his roommate said he never questioned Janicke about his "experiments."

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## Athletes held to high standard

Guidelines vary across teams for athletes' use of social media

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EWU's athletic programs are the doorstep to the university for many individuals in the Cheney and greater Spokane community. Many athletes are in the public eye, as they represent the university. Through social media websites, like Facebook and Twitter, a picture of an ath-

lete with alcohol in hand or a derogatory comment towards a coach or teammate can create a media firestorm. Last December, Lehigh University suspended a football player from a postseason playoff game for retweeting a message that included a racial slur against members of the Towson University football program. Last March, the NCAA placed North Carolina Uni-

versity's football program on three years probation and banned it from the 2012 postseason after an investigation based on tweets players had made. According to EWU associate athletic director Pamela Parks, "The social media policy here is any indiscretion will be dealt with on a case by case basis, and that could be from a ... slap on the wrist, to a suspension, to removal of scholarship, to removal from team, to removal from school."

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# Historical app gives digital tour of Spokane

Technology innovates methods for studying and delivering history

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Faculty and students of the public history and history departments recently developed the Spokane Historical application at Eastern.

The application runs on both Android and Apple platforms, which enables users to access various points of interest across the city. All of the content on the Spokane Historical application is student generated. The content includes audio files, videos, pictures and many more that help convey the history of any given location.

The technology for the application was developed at Cleveland State University. When Dr. Larry Cebula, EWU associate professor in the history department and director of the public history program, attended a public history conference a little over a year ago he learned about what Cleveland State

University had done. Cebula wanted to integrate this project into his own class. One year later, Cebula developed an application with over 60 points of interest.

“My real goal is to teach the next generation of public historians, people with digital skills,” Cebula said.

Cebula said the next generation of historians would have to be more equipped to deal with the digital world. Cebula noted that museums as of late have become more modern in terms of their use of new technology to convey history.

“Like the next generation of any other profession, it needs to know how to operate in a digital medium,” Cebula said.

Clayton Hanson, a graduate student at EWU, provides content for the Spokane Historical application. Hanson said that the access created by the application is a benefit.

“I think it changes the



Photo illustration by Aaron Malmoe

accessibility of history. Individuals become much more involved in the process, such as small groups of students,” Hanson said

Students not only have to do research of various location but they have to convey that message in a way that is easy for the users to understand and keeps their attention.

“The app is a vessel, so we can put what we want into it. ... It could be a very basic architecture tour,” Cebula said.

“I think this opens up history to the casual observer,” Cebula said.

“I believe that a lot of time people think history is boring and I’m hoping we are coming up with some in-

teresting things to show that history is a little bit more than dates,” Tracy Rebstock said.

Cebula looks forward to getting more stories into the application; he said this is the future for the application. By the end of this summer, Cebula predicts that the application will have over 200 stories. The technology can be used in other cities. Cebula hopes to have a statewide history application and said that the potential for other cities is likely. Other cities such as Baltimore and New Orleans are already developing a historical application.

“That’s a little bit daunting, because that’s endless for the amount of content that it would need,” Cebula said.


Creating a partnership with local middle schools and high schools is also a goal of Cebula. He hopes that by doing this, it can broaden the scope of Spokane Historical.

The funding for the app came from the department of history. The application was awarded \$6,000 of the

\$7,000 received by the department last year. Fellow faculty members voted to distribute the majority of the funding to support the development of the application.

The project has been a challenge, according to Cebula. He acknowledges that this has also been a learning experience for him. “I know how to teach my students history, but I’ve been learning right along with them.”

“This is the way of the future for historical interpretation. The public will have much greater access to the past. The past will come alive with something like this,” Hanson said.



Snap this QR code to download the new Spokane historical app.

## Accreditation commission holds open forum on campus

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The Northwest Commission on College and Universities was on campus April 25 for the university’s regional accreditation.

An open forum held at the JFK Auditorium welcomed faculty, staff and students. The forum aimed to give students and university members the opportunity to ask questions and meet with visitors from the Northwest Commission on College and Universities and vice versa.

This is the second time EWU has hosted a visit by the Northwest Commission on College and Universities.

Four members from the Northwest Commission on College and Universities

participated in the forum, asking people in the auditorium about their concerns and comments relating to tuition increase, facilities and campus services, student government, programs, student retention and more.

“It’s very important for the visiting team to hear from students,” the accreditation team said.

Eastern receives regional accreditation through the Northwest Commission on College and Universities in order for the university to receive federal financial aid. The Northwest Commission on College and Universities’ last visit to EWU was in 2006.

The Northwest Commission on College and Universities’ visit focused on their standard one and standard

two accreditation standards. Standard One entails mission, core themes and expectations. Standard Two consists of recourse and capacity.

The accreditation process is led by committee chair Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Research Ron Dalla.

When addressed with the question, “Do students know why general requirement classes are part of their graduation requirements?” a student in the audience said they were unnecessary and a waste of time.

Others argued that they were essential in helping students who do not know what they want to study figure out what field they are interested in.

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## Noise ordinance may tighten rules

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An amendment to Cheney’s current noise ordinance, which takes a harsher stance on noise complaints, is on the table and will be discussed at the next city council meeting.

The ordinance will tentatively go into effect by fall of 2012, according to Cheney Police Chief John Hensley.

While the purpose of “policy 421” is to “establish a process for party and noise complaint responses in accordance with Nuisance Ordinance CMC 9A.10,” the amendment will change how all noise complaints are handled.

Previously, there were sections in the noise ordinance entitled “Civil infraction” and “Alternative penalty,” but these will be repealed by the amendment.

In the past, individuals might have received an infraction for noise disturbances. Under the new policy, offenses could result in a criminal misdemeanor with the possibility of an arrest and large fines.

Section 2 of the ordinance document states that “any violation of the provisions of this chapter shall be punishable by a criminal misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.”

Regarding enforcement,

officers will have to determine whether the noise can be heard in excess of 50 feet from the source before becoming involved.

According to the ordinance, individuals who have not had any noise violation warnings in the previous year may merely be issued a written warning, and individuals who have received two previous warnings will be given a misdemeanor citation and then released.

However, the same document states that “subjects that are uncooperative, regardless of their previous warnings or arrests, may be taken into physical custody for violation of the noise ordinance at the officer’s discretion.”

## Janicke:

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That is, not until April 11, when an “experiment” caught fire on a portable burner in their kitchen while Janicke was out of the apartment.

Janicke’s roommate said that he had just gotten out of the shower when he noticed the unattended “experiment” in a double boiler with a T-shirt wrapped around the top which had caught fire. He was able to contain the fire and threw away the material in the community dumpster.

According to police reports, “When Mr. Janicke returned, he became enraged with [his roommate] for throwing his material away, stating that there was \$300 worth of stuff in the container and insisted [his roommate] pay him for his loss.”

When asked what it was for, Janicke told his roommate he was “manufacturing rocket fuel for model rockets,” according to the police report. Following the confrontation, Janicke went outside with a large knife and began slashing the tires of vehicles in his apartment parking lot.

Police reports indicate that at approximately 11:51 p.m., Cheney police officers responded to the call that reported someone slashing tires in the parking lot of the Rock Springs apartments on Al Ogden Way. Ten vehicles, including Janicke’s roommate’s car, were damaged.

When police arrived at the complex to investigate, they observed Janicke running toward the Safeway parking lot. After a short chase, he was detained for malicious mischief and re-

sisting arrest, according to the report.

Cheney Police Chief John Hensley said that after securing Janicke, officers returned to the apartment to get a witness statement from his roommate. According to Hensley, it was after the roommate invited them in that the officers “noticed the presence of lab equipment consistent with that used to make meth.”

The police report states that when officers inspected the common areas of the apartment, a box of chemicals was in plain view on the living room floor, as well as a small coffee grinder, which “had a white powdery substance caked to the clear plastic covering. This is consistent with the process of extracting pseudoephedrine hydrochloride from the tablets.”

Because of the nature of the equipment and chemicals, the officers were able to obtain a search warrant and came back to investigate further the next morning, according to Hensley.

A processing team made up of six detectives and one member of the Spokane County Regional Drug Task Force examined and removed all the chemicals and equipment from the apartment.

After the initial examination, it was concluded in the report that “Not only is there a sufficient amount of chemicals present to produce methamphetamine, there was a substantial amount of glassware present that either has been or could be used in the production process.”

In addition, the report stated that while there were no obvious signs of the meth production process taking place inside the apartment, “there was significant staining and evidence that the balcony area had been used

to the extent some staining could be seen from the street, indicating there had been at least some substantial amount of production activity that had taken place at that location.”

Janicke has at least four charges facing him. He was booked on charges of two counts of malicious mischief: one for the slashed tires and another for damage he caused to the interior of the police car during transport to the police station, which involved the smearing of fecal matter all over the back seat, according to the report.

He is also being charged with the manufacture of methamphetamine and unlawful use of a building for drug purposes.

While Janicke has had his first court appearance after being released, his arraignment date is not yet settled, according to Sgt. Rick Beghtol.

Beghtol said that Janicke “has several felonies pending, but the charges have not all been filed.” He added that in addition to previously mentioned charges, he may be facing theft charges from EWU, as it was confirmed that the equipment in his apartment was stolen from the university.

Police do not know if Janicke was under the influence of methamphetamine at the time of arrest, according to Beghtol. He said that since it is only illegal to be in possession of methamphetamine, blood tests are not generally taken to check for it. However, it was confirmed that Janicke had consumed alcohol prior to the tire-slashing incident.

The investigation is not yet complete.

“We haven’t had a meth lab in town before, so this is quite unusual for us,” Hensley said.

## Dean of Libraries to resign

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Dean of Libraries Richard Wilson will resign May 4 due to health reasons.

Wilson, who has been at Eastern since June 2011, plans to go back to Boise, Idaho. Before coming to Eastern, Wilson served as the associate state librarian for the Idaho Commissions for Libraries from 2000 to 2012. Wilson earned a doctorate in adult education

from the University of Idaho, a master’s in public administration from Boise State University, a master’s in library science from the University of Iowa and a bachelor’s of history and social studies from Graceland University. Wilson is also a member of the Society for Organizational Learning, the World Future Society, the former treasurer of Big Tree Arts and the former president of the Idaho Quality Institute.

“It’s been great working with Richard Wilson. I

will miss his positive attitude and his belief that work can and should be fun as well as productive,” said Library Administrative Specialist Carol King in an email. “Perhaps the greatest impact, I think, he made in the library is in his overall philosophy. He encouraged people to try new things and there was never failure in trying, only lessons learned. He planted many seeds in his short time here and I am certain many will germinate and flourish.”

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# Dean of student candidates visit campus

Open forums demonstrate values of would-be deans

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Candidates applying for the dean of students and associate vice president for Student Life paid a visit to campus to share their goals and interests for the position. The three candidates participated in individual open forums that welcomed faculty, staff and students. As the dean of students and associate vice president for Student Life, the selected candidate will be expected to advocate for students and provide leadership, guidance and more.

Each candidate gave a 15-minute presentation, followed by Q-and-A sessions with the audience. Linda Fossen focused her presentation on student retention. She addressed the issues, possible resolutions and strategy elements relating to retention.

Amy Johnson honed in on student development, talking about its trends, effects and implications. The third and final candidate, Laura Bayless' presentation stressed on student learning trends.

**Linda Pimley Fossen with 40 years of experience**

Linda Pimley Fossen, who currently serves as the

associate vice president and dean for enrollment at Eastern Kentucky University, was on campus April 23.

In her current position, Fossen has experience working with a \$310 million general fund budget, working with members of the university to recruit, retain and help students graduate, developing academic programs, implementing a strategic enrollment management plan and more.

"It's important that students know in their hearts that the institution wants them to succeed," said Fossen. "Student support is very important in and out of the classroom. ... Students need to know that we care, ... so it's important that we model that."

At Montana State University, Fossen earned her Bachelor of Science in secondary education with an English major in 1971 and an M.ED in career guidance and counseling in 1983.

In 1986, she received her public school superintendent certification from the University of Montana and in 1994, took classes in higher education administration from the University of Oregon.

If selected as the new dean, Fossen plans to listen to and spend the majority of her time with students.

On the topic of diversity, Fossen said, "We need

to have that as an extremely important value. We have a responsibility to our students to respect diversity. ... We all have to have a share of that and model it."

Some of her past work and experiences include rewriting the student conduct code at Lane Community College and Skagit Valley College, implementing a student services department in Valdez, Ala., initiating programs for veterans, and teaching study skills and human development and respectful environment classes and more.

When dealing with crisis with crisis management "The most important part ... is to have a sense of safety ... and a system of clarity," said Fossen. According to Fossen, knowing the rules and regulations are equally important when dealing with a crisis.

Fossen, who believes in doing things ahead of time, encourages institutions to plan ahead and know what precautions to take in the event of any crisis.

**Amy R. Johnson with 14 years of experience**

Visiting from California on April 26 was Amy Johnson. She is currently the senior associate dean and associate dean of students at the University of Southern California.

Some of Johnson's in-

volvement in higher education projects includes chairing the Student Transportation Task Force, co-chairing the Student Affairs Strategic Planning Group. In addition, Johnson was also a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and a member of the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

Johnson received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Puget Sound. She earned a Master of Science in Education and a Doctorate of education from the University of Pennsylvania.

EWU's diverse and first-generation student population may or may not pose as an issue for Johnson. Johnson, who has had some experience with other institutions similar to Eastern, has worked more with private institutions.

A question by Rick Scott, club sports coordinator, during the open forum addressed whether Johnson would be able to communicate and collaborate with Eastern students, given her previous work experience.

Johnson said, "I'm very comfortable, I think, designing courses [that] meet the needs of individuals from low-income backgrounds. ... This would be an opportunity for me."

As a defining core value in her family, Johnson said, "Our job is really about help-

ing students make connections."

If selected, Johnson plans to kick start her position by going to meetings, making herself available, communicating with people in their own environments, team building, creating open dialogues and attending events.

"My style is more collaborative," said Johnson of working with others. "I want people who will push back."

Her presentation covered student development trends relating to anxiety, depression, stress and health concerns, implications of student development and healthy outlets for students and the general community.

**Lauran A. Bayless**

Bayless came to EWU April 30 from St. Mary's City in Maryland. Bayless, who believes diversity, transfer orientation and visibility are essential to any university, says she will be attentive, visible and able to listen if chosen for the position.

"I find ways to cross paths with students," said Bayless. "I perceive this role as an advocate and a hug for students."

In crossing paths with more students, Bayless tries to spend 60-90 minutes a week going to different places on campus she would not normally go. This is, she says, how she makes herself

more visible to students and the campus community.

Bayless currently serves as the vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students at St. Mary's College of Maryland. There, she has served as the chief advocate for student needs and maintained a high visibility, developed programs such as emergency responses, judicial protocols and risk management.

Having kickstarted her career working with residential life, Bayless now manages a \$711,00 budget at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Given her previous experience at Longwood University in Farmville, Va., Bayless has experience working with first-generation college students.

Among her accomplishments, she has published on a number of topics that include student affairs, computer skill levels and liability for alcohol-related incidents.

Bayless received a Bachelor of Arts in speech and communication and mass media from Denison University in 1989 and a Master of Science in college student personnel services from Miami University in 1991.

In 2001, she earned a Doctorate in Philosophy in higher education administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Her dissertation topic was on the non-academic needs of distance learners.

## Beloved secretary passes away: coworkers, friends remember

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Shelley Kardos will always remember the conversations she shared with her good friend, Joanne Carol Jaynes, as she continues her weekly routines at their church.

Eastern and the Spokane community bid farewell to Jaynes who passed away April 21 due to illness. She was 56 years old.

For 18 years, Kardos worked closely with Jaynes in the children's ministry at the Calvary Chapel Church in Spokane.

"When I got here on Sunday [April 22], she wasn't here and I wasn't able to have those conversations we would have walking around setting up," said Kardos. "Just having conversations while walking around—I think that will be what I miss most."

According to Kardos,

Jaynes had many different roles at the church, including her primary role as the children's ministry worship leader. Jaynes also wrote songs for the yearly church camps and would write the songs according to each year's camp theme.

Jaynes graduated from Eastern in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in music education. At Eastern, she was the lead secretary for the art department in College of Arts Letters and Education.

Jaynes held positions in Academic Affairs, Social Work and Applied Psychology during her more than 32 years working for Eastern.

"I think she was an excellent example of a support staff, happily and competently doing their jobs and going out of their way to keep the students' needs first," said Valarie Burnett, CALE secretary. "I started at Eastern here with her

and one of the first conversations we had was about the students needs coming first—that was always what she thought."

With a passion for music and dance, she also taught ballet classes within the Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation. Outside of campus, Jaynes owned a dance studio, A Time to Dance, in Spokane's Garland District.

"Teaching the ballet class here at Eastern was just one of her total joys in life as well as her ballet studio that she has," Burnett said.

According to Burnett, Jaynes loved gardening, animals, including her dog Riley, attending the Spokane County Fairs, music, dance and her church family.

During her time at Eastern, Jaynes choreographed several of EWU theater plays, played piano for the Northwest Autism Center

Preschool in Martin Hall and was the pianist for events of the historic one-room school house on campus.

Born May 12, 1955, Jaynes spent the majority of her life caring for and helping others.

"She loved being in the lives of students, helping them with whatever they needed help with, she put the students first," Burnett said.

Jaynes is survived by her father Ray Jaynes, her brothers Lyle and Terry Jaynes and sister Darlene Stouder. A memorial service will be held May 7 at 1 p.m. at the Calvary Chapel in Spokane.

"She's very, very servant minded, just always wanting to be a help to people," said Kardos. "It was awesome knowing her. ... She loved the kids and the kids loved her. ... They're going to miss her."

## Cheney buses change routes

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Beginning May 20, commuters will have to adjust to changes in three Cheney bus routes and schedules. The 66, 68 and 165 bus routes and schedules will be altered to accommodate increased ridership, according to Molly Myers, communications manager of Spokane Transit Authority.

"The proposed action on the 66 is to end the route at the EWU PUB, modify weekday school and non-school schedules, increase route trip cycle time to 90 minutes and travel to the EWU PUB in both directions on weekends," Myers said.

Increasing the trip cycle from 75 minutes to 90 minutes will help prevent buses from being late.

"If the bus schedule says it's going to be there

at 5:05, that's when the bus is going to be there. It's not going to show up at 5:15 or 5:12," Myers said. "They'll be able to stay on schedule."

The 68 will have time point adjustments, which will increase the amount of scheduled stops. The route will start and end at the PUB, and will serve the PUB and K Street station route segments on all service days.

The 165 will have similar changes, including beginning and ending the route at the PUB, and there will be a new time point at the PUB as well.

Myers said the changes will help counter the increased ridership that has resulted from increased enrollment at EWU and a 27 percent increase in Eagle Pass ridership.

"We're just trying to keep up," she said. "It's nice to be successful, and at times you've got to change things a little bit in order to be able to accommodate that success."

## Veterans center receives gift

Details of gift uncertain, with costs totalling \$5,000

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The ASEWU is donating a gift to the Veterans Center that is worth \$5,000.

According to ASEWU Executive Vice President Clem Bustamante, the money is coming from seven budgets: the budget of the Superior Court as well as six other budgets that are overseen by ASEWU.

However, according to Vice President of Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster, the ASEWU has not made a decision on what the gift will be.

"While the items to be funded from the gift are not yet determined, the gift will be a visible symbol of support from EWU students to their veteran student colleagues," Morgan Foster said in an email.

Bustamante said that the entire ASEWU council was in favor of the gift for

the Veterans Center.

"It was a no-brainer as far as assisting any way we could," Bustamante said. "It was just a great idea that just came forward."

Morgan Foster is helping the ASEWU look at different options of gifts for the Veterans Center.

"I've shared the vision of the [Veterans Center] with the students, discussed the physical and organizational plans for the unit and helped the students brainstorm ideas for gifts that would be useful to veterans and the center," Morgan Foster said in an email.

"We don't have a specific gift just yet," ASEWU Finance Vice President Kaleb Hoffer said. "We're looking at something that's more permanent rather than just donating money. Something along the lines of a statue, [televisions] or cabinetry, something that will ... be there for years to come."

According to Hoffer, Morgan Foster was particularly interested in a statue for the Veterans Center, which is why \$5,000 was the amount of money allocated for the Veterans Center gift.

Morgan Foster said in an email that the time the gift will be ready depends on what kind of gift is determined.

"If furnishing or computer equipment are part of the gift, those would be in the center at opening in the summer or fall," Morgan Foster said in an email. "Artwork might take longer to procure."

"I think [the gift] will just give [the center] a more homey feeling," Bustamante said. "For the people who are there, it will be something ... like a memento that they can look forward to seeing."

"I think it's really marvelous because it shows that ... the students care about [the veterans]," Morgan Foster said.

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# Media helps shape image of race today

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Media coverage of the Trayvon Martin shooting might be adding fuel to a fire that has been steadily burning since the birth of our country. That fire: race.

The U.S. was founded on racial inequality, it seems. From its inception, European settlers had marginalized those they found when they arrived, and those they enslaved.

Moreover, a constant slaughter stains the pages of our history books. To this day, race-related issues are considered one of the pillars of inequality in America by leading intellectuals.

The situation has been complicated to the point where any mention of race angers one of the “others.”

When it comes to Martin, who was shot and killed by George Zimmerman on February 26 of this year, things are getting even more complicated.

Martin, a 17-year-old black male, had left his father’s house when Zimmerman, a 28-year-

old multi-racial Hispanic male, called the police while on neighborhood patrol. Zimmerman stated that he thought Martin looked suspicious. What happened next is under intense scrutiny.

What is known is that Zimmerman is now being charged with murder in the second degree. The media has since gone on to sensationalize the entire ordeal ad nauseam.

This time, however, something even more dangerous is quite possibly in the works.

For example, “TJ Garland” wrote a letter to the editor of The Oakridger which included the following commentary: “I can’t believe you have joined the other media outlets in trying to promote a race war by using a four-year-old school picture of Martin ... Find Martin’s facebook picture. [He is] clothed in hip hop street pants, gang tattoos, gold teeth and double middle fingers to the world. [Trayvon was] thrown out of two schools and was currently sent home for two weeks from his current high school. He was no angel.”

Commentary on Yahoo News articles were even less flattering.

While we can’t print the thousands of negative comments, suffice to say that after analyzing an hour’s worth of

them, it’s easy to tell that people are confused.

Take Garland’s comments. Whose side is Garland on? By denouncing those who are “trying to promote a race war,” Garland paints Martin as a no-good black stereotype to be feared and hated.

After Martin’s death, another odd thing circulated the Internet. A meme, which included the words, “Where’s the media outrage,” and the faces of Channon Christian and Christopher Newsum, both murdered in 2007, circulated Facebook.

All four of those involved in the killings were black.

The words on the meme include events that didn’t take place.

At the end it reminds the reader that the story was never national news because it was black on white crime. While the story itself is true, that’s not why it didn’t go national.

More startling than the crime were the comments left by most on the meme, most of which were in agreement: “why didn’t this go national?” No one asked if the story on the meme was even accurate, only angered and outraged that black-Americans presumably get away with murder.

After the Tulsa shootings, which left three African-Amer-

icans dead last month, most wondered if this was in response to the shooting of Trayvon. Jake England and Alvin Watts both denied that they had targeted African-Americans specifically; therefore it’s not considered a hate crime.

The media, on the other hand, continues to question whether or not Trayvon’s death is a hate crime, naively playing into the racial conflict which it is helping to perpetuate.

There is and has been a race war in America for as long as America has been around, but for the media to promote it and help fan the flames, without looking critically at it, is very dangerous and irresponsible.

*Editor's note: After this opinion column was written, we sent a reporter and a photographer out to ask what EWU students thought of the media coverage of Trayvon Martin. Students were indeed confused about how to answer the question and our reporter asked instead about racism and diversity on campus.*

*If you have an opinion about the media's coverage of the Trayvon Martin, contact us at easterner.opinion@gmail.com.*

## EDITORIAL

# Voting one-stop shop, but who's buying?

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As far as student body politics are concerned, we have it pretty good.

Last December, a student news organization at a university in the midwest reported that the student body president resigned amidst an investigation into his conduct. It was reported that he stole school property, set fire to alcohol in his hotel room on a state-funded trip, bullied and hazed a student senator, destroyed 800 copies of the student paper, violated a restraining order and intimidated student association employees who were being questioned in conjunction to an investigation about his conduct.

Presuming that he started in September, the guy didn’t waste any time.

Over the last decade, The Easterner has reported on some of the questionable student leadership decisions. Some examples include the \$47,000 purchase of office furniture in 2005 and, prior to that, a 75-minute meeting, spontaneously voted as closed, where the main topic may have been the consumption of pizza.

The triumphs of the student government have not been few and far between, either. We’ve seen rallies against cuts to higher education, representation for students at Riverpoint and, my personal favorite, Eagle Cards that not only double as bus passes, but now are available for summer quarter students as well.

The present ASEWU council seems to have strong leadership, but since none of the student positions carry over from year to year, disaster or success is only one election away.

For the average student who has difficulty keeping up with studies and day-to-day life, one more thing to research and vote on is just one more thing to do. However, the ghosts of ASEWU past and present have been guarding over your ability to vote. Not only is voting as simple as logging in to vote.ewu.edu or finding an open kiosk on campus, but all the candidates have pop up windows with their pictures and their platforms right there. It’s the one-stop-shop of voting, right at the students’ fingertips.

Unlike national elections, the voting store is only open 14 hours on one day. I’m not certain if that’s long enough to boost the percentage of voters from last year, which is a goal of student leadership.

The number of students who voted during the 14-hour primary was 1,240, which is 9.78 percent of the 12,130 students enrolled. The week following the primary, 1,429 people viewed the candidate baseball cards on The Easterner’s Facebook page.

Granted, many of the Facebook viewers might not be students, but if students were as excited about the elections as they are about what they find on Facebook, no one could say that voting was merely about cool-sounding names or popularity contests. The wisdom of the crowds would prevail and many of those who voted would feel a sense of accomplishment when their winning candidates succeeded in making EWU a better place for students.

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## Through the Eagle’s Eye

"How do you feel about racism and diversity on campus?"



“I think that it’s a pretty diverse campus actually. It’s tough to have racism when there is so much diversity around, seems to me.”

Peter Curry



“I haven’t really noticed a whole lot. I don’t live out here so I am not on campus for a whole lot of the time. In my classes I haven’t noticed anything, but I think we have a great population of students here.”



“I think that there is a lot of diversity within exchange students, but I don’t think there is too much diversity with American students. I feel like the majority of the students who are different ethnicities are on the athletics side. They don’t really have a lot outside of athletics.”



“I feel like certain social groups are segregated in ways, but there's pretty much an equal distribution of race here. I think we are fine.”

T.J. Lee



“I feel that there is not any racism on campus because the diversity of friends I have, everywhere I go I feel accepted and everybody, the people that come hang out with us, no matter who they are or what they are, they always feel accepted to hang out with us around here.”

Interviews by Desireé Hood, photos by Aaron Malmoe

# Happy Cinco de Mayo Eastern

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Happy Cinco De Mayo. While your peers are enjoying a double shot of tequila and you may be wearing a stupid hat, the U.S. is engaging in a full scale war against either you, or if you are the cultural tourist hat wearer or tequila drinker, the people you are likely culturally appropriating.

We live in a country where one in 32 residents are under parole or supervision. The law enforcement pastime of unjust arrest and sentencing of black men and women has been well documented. It's so breathtakingly racist that, as Michelle Alexander told a branch of the ACLU recently, there are more black men in prison, jail and probation than there were slaves in 1850.

1850 is before the civil war started.

If you have looked at a prison growth chart like the one the United States Bureau of Justice releases, our prisoner counts look a bit like a kite flirting with a dangerous wind.

The dangerous wind is a rise in overt racism against people who are perceived as Mexican, Hispanic or who

often identify as Latina/o or Chicana/o. It's hard to tell how high the kite will fly. According to the Pew Hispanic Center's "A Rising Share: Hispanics and Federal Crime," the number of hispanic federal prisoners has nearly quadrupled since 1991. In 2007 they represented 40 percent of all incoming prisoners. For every 10, seven are undocumented. It is likely that, due to the nebulous nature of the designation "Hispanic," many are not being counted. The number of white prisoners has been declining on an opposite arc.

This is no mistake. It coincides perfectly with a post-9/11 rise in xenophobia and national fear of anything not bathed in the vulgarity of stars and stripes. The national fervor over the audacity of an uppity immigrant—and by extension, anyone who is brown—to not show his or her papers on demand is the heart and soul of the acceptable—and, in some media outlets, outright encouraged—racism surrounding much of the media rhetoric about Arizona Senate Bill 1070.

This bill means walking down the street and occupying physical space is a crime. This bill even removes the

ability to call 911 if you need help. Traditionally, a crime is not a crime against a person, but rather a crime against the state. In this sense, a victim is actually a witness. Law enforcement in Washington state cannot ask for papers when a crime is reported for this reason—the state itself finds crime so hideous, it wants it resolved. No more in Arizona. This bill means a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault—women being the primary reporters of these crimes and simultaneously the most marginalized—would have to show her papers or risk being forcefully deported. But first, she may enjoy a stay in a correctional facility. Rape has always been a tool of war, but when it is supported by the state it becomes everyone's problem.

See, SB 1070 was not a bill crafted from need (so, it drives me bonkers that I don't see militias of so-called Libertarians opposing this thing with direct action). It was a bill aimed at capitalizing and furthering white supremacy. It was at a series of American Legislative Exchange Council, an exclusive membership-based organization of legislators and corporations,

meetings where the bill was debated, drafted and voted on. Among those debating the specifics of the language were representatives from Correctional Corporations of America—the single largest and most profitable private prison company in the United States.

This is a bill written by a the owners of a legal slave labor camp trying to grow their human resources through networking, legislative manipulation and straight up cash payments.

I'd be remiss if I continued to talk about this like it was happening somewhere far away. Like there aren't immigrants or children of immigrants on campus right now. EWU touts itself as a university of access, and in many places it shows. For example, the College Assistance Migrant Program is a program aimed at helping first generation students of migrant farm-working background get the support they need during their first year at EWU.

This matters in Cheney. This matters on campus. If you are reading this on campus, you are likely sitting in a chair that was shipped to EWU in non-descript packaging labeled Washington Cor-

rectional Industries. It doesn't make you a bad person. We at The Easterner have even purchased, used and excitedly received equipment, furniture and even t-shirts in the same non-descript packaging.

EWU is required by state legislature to purchase what they can from Washington Correctional Industries by legislative mandate. These items have been assembled by prison slave labor.

Prison is not an option. Prison is a lack of options. Federal prison is a \$2 billion industry and often, prison pays around 40 cents an hour with a top end of \$1.25.

I'm not talking about the sort of offender many of us would feel a bit more comfortable with in a chain gang. I am talking about prisoners who are being legislatively shunted into prison like freight due to white racial superiority, and the prisoners that the media is telling us we should not care about because they are illegal and by extension subhuman.

Subhuman is when a country needs your labor and invites you to participate.

Subhuman is when your participation is already challenging due to your camp being far, far off the road and

your English proficiency low.

Subhuman is when your job is not on a camp at all, and you walk by law enforcement every day on your way to clean—and at any time, they could send you to prison.

Subhuman is when your boss would simply replace you with another who has been made just as vulnerable by institutional racism.

Subhuman is when you are transgender and thrown in with the general population because the guards do not speak English or they do not care.

Subhuman is when your access to legal protections is swept from under you, and your promise of a paycheck is replaced with forced labor for pennies.

Subhuman is being fired for a disability you got on the job without anyone telling you jack about the disabilities act.

This is what it means when we call someone illegal. We call them subhuman and replaceable, marginal and without consequence. The word illegal is a carefully crafted political term employed by those waging the war against those—like you and I—who are fighting back.

## Letters to the editor

## Eastern should focus on more parking for students

As EWU students, the school day always starts in a hectic game of finding a parking spot. This is a big problem for a significant proportion of students, staff and visitors. The lack of free parking can cause people to be late to class, even miss class, waste money on parking tickets and altogether take a negative toll on student's grades. This issue affects anyone who comes to the Cheney campus.

Our system currently in place is what causes the problem and that system should take responsibility for the blame. The cause of the problem is a lot of people traveling to the Cheney campus and not enough affordable places to park, especially for students who already have to pay the cost of tuition, housing and books. The current system in place can and should be changed to accommodate the many people that come to the Cheney campus.

Many solutions to help solve these parking issues are possible. They could add more free parking closer to

campus, remove the meters, implement free parking or lower the cost of a parking pass.

Parking passes cost from \$94- \$221 for one school year. While \$94 does not seem like a bad price; it is very restricted parking. Also, paying for a parking pass does not guarantee a parking space in the lot you wanted. The best solution would be to lower the cost of a parking pass or remove the meters to save money.

Possible bad outcomes could include less revenue going towards the school and parking would be on a first come first serve basis. Good outcomes that come with reduced or free parking can include more students in the classroom, reduced or minimal tardiness, students will get better grades and will result in happier people all over the Cheney campus.

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## Students lack healthier options for campus food

There are many students that attend Eastern Washington University Monday through Friday. Some students travel from as far as Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and sometimes farther to attend school. That means a more than a one hour commute for most of these students. For students with an 8 AM class, they are commonly short on time and unable to eat a healthy breakfast due to the long commute.

Most of the facilities on campus don't offer any type of solution to students not having time to eat a nutritious breakfast. Just imagine how beneficial it would be for students to have access to a quick meal before class.

As students, we understand that as we enter college we are expected to be more responsible for ourselves. The administration at EWU expects students to be responsible for their own meals and plan enough time to eat. This expectation is reasonable, but assuming that all students face the same challenges and have the same options when it

comes to nutrition is foolish.

A reasonable solution would be to have a mini-coffee stand in an easily accessible location such as the Communication's lobby area. The Riverpoint campus which is smaller than the Cheney campus has these stands in each of their buildings. Another option could be to simply add a vending machine with healthy options to the student lounge on the second floor of the Communications Building.

With solutions to problems there are always some consequences. For this solution, a possible consequence would be that EWU pays for the change but does not receive revenue quick enough to justify the expense. Another concern is that healthy food will typically go bad quicker than a bag of chips. Even though cost is the biggest obstacle, is it really worth counting pennies over?

Sincerely,

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## Riverpoint campus in need of URC

One of the most pressing dilemmas here at Eastern is that there is no available fitness center for the Eastern students at the Riverpoint Campus.

Numerous Riverpoint students have complained about paying the mandatory fee for the facility located on the Cheney campus. Courses offered at Eastern for example, fast fitness requires attendance at the Cheney URC.

Although the URC is available to all enrolled students, it puts an inconvenience for students living outside the Cheney area. Along with the mandatory fee, Riverpoint students have to pay out of pocket for gas if they want to drive, or work their schedule around

the bus times which can be inconvenient during inclement weather.

Eastern is now looking into other programs that will benefit incoming students such as the new dormitories that has been taking on, instead they should focus on the current students' needs. Having a rec center at the Riverpoint campus will make both campuses more appealing to all EWU students.

We understand the cost that this new facility would bring to EWU. However, because Riverpoint is a shared campus between Washington State University (WSU) and Eastern Washington University, we propose that both schools collaborate and split the cost of a new

## Textbook prices becoming problem

At Eastern Washington University along with most universities around the country, the textbook prices are increasing each year. Every quarter students are asked to provide thousands of dollars to pay tuition as well as miscellaneous fees, yet none of them include the costs of books. It is understandable that the university needs to make a profit, but this problem of making students buy expensive books every quarter with prices soaring through the roof, is taking a toll on students and is a problem throughout the country.

The causes for high-priced textbooks are multiple. While some pin high prices on general inflation, or production costs, oth-

ers blame another service: the sale of used textbooks. Although students' may save instantly, widespread harm is being caused to the system. Authors end up losing money, as well as textbook companies. This forces universities, such as EWU, to mark up their prices.

Why does EWU offer new and used textbooks if it's only hurting the system? A change is needed to prevent prices from soaring higher. If a change is not made in the near future, the problem will increase.

Multiple solutions could be taken in to account when dealing with the costs of textbooks such as decreasing the prices, or making textbooks available

online for a \$20 fee for access. By lowering the costs of textbooks, students will be more likely to purchase the textbooks with less of a financial struggle. Although electronic texts books are an excellent solution to fixing students text books prices, we may need to keep in mind not all students have computer access, EWU library hours might need to be extended to allow online book access. On the plus side students would at least be saving dollars somewhere. Please send your comments to the bookstore.

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## Library not enough for study session

focus on the quality of their work instead of just rushing through it to get it done.

Many students feel that the current hours of the library should be extended later, if not twenty four hours a day. If EWU gave us this privilege we strongly believe that the university would see an improvement in student grades as well as a decrease in stress level.

In addition, if students had the opportunity to visit the library at all hours of the night they may be less tempted to participate in activities that can have negative consequence for students as well as the university.

If you agree with our

thoughts regarding the library hours, we ask that you leave your comments in the suggestion box located on the first floor of the library. We also acknowledge that keeping the library open for twenty four hours would result in more expenses; however, these expenses seem minor when you think about the academic needs of the students. Please take into consideration our thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,

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## Conserving our water at Eastern

As fellow students we understand that EWU is a major asset to the city of Cheney. As our world is changing and increasing in population, we know that change needs to be made regarding water supply and conservation.

EWU is not taking advantage of all resources to conserve water. In fact, water saving toilets have only been installed in the newer buildings, rather than them all. Also, students feel the consequence of water overuse when tuition is constantly increasing due in part to extreme amount of money spent on water consumption.

EWU as a whole needs to take responsibility and gain the knowledge of how helpful water conservation can be. We have developed a few solutions to help end the overuse of water at EWU: adding eco-friendly toilets to all buildings on campus, develop an educational seminar to spread the importance of water conservation, get eco-friendly organizations involved and simply conserve as much water as possible. We understand that adding new toilets to a majority of the buildings on campus can be costly, so we recommend that EWU contacts an eco-friendly organization, such as Conservation International, to help cut the cost. By making small changes to the campus and people's attitudes, water will be saved, the earth will thrive, and tuition could go down. The cost of the toilets, between 200 and 300 dollars, may make this proposal seem impossible and pointless, but isn't it a small price to pay in regards to saving the earth?

So we ask fellow students, staff, and anyone interested, to help us in the effort to make a positive change for our community, for Mother Earth, and for the generations to come. We ask you to continue urging the university to get involved in contacting organizations in order to start conserving water.

You can email the university president, Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo, at president@ewu.edu with any comments or recommendations regarding our proposal.

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Photos courtesy of Romeal Watson

Above: Romeal Watson shakes hands with Ciprian Beldean, owner of Deveo Media, while standing in front of a banner for his motion comic, "Reclamation." Watson calls the action, science-fiction and thriller comic a mix of "Constantine" and "Blade."

Left: Watson poses with an issue of "Eastern" magazine in front of the booth he shared with Romania-based Deveo Media at the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo. Watson enlisted the help of sculptor concept artist Sean Burford and sculptor Sheridan Doose to make his motion comic package come to life.

# Career Services employee finds success at Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo

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Romeal Watson has taken his work in the Career Center and a dream he had and turned it into a motion comic package that he recently promoted in Chicago where he rubbed elbows with big name companies and celebrities.

"It's been a fun journey all the way up until this point, setting it all up. It just began with a dream," Watson, the internship coordinator at Career Services, said. "It's weird to see how it all comes into fruition because you don't really know how you are going to get there."

He may work a nine-to-five job at EWU, but his dreams go beyond that. Watson started getting into the film industry as an extra when movie producers came to the Spokane area to film.

He wanted to start writing, however, and after advice from professionals in the industry, he dove in. Two years later, he had completed the first ten minutes of his 120-page screenplay, "Reclamation," and had turned it into a motion comic.

For Watson, creating the screen-

play was never enough. He knew he wanted to add visual representation of the screenplay and saved up until he could produce the motion comic and the comic book package.

"I think by opening it up as an actual comic and as a motion comic, then it opens it up to a wider range of audience members who can then read it and support it and kind of back it," Watson said.

The "Reclamation" package includes a motion comic series, a comic book and life-size action heroes. "Reclamation" is an action, science-fiction and thriller combination. According to Watson, it is a mix of the films "Constantine" and "Blade."

"You have that mystical reality kind of magical flair, [yet] you have that kind of high octane martial arts. We kind of fused them together and came up with something cool," Watson said.

"Basically, this story is about an ancient supernatural rivalry. On one end, you have a demon legion and on the other end, you have an elite class of demon hunters," Watson said. "Essentially, they have been fighting for centuries and here we are in the contemporary world

and our main character kind of gets sucked into this on-going battle as it takes place in current times."

Watson knew he could not do all of the sculpting and graphics work needed alone, so he started looking for help. Finding the help he needed came in interesting ways, according to Watson.

"It's amazing how networking takes place. I initially found a whole range of artists who could do work for me from a student," Watson said.

A computer science student showed him a website for comic artists. You submit your project and the artists bid on how much the work would cost and what they could do for Watson. He found Deveo Media in Romania this way.

Ciprian Beldean, owner of Deveo Media, is proud of what they have accomplished as a team.

"I really hope it will become a good comic and motion comic and in the end a TV series or movie," Beldean said. "I think it has really good potential."

Sean Burford, sculptor concept artist and sculptor of Layna, one of the main characters, said, "The story for 'Reclamation' is fantas-

tic, and working with the man, it's obvious [Watson] cares a great deal for his characters, and that's why it will be a success."

Sheridan Doose, another sculptor, said, "It's clear that he has put an immense amount of energy into building the world of 'Reclamation' and he is extremely enthusiastic about what he is doing."

Once finished, Watson combined the package and took 100 comic books to the Chicago Comic and Entertainment Expo April 13-15, where he shared a booth with Deveo Media. Watson found the interest in new talent to be overwhelming.

Their booth was across from Marvel and DC Comics, which helped bring foot traffic by them. Watson started the convention with 100 copies of his comic and came home with six. He originally thought the placement would hurt his chances of getting fans, but he was surprised how interested everyone was in new material.

"It was really exciting to see how much support people actually had for events like that. You read about them and see pictures, but to actually be in the middle of it and to see

all of this going on, it's overwhelming," Watson said.

Over 8,000 comic, movie and animation buffs attended the expo, most of which were dressed and ready for the show. Some attendees came in homemade costumes while some came in authentic ones. John Cusack, Val Kilmer, Shia LeBeouf and other celebrities also attended.

"One minute you could be talking to a person who might want to buy and support your book, but on the other hand, you might turn around and get an interview with someone who wants to put you on their blog and help further promote what you are doing," Watson said. "You are all over the board talking all day."

He has a better understanding now of how the comic conventions work and looks forward to pitching his package in the future at conventions. Watson's best advice: get your pitch down to one minute.

"I work for Career Services and our primary job is to plug students into resources," Watson said. "But we are very much doing that same stuff for ourselves too. We still have our personal life outside of that, our dreams we want to pursue."

# Celebration of individuality is what EWU Pride Week is all about

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Pride Club kicked off their Pride Week with an art exhibit and poetry reading in the JFK Library lounge on April 23.

While students filed in and out of the lobby, members of the Pride Club presented their art pieces.

"Art helps people express

their emotions to the community; it forms a connection for the future events this week," said sophomore Pride Club member Zach Oxford.

Some members read their stories, while others presented their poems, all different, but still describing the same journey of coming out to their friends and family in a world that has not fully embraced the LGBTQA community.

The stories and poems were full of hope and love for family and friends that supported them when they came out, yet described the pain and struggle that it took to get there.

A student described in a poem what it is like to be neither female nor male, what it is like to have to choose between which bathrooms to go into on campus while feeling that neither gender classification ap-

plied. The alienation felt when filling out documents that ask "female or male" and having to choose one that does not fully apply.

EWU Pride Center Director Sandra Williams let the Pride members initiate and create the art show.

"It's an opportunity to celebrate LGBTQ and Ally students [and] to raise awareness about issues that affect the LGBTQ

community," Williams said.

As this being the first year they hosted an art exhibit, the club was happy with the location and the message it conveyed.

Tiffany Paris, an upcoming EWU student this fall, described the art as an ice breaker.

"What better way than art? The diversity of the art shows the diversity of the people."

**For more information about the Pride Center:**  
-Visit them in Showalter 105  
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-Call 509-359-7870



Photo by Al Stover

Students dance the night away at the Pride Center's masquerade ball, which closed Pride Week.

## Masquerade:

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"I walked in and there's people dancing and happy," Williams said. "It's really exciting for me that they finally made it happen. [Ea-

gle Pride members have] worked really hard and the campus is supporting them."

Aside from the masquerade, Williams added that the other Pride Week events had a lot of attendance and support from the campus.

The Pride Center also plans on holding a masquerade for Pride Week in 2013.

"I'm so excited that we had so much activity this year," Williams said. "It is the biggest Pride Week we've had since I've started working here."

## DORM GOURMET

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1 pot of boiling water  
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Any other omelet based ingredients

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Photo by Nicole Livingston

A few of the 100 stoles on display in the MPR during Pride Week.

## Shower of Stoles shares stories of the silenced

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April 24 of Pride Week was the Shower of Stoles inside the PUB MPR, a display of 100 decorated stoles worn by LGBT people of faith.

On each stole was a description attached about the person who wore it, some of which described the struggle between major religions and their LGBT members.

Presbyterian, United Methodist and Catholic denominations were the main focus. Campus ministers and Pride Club students spoke of the conversations that are happening behind religious leaders' doors.

The stoles, which are decorated narrow strips of material that hang around an individual's shoulders, describe the lives of LGBT people who were active in the life and leadership of their faith communities.

They told the story of LGBTQ people of faith being excluded from service when they came out about their sexual orientation. Others remain in secret, while many were embraced by their community after coming out.

The display at EWU was only a fraction of the 1,500 stoles that have been displayed throughout the country since 1989.

The remaining stoles are

on display for a month at the United Methodist General Conference in Tampa, Fla.

On their website, <http://www.umc.org>, it states, "Homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching."

This has caused much dissention both inside the church community and with people outside the faith.

Terry Hall, a United Methodist pastor in Cheney, described the double standard as "damaging the integrity of the church."

Leaders in the United Methodist Church are currently discussing these rules and seeing if they will follow the Presbyterian and Lutheran actions, which allow LGBTQ members to ordain and serve.

United Ministries Campus Pastor Paul Rodkey is also hosting another display at Bethany Presbyterian Church from April 23- May 4.

"[The stoles] show there's a lot of brokenness in religion, but there's hope that it won't always be that way.

These stories stand in silent witness to the private conversations inside the church."

"This project continues because people are continuing to be hurt," said EWU Lutheran Campus Ministry Pastor Shelley Wee. "Still we continue to have hope."

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Many students need internships to complete their degree, but students sometimes run into trouble and have several questions about them. Enter Career Services.

Romeal Watson, internship coordinator for Career Services, and Krista Benson, community engagement and College of Arts, Letters and Education program coordinator, have a few do's and don'ts to remember when searching for internships and getting through the interview process.

### Do:

Ask questions. According to Watson, this is one of the most important things a student can do. It prepares the student for a possible interview down the road.

Researching the company, their latest projects and their mission statement are a few things Watson suggests that students do.

"If you look online and go to the Starbucks' website and look at their mission statement, you'll notice it says nothing about coffee," said Watson. "It talks more about being spiritually uplifting and providing a nice warm community. That's their mission statement. So, if you walk in there and talk about selling coffee, ... they would probably want to know more about how you would best promote their business through the interactions with the customers."

Benson says that employers expect students to be a little "green" in regards to experience but taking the time to do the research can give them an advantage over similarly competing candidates.

"The thing that can really make an intern candidate stand out is the one who knows what a company or organization does and can articulate the ways that they see themselves fitting into that company or organization," said Benson. "The same is true for a job interview, really; they're not interviewing you to see if you're qualified, they're interviewing you to see

if you fit in their organization."

Watson also encourages students to ask about internships even if one is not listed in an online search.

"Just because a company doesn't list that they have an internship on these search engines doesn't mean that they don't have them and it doesn't mean they aren't willing to work with a student to create one if they didn't normally have one before," said Watson.

Use the research to do self-reflection. Students should take the time to see what they can offer a company through an internship.

Watson said that students should have an "elevator speech" prepared. An elevator speech is 10 to 30 seconds of talking about who the student is, what they are looking for and what they can offer.

Narrowing the scope of what a student is looking for is also important. Benson suggests tailoring a résumé to a specific job. She says that a résumé that has been working for a student for a while may not work for certain internships or jobs.

"I speak to some students who say that they just need an internship," said Benson. "Here's the thing: they're not hiring for 'just an intern,' they're hiring for an intern at a company or organization with a specific mission and purpose so that the intern can do a particular job. Know exactly what you're looking for and really target your search and application."

The staff at Career Services provides mock interviews, résumé, cover letter reviews and much more. Watson said that this will help students prepare for certain questions that might come up in an interview.

Dress appropriately. Watson advises against wearing jeans and says that students should dress higher than the job they want or at least for the job they want.

According to Watson, if money is an issue, the downtown Macy's has a sixth floor with 75 percent off of business attire and thrift stores are always an option.

"You want a job at [Baskin Robbins], you'll probably go

in a nice button-up shirt and some slacks," said Watson. "You could probably ditch the coat, but make sure you have some nice shoes, slacks and a shirt. Obviously, when you work on the job, you're probably going to be wearing a polo and jeans anyway, but it does show that you have the capacity to professionally represent that company if need be."

Luis Ramirez graduated from EWU with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration with a double major in human resources management and operations management. He is now a full time human resources generalist at Itron Inc.

He said that one important thing in preparing for an internship was getting involved on campus. He joined Alpha Kappa Psi, a co-ed professional fraternity, and actively attended Career Services' networking events.

In Alpha Kappa Psi, he obtained leadership positions, which also helped develop him professionally.

### Don't:

Do not just go for any internship. As Benson said, narrowing your focus is a key factor in being successful in an internship.

Watson also said that just because a student wants to work in a particular field does not necessarily mean their expectations will line up with reality.

Paying a fee is not a typical thing that happens with internships. According to Watson, almost all legitimate internships do not require students to pay a fee.

This occasionally happens when a student goes through a third party, though. This usually happens if a student is going overseas to do an internship.

This third party handles administrative fees and other things like visa fees. The student sends them a lump sum payment to cover the costs.

Watson cautions students to research any party that claims to do so to make sure they are not getting scammed.

Benson also said that students should be aware of internships that do not want students to participate for credit.

Watson said that an abnormal workload, either too heavy or too light, is something to be on the look out for as well. Internships are learning experiences and if a student is simply pouring coffee all day, then they are not learning much.

At the same time, if a student is working all the same duties that a full-time employee is, that is also a problem.

Answering questions about religious beliefs, race, sexual orientation or marital status is discouraged. Employers are not legally allowed to ask people these questions and people do not have to answer them either.

Watson suggests responding with, "I don't feel comfortable answering that question." Any other variant of this is also suggested.

### Conclusion

It is a lot to remember, but with a little practice and some time spent with Career Services' staff, it should be easy to pick up.

Ramirez offers a piece of advice for students.

"Bottom line, anyone can go to class, study, participate in a group project and take a test," said Ramirez.

"However, you need to seek opportunities during school that will make you stand out from all the other college graduates. Join clubs, professional organizations, run for student government, take those unpaid internships. It is going to be tough coming out of college with mere textbook theories and only having experience in customer service that doesn't include the whole scope of the career that you want to enter. Don't get me wrong, any experience is great, but developing skills in a professional environment will prepare you best for once you graduate and are ready to begin your career."

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## Trivia, 'Minute to Win It' challenges, drink specials planned for new Basement

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Former EWU student body president and the creator of The Basement, Jason Clerget, is implementing several changes in hopes of attracting various crowds of people.

Clerget sold the Basement a year ago, only to buy it back three days before first Thursday.

Clerget and his team will be making several changes to the bar within the next few months while still keeping things people love. They will be differentiating on service, prices and creativity.

When The Basement first opened Clerget said there was a huge need for people to dance.

"But, preferences and what people like change over time," Clerget said. "As a bar owner, you always have to pay attention."

This is why they are now implementing new activities, drink specials and a new overall atmosphere.

On Thursdays, The Basement will be starting a trivia night with a twist. In between the trivia rounds, there will be "Minute to Win It" challenges including beer pong, a mummy wrap, an interactive puzzle and several other activities.

Drink specials will be offered throughout the night.

"We used to only do the club approach, and that's fine," Clerget said. "But I would like to rotate some different people that haven't tried us before."

For senior Sara Byrne, changing the atmosphere will

enhance her time spent at the Basement.

"I don't ever dance, so it would be fun to have other activities," Byrne said. "I don't want to always feel like I'm in a club."

During Clerget's seven-month break from The Basement, he traveled and when he returned, he said he "saw everything from a clear lens." His new outlook is what inspired the changes to the bar.

"Basically, we're focusing on the overall experience people are getting between 9 p.m. and midnight," Clerget said. "We want to get people in before midnight."

On Fridays, all specials are before midnight which include \$6 pitchers of beer. Saturday night is ladies night.

"We're bringing in a DJ [disk jockey] and all the sig-

nature drinks laid out for the night are discounted for the ladies."

Although the night is centered around women, there will still be specials for guys.

On Sundays, anyone who works for a service industry like Zips will receive 50 percent off drinks. This night is called "SIN", which stands for "service industry night."

Aside from themed parties, trivia nights and discounted drinks, The Basement will also be receiving a new paint job and remodeling in some areas which will be completed during the summer.

They will also be changing the lighting, decor and seating arrangements and putting more time into special events.

For Cinco De Mayo, The Basement will feature mugs of margaritas.

## Eastern's LGBTQA population gets fancy, quirky and awesome for weekly meeting

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Over 25 students showed up to the Let's Get Busy Tea Party of Quirky Awesomeness on April 26.

Typically, the club holds their meetings on Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m. to discuss future projects and awareness issues and for general conversation and support.

This time, the members met to share their Pride Week experiences and what their favorite part of it was.

The students sat in a group

in dresses and suits and went around the room saying their name and their favorite part of the week. A few announcements were made regarding the masquerade ball and awareness issues outside of Pride Week.

The meeting ended with clapping and cheering for the president, Molly Fitzpatrick, and the adviser, Sandy Williams, as a sign of appreciation.

In addition, Williams shared the story behind her formal attire.

Williams was in Los Angeles in a part of the city called Little India. She saw a suit in

the window of a store and "fell in love with it."

The store was owned by a husband and wife and divided into two sections: men's and women's.

Williams wanted a suit in the men's section and the husband kept taking her over to the women's side.

Eventually the wife stepped in and sold Williams the suit she wanted.

"This is a men's suit and they didn't want to sell it to me. A husband and wife had owned the store, so he had refused. So, the wife came up and interceded ... and pushed him out of the way."

The students split off into smaller groups and played hangman, danced to music and drank tea and soda. Williams took photographs of the members throughout the party.

Fitzpatrick said the club members wanted to have a dress-up meeting for a while and there was one day where nothing was planned for Pride Week. It was decided that that day would be the day of the tea party.

"We thought it would be a really good way to make our meeting special just for Pride Week, basically," said Fitzpatrick.

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# 'Jailbreak': A testament to the fine arts program

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Only in the art building could students go to see a marketing campaign for the zombie apocalypse, read a comic book series, play a video game and see circus freak show toys all in the same place.

On April 27, the BFA senior art exhibit entitled “Jailbreak” had its opening night that showcased a year’s worth of hard work and planning.

A collective sigh of relief could almost be heard amongst this group of soon-to-be successful graduates of the program.

“I feel like there is such a big weight off of my shoulders,” says Matthew Wilcox, as he proudly showed his creations made of polymer clay.

The idea behind his project: “What if the people who run the [circus] freak show now become the freaks?”

The exhibit is a testament to the success of the BFA program, now in its eighth year of existence. But this exhibit also displays to the audience what can be done with a mere idea.

“Now that it is completed, people can see that this was my vision,” says Chris Collins as she explained her pattern design display, consisting of wallpaper, furniture and shoes containing a unified design between them.

As Jamie Sparr reflected on the overall experience that lead up to her comic-book installation, called “Spaces,” she said, “It’s funny how the little details were the hardest

to figure out. It’s these subtleties in design that make a really big difference that you kind of take for granted everyday.”

Ian Parker, a student at SFCC beginning as a creative writing major in the fall at EWU, helped write the text for the comic books.

As crowds of people worked their way through the circular hall on opening night, sounds of laughter and conversation were heard, as well as small pockets of verbal expletives from either sides of the room where a video game made to mimic old-style side-scrolling classic video games was being played.

A creation of Ben Britz, it has multiple levels which require a player to get a pill to bounce off walls and through a labyrinth of obstacles.

In the alcove near the back of the room, there was a tunnel displaying the work of Rachel Baggs: an interactive version of a fantasy novel written by her entitled “Faun,” as well as illustrations she did of scenes from the book.

“I’ve written a novel, and when someone says you are going to spend a year working on a project, I wanted to use it to promote this book I have written.”

Baggs hopes to publish her novel in the future and several of the chapters are available to read on her website.

Kathryn Sande, who had a display that put together promotional material to advertise a movie, gives advice to future participants of the program.

“If you find something you are interested in, ... stick with it and stick with it early. Have a clear plan and a clear goal in where you are heading.”

Martina Schmidt gave people a new idea of preparedness — for the zombie apocalypse, of course. Schmidt gave a thorough branding of a product line entitled “Taktik,” her idea and creation.

“I think it is interesting. As a design student, you don’t get to display your work as art very often. You have to think of every little detail of what everyone is going to see.” Schmidt is overwhelmingly excited about the installation of her work. “It’s almost like a reward at the end.”

Tyreil Poosri spent a great deal of time creating something that Eastern students may eventually benefit from in the long run.

His project, called “NESST,” is a portfolio website where “...students will be able to login and create their own accounts upload their pictures, write a little bio, put their résumé up there. I want this to be a tool for Eastern students. Eastern didn’t have that, so I saw there was a need.”

All the students at EWU are handing down the legacy of their creations, some of which might become a student’s favorite writer or graphic novelist, promoter of a best-selling movie or product, creator of popular websites and computer games.

Students may even have their designs on their shoes, zombie survival kits or furniture in the future.



Photo by Evan Sykes  
Matthew Wilcox speaks with attendees during the opening night of the BFA exhibition, “Jailbreak.”

## Saudi Club brings students from all nationalities and majors together

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Ahmad Alabdrabnabi knew he wanted to make a difference.

In June 2011, he founded the Saudi Club to connect Saudi Arabian students and to educate Americans about Saudi culture.

“The Saudi Club is a student organization that represents the Saudi student community,” Alabdrabnabi said in an email. “I founded the club ... to build relations with students from other universities throughout the United States ... as well as American society.”

He explained that Saudi students can encounter a lot of negative stereotypes from Americans.

“They may character-[ize] all Saudi people as rich, terrorists, dangerous or smart,” he said. “The main mission of the club is to ... exchange cultures, food, languages [and] games with [many] nationalities.”

The club is formally supported by the Saudi Culture mission, the United States Saudi Embassy and the Saudi Ministry of Higher Education.

According to Alabdrabnabi, it is the leading support system for Saudi students at Eastern.

Members of the Saudi Club are active in organizing cultural, sports, social, educational and volunteer events.

The overarching goal, Alabdrabnabi explained, is to help the community and be a part of society.

Most members, Alabdrabnabi explained, are from different parts of Saudi Arabia, but the club has members from all nationalities.

Alabdrabnabi, who is a master’s student studying computer science, also attested to the diversity of majors within the club.

“We have [members] with majors in a wide variety of subjects ... such as mathematics, computer science, psychology, finance, accounting and biology,” he said.

One of the club’s memorable events was Saudi Day, when the club publicly introduced Saudi culture including traditional dances and games.

“More than 300 people attended this event,” Alabdrabnabi said. “We donated 100 percent of entry fees to help fight breast cancer; we want to help the community.”

Alabdrabnabi reiterated his desire to share Saudi culture with peoples of all nationalities.

“I would conclude by inviting American students to join us,” he said. “We do not yet have enough people. ... Our mission is not complete. [Come] learn about other cultures ... in a more fun way outside [the] classroom.”

To learn more about the Saudi Club, visit <http://www.facebook.com/saudisatewu> or email [saudiewu@gmail.com](mailto:saudiewu@gmail.com).

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Each Eastern athletic program has its own set of rules in addition to the departments. Every program has a coach designated to periodically browse through Facebook pages and Tweets.

“If they find something they think is above and beyond what they think is acceptable, then they’ll bring it forward to us,” Parks said.

The EWU women’s soccer team coach George Hageage said he has boiled his team’s rule down to one overarching mandate.

“If you do anything or say anything that’s going to be a distraction or is ethically or morally not correct, then you can’t be a part of this team,” said Hageage. “We’re trying to limit distractions.”

Hageage equated looking online at social media sites to a random drug test. One week, he may look twice, or he may not look for a couple weeks.

Parks and the athletic department meet with the soccer team and all other athletic programs to educate the players and coaches.

“Everybody has a camera now. Everybody has a video. Everybody has a microphone,” said Parks. “So we speak about it and address it spe-

cifically, and then we let them know that once it’s out in the virtual world there’s really nowhere you can clean it off or nowhere you can truly lock out people.”

At some universities the athletic department’s social media policies call for student-athletes to leave otherwise-private information open to all coaches or staff, meaning that the player would have to “friend” a coach or compliance officer.

At this time, Parks said Eastern’s athletic department has no policy.

“I don’t think we’re doing them a service to monitor and control everything that they do until they’re out of here, then let them go into the real world of a professional,” said Parks. “We need to be helping them and educating them while they’re here.”

Head men’s track coach Stan Kerr said he wants his student-athletes to get upset and experience a full range of emotions, not feeling inhibited about expressing them. But it is a question of how and when.

“That’s not as easy as it sounds,” said Kerr. “You have to be pretty vigilant with [expressing emotions].”

Some universities, like Boise State, Mississippi State and South Carolina, have banned or limited the use of social media for athletes, but Kerr is hesitant to go that far.

“I hope I would do the preventative work where we wouldn’t have to

cross that road,” said Kerr. “I don’t want to be the Twitter police. I don’t want to be the Facebook police.”

Lauren Jacobsen, a midfielder on the women’s soccer team, said it was a weird transition from high school, where everyone could say, post or do what they wanted without fear of repercussion.

“We’re told at the beginning of the season, ‘You need to be respectful, you represent the university,’” said Jacobsen. “You obviously aren’t allowed to say certain things about your coaches, your players, administration, stuff like that. I think everyone has kind of learned there’s things you post and things you don’t post.”

What exactly is an appropriate or inappropriate post or tweet can be difficult to distinguish.

“We go into it knowing that we can’t post certain things,” said Jacobsen. “... I think that there’s definitely a gray area of whether or not we know what we can say or what will happen with what we say.”

Jacobsen said every athlete is aware that losing some social media freedom is the cost of playing for Eastern.

“I would much rather be an athlete and just not have to post certain things on Facebook,” said Jacobsen. “I wouldn’t ever not be an athlete just so I could post stuff on Facebook.”

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Al Stover

Kayla Craig dances to Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" at the Pride Week Masquerade Ball April 27.

Casteel:

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“I ... stress that the ASEWU Superior Court does not dismiss anyone unless the bylaws or constitution have been violated,” Fell said in an email. “In this case, the court voted that [the bylaws or constitution] had been [violated] and the students weren’t being represented to the fullest ability. It’s nothing personal, but that’s the tough part we get paid to do.”

According to Ocaña, the decision to terminate Casteel’s employment was difficult for the ASEWU executives and the council.

“Letting one of your peers go is a tough decision when you’re a college student; [it is] the big leagues,” Ocaña said. “Making a decision was a good experience for [the council] to figure out ...when you don’t perform your job, you get fired.”

Casteel is the president of the Atheist Club. According to him, he was downstairs in the PUB at the Atheist Club’s table on the first floor of the PUB one day during his posted office hours because no one else was there to represent the club.

According to Bustamante, the ASEWU council employees have a minimum of four office hours a week.

“It was frustrating for me because there’s a part in our constitution that says we should be encouraging diversity and promoting leadership opportunities,” Casteel said. “I had to go to Superior Court because I wasn’t in my office.”

Casteel said that he was confused about what he did wrong because helping other ASEWU employees with projects outside

of their office was encouraged even if they technically had to be in their office. He did not realize there was a problem when he was told he had to defend himself in front of the Superior Court because he was helping out a club.

“After going through the court review and the court hearing process, that he and I had to go against in Superior Court, there’s no doubt in my mind that he knows the by-laws, the constitution and the student code of conduct,” Bustamante said. “He’s very educated now on all that because when he was trying to formulate his defense, he did a great deal of research.”

“We’re hoping that [Casteel] learned his lesson,” Ocaña said. “If he gets elected, he [will] know how to handle the system in a correct manner that is ... in favor of the students.”

“I felt the need to go forward with this,” Bustamante said. “As someone who was elected, ... it was necessary to make sure we take action .. because we are elected officials, we would be doing an injustice to the students who elected us.”

According to Bustamante, The ASEWU executive and council members are evaluated by their peers at the end of fall and winter quarter. The Superior Court reviews employees with the evaluation. Casteel’s evaluation was lowly rated winter quarter.

“Our jobs as executives today [are] to present facts,” Ocaña said. “The facts are that [Steven] was warned several times [about punctuality] by the Superior Court, he went through a process that he denied to get help ... from Stacey Reece. He had the opportunity to change, he had the opportunity to be helped and things didn’t change.”

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In addition, members of the Northwest Commission on College and Universities also asked for student input regarding whether EWU was an easy institution to navigate through (getting necessary materials and support), if the university supports transfer students, the recreation center, technology resources, CAPS, entertainment and activities, what students want to see changed and what student would not want changed and more.

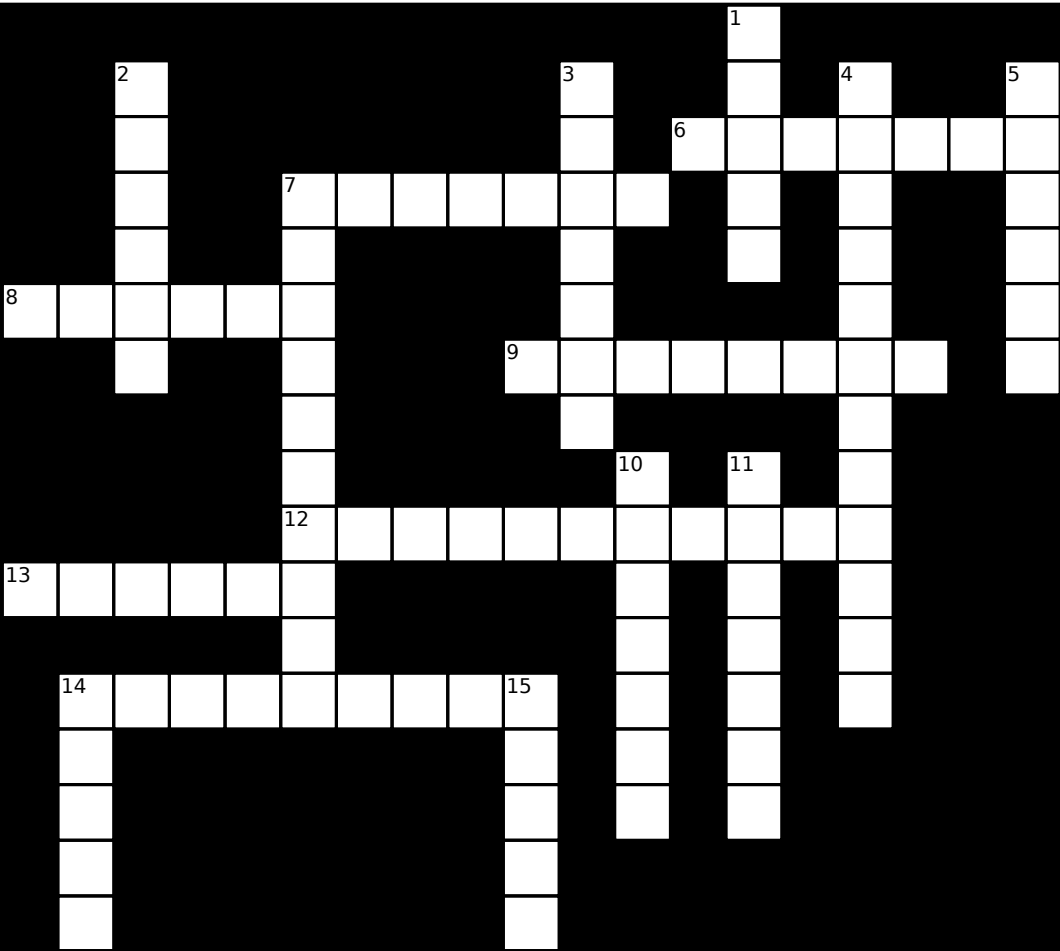
ASEWU Finance Vice President Kaleb Hoffer addressed EWU possibly changing to a semester-based system as something he did not want to see happen. After weighing pros and cons, other students in attendance agreed.

Eastern’s three core themes represent the university’s mission for success. Core theme one is a rigorous and engaging student learning experience that entails objectives to uphold persistence towards educational goals, supportive environments and programs in support of curricular programs.

Core theme two requires an academic community that supports and engages faculty and staff throughout their careers. It consists of a campus that recognizes faculty and staff and hiring, recruiting and retention practices that are aligned with academic goals.

EWU’s core theme three is an institution-wide commitment to local, national and international community engagement and awareness that benefits the university and the region. It states that the university engages with the needs of the local community and that the university also engages with national and international communities.

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All clues can be found in the stories in this week's issue. The answer key is on page 10.

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- 6. Zach \_\_\_\_\_ made a personal record in the hammer throw April 28
- 7. Brad \_\_\_\_\_ broke the EWU Men's Indoor 400 meter record in February.
- 8. Shower of the \_\_\_\_\_ displayed 100 decorated stoles on April 24.
- 9. The term \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the jersey worn by junior varsity squads during college football practice.
- 12. " \_\_\_\_\_ " is a motion comic by the answer to 2 down.
- 13. \_\_\_\_\_ Willans is the EWU Pride Center director.
- 14. Keisa \_\_\_\_\_ broke multiple records in pole vaulting.

Down

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Club kicked of Pride Week with an art exhibit and poetry reading.
- 2. Romeal \_\_\_\_\_ promoted his motion comic in Chicago.
- 3. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ is making changes to The Basement.
- 4. Ahmad \_\_\_\_\_ founded the Saudi Club.
- 5. The \_\_\_\_\_ Marie Project performed April 27 in the PUB MPR.
- 7. Pride Week ended with a \_\_\_\_\_ ball.
- 10. Patrick \_\_\_\_\_ was detained April 11 after slashing tires.
- 11. Faculty and students of the public \_\_\_\_\_ and history departments developed the Spokane History app.
- 14. \_\_\_\_\_ Fitzpatrick is the president of the Pride Club.
- 15. Five measures are taken before termination of an \_\_\_\_\_ representative.

Volleyball:

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“I learned [the position] last week in practice,” Morrow said. “The girls are supportive so it makes it easy and fun to play.”

According to assistant coach Lisa Westlake, although the team has still a ways to go before the season starts, they are learning and maturing.

“Our leadership has stepped up and that’s transferring to the younger kids on the court,” Westlake said. “Through spring they are showing tremendous strides and by fall they will be ready to go.”

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# Police Beat

## April 24

### Theft

A backpack was stolen from a locker in the URC. There are no suspects at this time.

## April 25

### Theft

A student in Louise Anderson Hall reported unauthorized withdrawals being made from her bank account. The incident is under investigation.

## April 26

### Theft

A person was caught attempting to sell stolen books back to the PUB bookstore. The incident is under investigation and a suspect has been identified.

### Theft

A female student in Dressler Hall reported that her roommate was stealing her clothes. The victim did not press charges.

## April 27

### Theft

Several items were stolen from a locker in the URC. There are no suspects at this time.

## April 28

### DUI

Officers stopped a vehicle on Washington Street. The driver, a student, was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

### Agency Assist

An intoxicated male student became lost and attempted to enter a resi-

dence that did not belong to him. Officers were called, but it was determined that no crime was committed.

### Mischief

A student employee in Morrison Hall decided to test a can of pepper spray by spraying a cloud of it in a lobby. Another person accidentally walked through the cloud, and had to be medically treated at the scene.

## April 29

### Alcohol Violation

Three highly intoxicated female students were contacted on campus multiple times by police during the early hours of the morning. One student was evaluated and released, one was transported to the hospital for alcohol related illness and the third was transported to the hospital after



April 28. A student employee in Morrison Hall decided to test a can of pepper spray by spraying a cloud of it in a lobby. Another person accidentally walked through the cloud, and had to be medically treated at the scene.

### Assault

EWU officers assisted the Spokane County Sheriff's office with an assault that occurred between two

EWU student employees. A male student assaulted a female student with a weapon while off campus. The male was arrested and taken to Spokane county jail.

## COMICS



### Chocolate Shoes

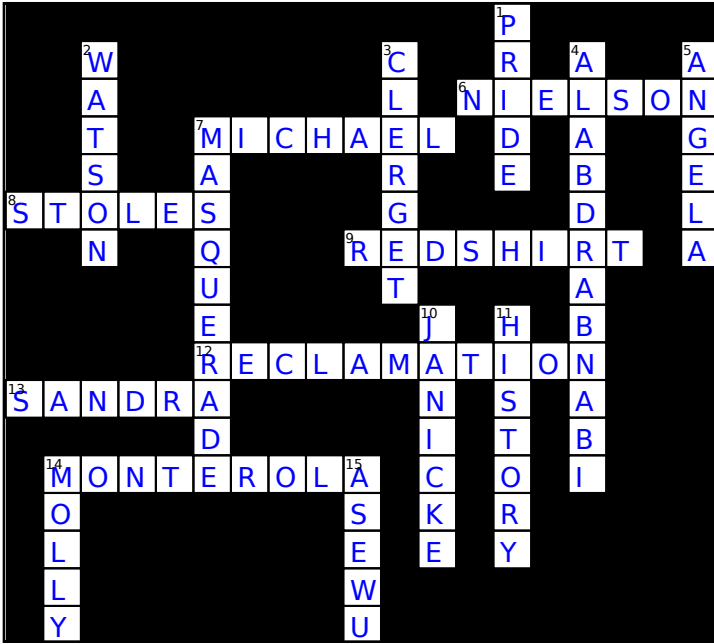


## PERSON OF INTEREST



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Freshman Brad Michael broke the EWU Men's Indoor 400 meter record back in Feburary. He will compete in the men's outdoor 400 meter at the Big Sky Conference Track and Field championships.

# Track continues road to championships

## Team adds more qualifiers for Big Sky

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Zach Nielsen had forgotten his shoes. On the morning of April 28, Nielsen arrived at Spokane Falls Community College to compete in the Duane Hartmann Invitational, but once he noticed that he had left his throwing shoes in Cheney, he raced back to grab them before the hammer throw began. Forgetfulness and fast driving aside, Eastern's sophomore track and field thrower found his rhythm and set a personal record in the hammer with a 184 feet and 11 inch toss. "My coach said I looked really bad in the ring, and she wanted me to go fast because she didn't understand why I looked like I was taking it easy," said Nielsen. "So my last three throws, ... regardless of how they were feeling, just went fast. I just pushed the ball as hard as I could." EWU track and field competed in the Pelluer Invitational, April 27 at Roos Field, and in the Duane Hartmann Invitational, April 28, in Spokane. Before the shoe incident, Nielsen had a season best throw of 163-0 in the discus during EWU's only home outdoor track meet of the year, the Pelluer Invite. The discus mark and the hammer throw place Nielsen in the top four of the conference with only one meet until the Big Sky Conference Outdoor Championships, May 11-12. Keisa Monterola, a First-

Team indoor All-American, had missed much of the season because she did not have the required number of credits for eligibility this spring. In only her second outdoor meet this year, Monterola broke EWU's outdoor school record, the Roos Field record and the Pelluer Invitational record by leaping 14-0. The mark qualified the reigning Big Sky indoor champion for the outdoor championships and the NCAA West Regionals in Austin, Texas. Fellow pole vaulter, sophomore Robin Taylor set a personal record when she cleared 13-0 1/4, trailing only Monterola in the conference standings. The 13 foot mark was a height Taylor had been waiting to clear for a long time. "I've known for a while that I have the potential to clear it," said Taylor. "It's just a matter of finally getting over the hurdle, I guess. Now that I finally did, it's just the beginning to higher heights." Competing for the last time as an Eagle in Cheney, Shene Davis had a lifetime-best triple jump covering 39-0 1/4, in front of her mom, step-dad and brother. It is the fourth best mark in conference this season. This past week, Davis and her coach, Jon Hill, added two steps to her run, hoping the additional distance would build more speed into the launching point. "We've just been putting [my jump] together piece by piece each week, and it's me just learning, getting the rhythm down and

... learning how to keep my hips right," Davis said. Another jumper to take advantage of the home Roos Field conditions was junior Phillip Puccino. Entering the Pelluer Invitational, Puccino had not qualified for the championships in either the long or triple jump, but after clearing 22-10 1/2 in the long jump and 46-7 1/4 in the triple, he qualified in both and launched himself into the top eight in each event. "Honestly, in the long jump I didn't even see it coming," said Puccino. "I just made sure I went through my progressions. Go through what we've practiced and apply that. It really paid off. "We've been working really hard this season. My body has been broken down a lot of the time. My legs have just been dead, coming into meets, but we've been lightening it up letting my legs heal a little more." Fresher legs are something head men's coach Stan Kerr expects this time of year. The team's weight training has begun the tapering phase, and as the volume of weight goes down, the quality of performances should go up. "It brought my confidence up so much," said Puccino. "I've been really kind of struggling through the season having my body broke down, these low marks, and finally today I got to see what I've been working so hard for." For the last meet of the regular season, the team travels to Moscow, Idaho for the Vandal Jamboree, May 5.

## Michael sets sight on conference title

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Freshman Brad Michael has exploded off the starting block and into the Eastern track scene. During his short career at Eastern, Michael has already broken records and established himself as one of the premiere sprinters on the track team. Back in February, Michael broke Eastern's indoor 400m record. He was also a member of the 4x400 relay team that broke Eastern's 22-year-old school record. Head coach Stan Kerr believes the freshman has a competitive spirit and a hunger for victory. Kerr said that mindset was instilled in him in high school. "He came into us from a successful high school program, which is one of the criteria for us" Kerr said. "They have a respect for being competitive, a respect for championships and those are traits that Brad embodies and has brought to our program." According to Michael, the transition from high school to college was a big change. He had to learn to balance his athletics and academics. He felt his teammates were able to help him get acclimated to his new environment. "We're all pretty close," Michael said. "We all work just as hard as anybody else. ... We all have the same struggles and same pains." Michael, a Vancouver, Wash., native, said that he does not just feel the camaraderie from his teammates. Although his home is on the other side of the state, he said the coaches' attitudes have helped him get comfortable. "They're very understanding. They're very personable with you," Michael said. "Essentially it's like another family." Despite his freshman standing, Michael has meshed with the veterans of the team. He said there is not any division within the team and that all of the athletes are unified under the same common goal, to win. "We all hang out," Michael said. "We've all come together as one." One of the seniors on the team, Armon Blackwell, has taken Michael under his wing. Blackwell said he has shown Michael the nuances of being level-headed and humble. He acknowledged Michael's talent

and said that they have become friends fast. Blackwell said that Michael shows a lot of maturity for being a freshman. "Even though he posts really good times, he's still humble about it and still hungry, which is a rare characteristic when it comes to new athletes now-a-days," Blackwell said. Blackwell lauded Michael's composure and preparedness, but also said he knows when to have fun. "When it comes to working out and getting ready for the meet, he's on top of it," Blackwell said. "But when it's time to relax and have fun, he's even more on top of it" Kerr also feels that Michael is a hard worker. According to Kerr, not only does running with a group of older and more knowledgeable athletes create an atmosphere of experience, Michael's desire to win drives him to have a hard work ethic. "His competitiveness and his abilities ... are already coming to the service sooner rather than later," Kerr said. "[It is] a huge plus for the program and for Brad as well." Although Michael has already compiled many accolades during his first year at Eastern, he has many goals for his future. He wants to be able to leave behind a legacy by the time he graduates. "I want to win conference in the 400," Michael said. "I want the relays to go to regionals and nationals [and] take them to a higher level." In the 400 Kerr said Michael came out of high school posting a 48 second time. Now, the freshman is at a 46 second time. Kerr said that while Michael has grown tremendously as an athlete, he still has room to improve. "He has experienced a bit of a quantum leap in terms of his personal best," Kerr said. "He has tremendous upside, ... but his running mechanics need a pretty good chunk of work and he needs to be extremely aware of trying to shave time off the point he's at now." An aspect of being a part of Eastern's track team that Michael appreciates is getting to form relationships with different people. Michael said he enjoys helping the team be competitive and wants to help them win. "We have such a great depth of skill levels here," Michael said. "I want to show how good Eastern is, because Eastern's pretty damn good."

# NCAA provision gives student athletes a chance to extend college career

## 16 freshman football players to utilize redshirt season

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Andrew Luck did it. So did Robert Griffin III, Cam Newton, Jake Locker and Sam Bradford. These five multi-millionaire NFL quarterbacks took advantage of an NCAA provision that allows student-athletes to sit out a year but maintain their four years of collegiate sports eligibility. That NCAA provision is known as redshirting, and it has become a mainstay of college sports, in particular football. "Normally it's just a freshman and it's just to get bigger," said Don Ross, EWU's NCAA compliance officer and associate athletic director. "You're bigger as a 22- or

23-year-old, a little bit more bulky. It gives them a year to also learn the system that the coach has in place instead of going right out onto the field and playing." The term redshirt comes from the color of shirts worn by the junior varsity squad during college football practices. The first documented case of a player redshirting dates back to the late 1930s, when University of Nebraska offensive guard Warren Alfson asked his coaches if he could practice but not play, wanting to wait until the upperclassmen ahead of him graduated. According to Ross, only four of head football coach Beau Baldwin's 20 recruits in the 2012 recruiting class did not use their redshirt as a freshman. Sixteen recruits will be using it this year to get faster,

stronger and more familiar with the program before they step on the field. Another reason student athletes will redshirt is to preserve their years of eligibility while being forced to sit out a year due to NCAA transfer rules. Basketball players Martin Seiferth and Justin Crosgile transferred to Eastern from the University of Oregon and St. Joseph's University, respectively, and are using the 2011-2012 season as their redshirt year. In doing so, they will both be able to play collegiate basketball for four years in a five year span. For each player, the idea of sitting out a year did not go over well. "It's definitely tough," said Seiferth, a 6'10" sophomore originally from Berlin, Germany. "You want to play and get on the court with the

guys, but at the same time it's a good way to get better and work on your skills." Seiferth played his freshman year at the University of Oregon but was not happy with the amount of playing time he was receiving. His assistant coach at Oregon knew Craig Ehlo, an EWU assistant coach and 14-year NBA veteran, and helped facilitate the transfer. Seiferth will have three more years with which to play basketball at Eastern starting next season. For Justin Crosgile, a New Jersey native who models his game after other short point guards, like Chris Paul and Kyrie Irving, it took some time to warm up to the concept of sitting out a year before playing in a game. "I disagree with it," he said. "But then again, I came to like it because actually I got to get ahead in school and get adjusted to the system, kind of figure out



Crosgile



Seiferth

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in Brief



Mitchell

**Mitchell signs with Stampeders** —Former Eagles quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell signed a free agent contract with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League. Mitchell, who was the 2011 Walter Payton Award winner, will report to the Stampeders' training camp at the end of May. Mitchell will be joining several former Eagles in the the Canadian Football League. Former quarterback Matt Nichols and Buchanan Award winning linebacker J.C. Sherritt are members of the Edmonton Eskimos. Defensive End Greg Peach, who had played with the Eskimos from 2009-2011, signed a free agent contract with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Feb. 18. In addition to winning the Walter Payton award, Mitchell helped lead EWU to the Division I National Championship in 2011. In his final season with the Eagles, Mitchell led the Football Subdivision Championship in four categories including; passing yards with 4,009 and touchdown passes with 33. He also broke EWU's single season record for passing yards with 4,009.

**Hedberg earns Big Sky honors** — Freshman Moira Hedberg, who played 18 of her 19 matches at No.1 singles, was selected for the All-Big Sky Second Team in women's tennis. Hedberg, who had also earned Big Sky Player of the Week March 20, had an overall record of 9-10 in singles competition and 4-14 in doubles.

**Three Eagles selected for men's tennis All-Big Sky Conference** — Despite finishing third in the conference with a record of 12-9 and not claiming the Big Sky Conference tournament championship, The EWU men's tennis team were given postseason honors from the conference. Sophomores Ilija Ćuić and Mario Navarro and senior Chad Henninger earned spots on the All-Big Sky Conference teams. Ćuić, who had a 10-9 record in singles competition and 8-8 in doubles, was selected for the All-Big Sky First team. Henninger and Navarro were chosen for the All-Big Sky Honorable Mentions squad. Navarro was 10-10 in singles and 11-7 in doubles. Henninger, who was also selected as the EWU Scholar Athlete for the month of April, was 13-6 in singles



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Running back Jordan Talley had six carries for 29 yards at the red vs. white game. The white team had a total of 26 carries for 60 rushing yards and one touchdown.

Defense holds off offense in red vs. white game

Fans get preview of 2012 football team

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On one of the craziest days in sports, with the NFL draft wrapping up, NBA playoffs tipping off and MLB season in full swing, the Eagles held their annual red vs. white game. Apart from the action on the field, former Eagle safety Matt Johnson, who earlier was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys, was at the game talking with fans and media.

This year, the team had a different system to score the game and generate a competitive atmosphere. Instead of two separate teams starting at 0-0, Coach Beau Baldwin arranged for the defense to get a 19-0 head start on the offense. The defense was awarded three points for every forced turnover, two points for every forced three-and-out and one point if the offense moved less than 20 yards. The offense was scored in typical fashion: six points for touchdowns, one for extra points and three for field goals. Also the game was not timed at all, instead the coaches scripted a certain amount

of plays to be run. For a while it seemed like the defense did not even need a head start as the offense struggled with a quick fumble and a couple of three-and-outs putting the score at 26-0 in favor of the defense. It was not until the fourth possession when the offense was finally able to put up points. Quarterback Anthony Vitto dropped off a short pass to running back Mario Brown, who spun out of a few tackles en route to a 27-yard touchdown. In the second half the offense got going, making three straight touchdowns and finishing

27-33 losing to the defense. "You got to be happy how we started as a defense," defensive back Jeff Minnerly said, "but also how the offense responded. They battled and did some good things at the end. Maybe if the scrimmage goes longer who knows what would've happened." "It was real choppy, especially offensively," said Baldwin. "But sometimes the good thing about that is the defense is helping create some of that chopiness. In the second half we started moving the ball. Even when we were backed up we went 92 yards on the first

possession. We needed to find a way to develop a rhythm a little bit earlier." The trio of 1,000 yard receivers, Brandon Kaufman, Greg Herd and Nicholas Edwards, sat out, which undoubtedly put the offense at a disadvantage. Backup receiver Ashton Clark picked up the slack and finished the day with five catches for 77 yards, including a 41-yard touchdown reception. "It was a rough start," Clark said. "Once we got a few plays going for us and we got into the redzone, we could smell that endzone and we got going a little bit."

Soccer's past and present come together for scrimmage

Former teammates reunite on soccer field

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In a gathering of EWU alumni and current women's soccer players, the "odd" team wearing orange jerseys prevailed beating the "even" team in blue T-shirts 4-2. Of course there was nothing odd at all about the odd team. It was simply the team with alumni who graduated in the odd numbered years. The same principle applied for the even team. The even team jumped out to a quick two-point lead, but team odd stuck around with a goal before the half to cut the lead. After halftime, team odd poured in three goals to win the scrimmage. "I think they all have a really good time," Goalkeeper Coach Tamara Hageage said. "We have an alumni cup. The team that wins, they get the bragging rights and their names on the cup. At the end we have a bunch of pizza in our team room and we just kind of sit around and socialize and catch up on old times." 2005 defensive player of the year and player of the week for eight consecutive weeks goalie Tiera Irby was at the game but did not participate in the scrimmage.

"It's good to be back. I mean I wish I could play, but it's been fun coming back the last couple of years and watching," Irby said. "I've stayed in contact with coach [Hageage] a lot and I'm finishing up my master's here so I'm keeping my eye on the team also." Irby is thrilled as she is expecting a baby boy due in August. Of course he is a future soccer player according to Irby, "unless you talk to his dad: future football player." Teammate of Irby's and former all-conference player Jennifer Kinnigie was also at the game. She misses all the traveling she did back when she was on the team. "You get to bond with all the players and get to see different places," Kinnigie said. "The most traveling I've done was with the team." Junior Siara Byers is happy to be healthy again after missing the game last year and is ready for next season. "It kind of shows where we're at, but it was mostly for fun and for the alumni," Byers said. Last year's Lisa Dimak was back out on the field with her former teammates. "It's a little rough, I miss playing soccer a lot," Dimak said. "I haven't touched a ball since last summer. So getting back into it, I was the goal keeper and it was kind of rough. Your body really feels it afterwards. But I was glad to be out there with the girls, my teammates."



Photo by Mikayla Napier

The teams for the scrimmage were comprised of current EWU soccer players and alumni.

Eastern volleyball utilizes court time to get ready for the season

Team focuses on roles and tactics

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The echo of volleyballs hitting the gym floor in the Upper Gym Room 265 is just one sign that the EWU women's volleyball is getting ready for the 2012 fall season.

As a part of the Orland Killin fundraiser weekend, the EWU women's volleyball team faced each other in a four-set scrimmage April 28. Coming off of the 2011 season where they held a Big Sky Conference record



Morrow

of 9-7 and earned a spot in the postseason Big Sky Conference volleyball tournament, the team returned to practice after winter break. Prior to the scrimmage, the team had competed in tournaments at Idaho and Washington State. Several players returned to the team including team captain and All-Big Sky first team selection Cora Kellerman, All-Big Sky second

team selection Shelby Puckett, middle blocker Talia Fermantez and defensive specialist Celeste Crosby, who had been sidelined for a year and a half because of a knee injury. For Kellerman, it has been a good experience to get back on the court and work with her teammates. "We're working on getting the kinks out and working into a rhythm so that when fall comes we're

in stride and ready to go," Kellerman said. One emphasis the team has going into the fall season is working on offense, getting as much playing time on the court and helping newer players adjust to their roles on the court. Morrow, a freshman who redshirted in 2011, will be joining Fermantez as middle blocker.