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ASEWU election results

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Breaking news:

The ASEWU constitutional amendment, allowing three days of voting rather than one, passed by 60.7 percent or 675 votes.

Upcoming:

If you're interested in graduate school but are uncertain about funding, come to PUB 261 for **Financial Aid: Life After College and Planning for Graduate School** at 12 p.m. on May 10. Free pizza will be served.

Sen. Michael Baumgartner will visit EWU on May 10 from 5-7 p.m. in Tawanka 215. He'll report on his recently completed legislative session and discuss higher education as well.

The **2012 Creating Business Professionals at EWU Etiquette Luncheon** is May 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Tawanka 215 and will cost \$7. Register at: <http://bit.ly/IJjfaZ>.

Whether you think you have what it takes to be EWU's next top model or whether you just need a professional photo, the Office of Admissions has a deal for you. A **free photo shoot** will be in the Cheney 108 photo studio on May 14 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m.

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.

Books 2 Eat, an Edible Book Festival, is scheduled for May 30 from 1-4 p.m. If you want to participate, visit <http://bit.ly/IJU05J>.

In brief:

Are you a junior who has held a position on a team or in a club while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above? If so, apply to be featured on the **Eagles Who Read to Lead** poster. The new tentative deadline is May 11. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/lttdZ7>.

Extra fees deter graduates

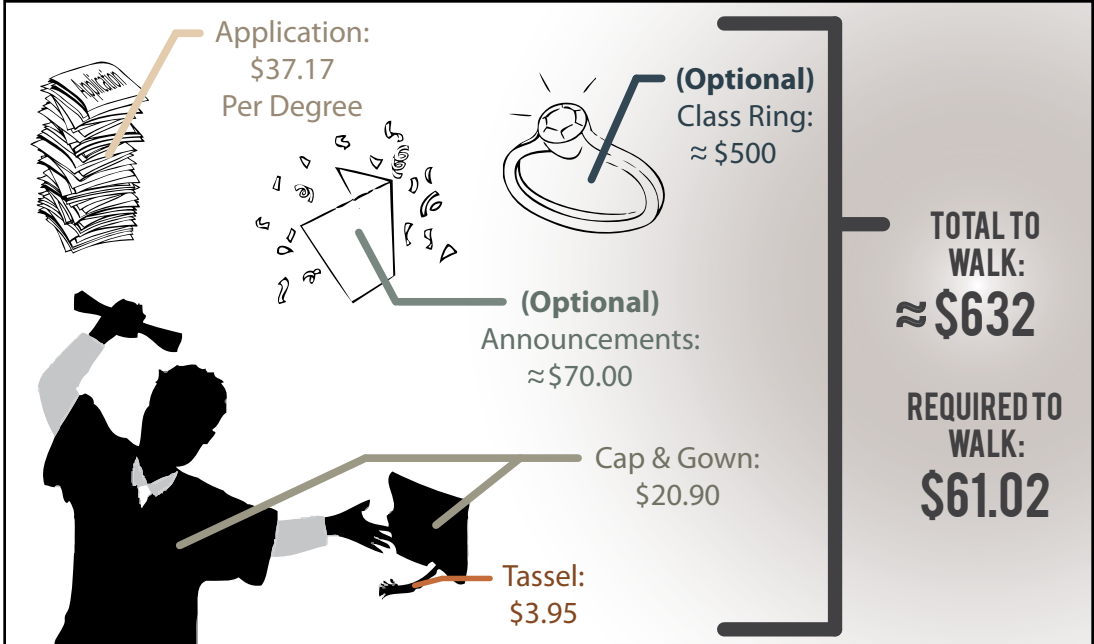
Some students feel nickel and dimed to death

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After four to five years of tuition, expensive, no one can argue that. Graduation though, is the cherry on top of the college expense sundae. Danny Snow drives 120 miles round trip, four days a week, from northern Idaho to attend Eastern. The anthropology and fine arts double major is finding it difficult to balance all her expenses with the addition of graduation costs.

From class rings, announcements, cap and gown, tassel and even the diploma frame, these costs can add up quickly.

Robin Milligan knows first hand the costs of graduation and the effect it can have on one's bank account. Milligan graduated last year without walking. Paying the last two quarters of her col-



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At a minimum, walking at the graduation ceremony requires \$61.02 in fees and purchases.

lege tuition out of pocket, she said she was strapped for cash and could not attend commencement. Milligan also said that she was six months pregnant at the time.

"It was the costs mainly. I didn't have any money. I had paid out of pocket for the previous two quarters and

I didn't have anything left," Milligan said.

Milligan said that her husband is also graduating this year, but cannot afford to walk because of the costs.

When discussing with friends that she would be unable to graduate, Snow's friends decided to chip in together to help pay for Snow's

graduation costs. Snow said that this is a problem facing more Eastern students than it appears.

"I think a lot of people who can't afford graduating don't really want to talk about it. It's just a little embarrassing," Snow said.

Cap and gown together are \$21.40 and tassels are

\$3.95. The application for graduation is \$37.17 per degree — Milligan had triple majored in humanities, art history and studio art. This totaled the costs for her graduation application at \$111.51. Milligan said that the charge for each degree became expensive.

"I feel like there's already so many fees tacked on already, at least the costs of the cap and gown [should be included]," Milligan said.

Snow believes that the cap and gown should be included in student's tuition. Snow obtained her associate degree at North Idaho College. She said that the cap and gown costs were included in the tuition.

"I worked for years to get the degree. I figured that it would be nice to walk, but I couldn't afford the extra costs on top of it," Milligan said.

Milligan said that she attempted to waive some of the costs by speaking to someone about the issue, but said it was difficult to speak to any-

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BLOOMSDAY CORPORATE CUP WINNERS: EWU-RED

On May 6, team EWU-Red won the Bloomsday Corporate Cup for the 16th consecutive year with a score of 2,882. For more information about the many other teams from Eastern Washington University, see the rail in the sports section on page 12.

Photos by Amy Meyer



Carl Combs
1000 points
40:30



Jeff Corkill
1000 points
51:14



David Millet
882 points
45:54



Jeffrey Rahn
859 points
51:25



Grant Smith
857 points
62:17

High hopes for track championships

By Kyle Franko and Demetrius Dennis
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Spring in Montana can be either beautiful or bitter cold from the bite of an unforgiving wind. The team that claims a championship will forever remember it as glamorous.

The EWU men's and women's track and field teams travel to Bozeman, Mont., for the Big Sky Championships May 11-12.

Following a third place

finish in the 2012 indoor championships, the men will look to repeat or surpass their success. There is stiff competition from the reigning indoor champion and preseason favorite, Northern Arizona, as well as the host team, Montana State.

After an entire regular season of meets, preseason predictions fade into distant memories and head men's track coach Stan Kerr believes his team is ready for championship competition.

"We're competitive. Third would be terrific, but of



course, second or to win it all is our ultimate goal," said Kerr. "That's really the focus of our recruiting. ... We want to win a Big Sky Championship. We're trying always to position ourselves to be able to do that."

The men's team is bolstered by a depth of talent across a variety of event areas, something the Lady

Eagles' have been lacking in 2012.

"Our presence will be felt because of some of the top notch individuals that we have," said head women's track coach Marcia Mecklenburg. "But in the team race, I don't think we'll really [be] in the hunt."

EWU Women

Leading the way for Eastern is All-American Keisa Monterola. Eastern's record-holder in the pole vault will enter the conference championships as the odds-on fa-

vorite, but spring weather in Montana can be unpredictable.

"It could start out beautiful, and then by the time Keisa [Monterola] has to jump, it could be snowing and blowing," said Mecklenburg, who was an assistant coach at Montana State for five years. "It's never a sure shot you're going to win that event. They have to go in there with the mindset everybody else has, 'I have to get over the bar and get some marks.'"

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Photo by Desiree Hood
Fire knife dancing was part of the evening's entertainment.

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Hawaiian flowers, hula dancers, the ukulele, Maori Haka and fire dancers graced the PUB MPR May 5, to entertain students, faculty and family members after they partook in traditional Hawaiian food for the Eastern Washington University 11th Annual Luau.

The theme this year was "Ho'oulu ana I ka Nohona

Hawai'i," meaning "Living the Hawaiian style." The Hui 'O Hawai'i club, Eagle Entertainment, Dining Services and the ASEWU hosted the luau to show the Eastern community the Hawaiian spirit and culture. The luau is a traditional Hawaiian gathering that usually involves a feast and entertainment.

"It's a chance for us to spread our Hawaiian culture to everyone and tell people we are here and we would love to show what we can do.

It's a fun cultural event." Marissa Pamatigan, president of the Hawaiian club and a junior, said. "We are a family away from home. It is such a great bond that we have with everyone."

Throughout the traditional meal featuring kalua pig, shoyu chicken and lomi salmon, the guests were entertained by the band Loco Maika'i performing classical Hawaiian music.

After filling their stomachs with the feast, the guests

could take free pictures in front of the palm tree beach scene, complete with grass skirts and a coconut bra.

"I was in Hawaii for about six months and I feel like I am back there," Jeanette Larocca, the mother of a performer, said after taking her picture. "It was just fun. ... I put on the coconut boobs and put on the hat and the hula skirt. I did everything but the hula. It was wonderful."

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Ground was broken recently for the construction of a new residence hall, destroying parking lot P-14, on the corner of Cedar and Coeur D'Alene streets, and requiring students to park at P-13 behind Morrison.

Move your cars, dorm coming through

Planning began in 2009 with completion set for 2013

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The construction of a project three years in the making is finally underway as crews began cutting down trees and ripping up asphalt last month. What was once a parking lot next to the URC will be the future home of a residence hall, the newest one at Eastern since the completion of Brewster Hall a decade ago.

The planning first began in 2009 and plans were pro-

posed to the board of trustees in October 2010. They were approved that December, according to Troy Bester, senior project manager of Construction and Planning. The expected completion date is fall 2013.

The removal of the parking lot has caused concerns about parking for students who will live in the new residence hall.

“We’ve worked with parking services. There’s enough parking between the different [residence hall] lots to accommodate the addition of

the new hall,” said Josh Ashcroft, chief housing officer of Housing and Residential Life. “The proximity of where people will have to park is a little bit different.”

Students who previously parked in the area now under construction have been using the lot located above Morrison. Ashcroft said there are plenty of open spaces there and around campus.

“Over across from Dressler, there’s [a residence hall] parking lot that’s behind the visitors’ grandstand. Again, lots of parking

there as well. So we believe that there is enough parking on campus. The problem students will find is that it’s not as close as they’re used to,” he said.

Ashcroft does not believe students should dwell on the short-term annoyances that come with construction, but focus instead on what is being accomplished.

“There is going to be some short-term impact with the noise of construction. There’s going to be impact on parking as far as where they’re used to parking. They’re going to have to walk a little bit more than what they’re used to,” Ashcroft said. “But

I think the end result will be a facility students will love to be a part of, both current and future EWU students.”

The residence hall will house 354 students in double and triple rooms, according to Ashcroft. The first floor will have a common area and serve as the new home of the Housing and Residential Life office, “making it a hub for resident students, prospective students and parents with the residential district,” Bester wrote in an email.

The new residence hall will offer amenities not found anywhere else on campus. “On the first floor,

we will have what we call a ‘great room.’ So you can imagine a nice hotel lobby with a gas fireplace and comfy seating for students to read a book or work on their iPads or laptops,” Ashcroft said. Students will also have the option to relax on the first floor’s covered porch.

Floors two through five will consist of double and triple rooms with plenty of communal social areas.

“On every floor, there’s a couple unique things that will be nice for students,” Ashcroft said. “One is that on the end of every wing,

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Symposium to display students' creative works

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For months, students from all areas of study have been preparing various projects that represent their research and creative work. On May 15-16, they will finally be able to show off their accomplishments.

The 15th annual Student Research & Creative Works Symposium will take place next week. Students will present their projects to the general public, faculty members and fellow students.

“It’s an arena for students to show what they’ve been working on, basically. To show the public and other students what’s going on in their programs and also personally what research topics or creative works topics they take on,” said Jill Herrera, a senior technical communications major who will have a poster on display.

Some students will give presentations to an audience while others will just display posters and answer questions.

Krystal Alexander, a junior majoring in film, is collaborating with a composer to create a score for a short film she wrote, directed and edited. She will be presenting the film at the symposium.

“The total project took three to four weeks, including writing and editing. ... You get used to the late nights and being up until 4 a.m.,” Alexander said.

The actors in Alexander’s short film are fellow students from the film department. The film centers around two gang members who must undergo a final task to complete their initiation.

“They find out they must steal the [gang] leader’s mother’s car. Only one of them will make it, so they

have to compete against each other to steal the car,” Alexander said. She did not give away the ending of the film, but is excited to hear the public’s reaction.

“I wanted to know what the public thought of work from the film department. ... A lot of people are unaware of the film department, so I wanted show my work and show that we’re here. ... I’m all about getting feedback. I’ll know what to fix in future films and be able to keep moving forward,” she said.

Aside from late nights and long hours, Alexander has found collaborating on a musical score with a student composer from the music department to be challenging at times.

“When you work with a composer, it’s like they speak a different language,” she said. “I speak in more of a narrative-based, story

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Business time for students at nYne

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An Edward Jones financial adviser opened the doors to the world of business and finance for Eastern students on May 3, portraying the perspective of Eastern alumni in the real world.

The Eastern alumni board hosted an event sponsored by STCU that gave students a chance to learn about finance at the nYne Bar & Bistro located on Sprague Avenue in Spokane.

Drew Peneton, an Eastern alumnus, gave a presentation on finance, bonds and the stock market to a group of 30 Eastern students. He currently works as a financial adviser for Edward

Jones in Phoenix.

“What came to mind is younger folks don’t really have the access to or the knowledge for how they should start investing [and] saving for retirement,” Peneton said. “I was invited as a financial adviser for Edward Jones and an [alumnus] at Eastern to come up here and talk with young professionals about really what it means to invest, the basics of ... how to get started [and to] develop a good plan to make yourself successful.”

Lisa Poplawski, the director of alumni advancement, said that the alumni board started planning the event about two months ago.

Poplawski said that the EWU Young Professionals Network event on May

3 was the second event that the alumni planned for EWU students.

According to Poplawski, Peneton’s presentation contained what it means to be financially stable.

“It’s a finance [and] investment 101,” Poplawski said. “It’s really giving everyone the basics of how to start investing and we really wanted it done in layman’s terms.”

“We generally ... spend more than we invest,” Poplawski said. “So this is ... to help [students] understand those basics.”

According to Poplawski, the first event of the EWU Young Professionals Network was about marketing

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'After hours' event instructs students on dinner behavior

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There are a lot of first generation college students as well as students without business backgrounds at Eastern. The Etiquette Luncheon and Business After Hours are opportunities for students to conduct themselves in a networking setting.

According to Kendra Selle, “Students can learn something about the real

business world. And these are all great values students cannot learn from their textbooks.”

The Etiquette Luncheon will start at 11 a.m. on May 11. It is an event hosted by Career Services, business fraternities and accounting fraternities. At the Etiquette Luncheon, students will learn business dinner skills. During the event, business professionals will sit with students and teach them etiquette when eating with other professionals.

The Business After Hours will start at 4:30 p.m. on May 31. It is an event hosted by Career Services and the Health and Wellness office at EWU. At the Business After Hours, students will learn how to be professional in situations where alcohol is present.

These events are open for all students at EWU. In addition, these events provide a lot of opportunities for students like finding or obtaining internships or jobs from participating businesses.

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ball, Forte and Talley said they have both worked on pass blocking and route running. In 2011, Forte made 20 receptions for 215 yards and Talley made 27 receptions for 180 yards. McDonald said the duo is very skilled at receiving.

“They are very special when it comes to that,” McDonald said. “They both have very soft hands.”

McDonald elaborated on how each back’s skill set worked in their favor when catching the ball out of the backfield.

“Quincy is lightning quick, so he can get on somebody’s toes very fast and snap him off and get into a route and get open,” McDonald said. “With Talley, he’s able to finesse his way and ... use his body and use his strength to get

open.”

In order to build on the success they enjoyed in 2011, Talley and Forte said they need to work on some of the mechanics of their game.

“We’re trying to expand our game in every way possible. ... Going back over film, we’ve definitely noticed some flaws in both of our games,” Talley said. “Coach McDonald has really made it an issue to address all those flaws that we have.”

According to Talley, football, defense reading and becoming more aware of his surroundings are some of the things he needs to work on. Forte also said he has noticed flaws in his game and that he needs to play with a lower pad level.

According to McDonald, the backfield is yet to be determined, but if one player rises above the rest, that running back will get the majority of the work. In today’s

game, however, McDonald acknowledged that there needs to be more than one running back, so both freshmen will get plenty of playing time.

“There’s going to be certain situations where somebody else’s skill-set is going to be better fit for that certain type of play,” McDonald said.

Regardless of the way next season’s depth chart pans out, both players are excited for fall to come around. They want the opportunity to help their team meet the ultimate goal, to win a national championship.

“You have to have several goals to get there,” Talley said. “Win the preseason games, go undefeated in the Big Sky, win the Big Sky and then get that national championship.”

“We have to get there again,” Forte said. “It feels like it’s right there.”

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yourself internally once you get a job and how to get yourself in the door.

“Right now, people are sending résumés and never getting a call, so it’s kind of a two-part [event],” Poplawski said. “There was someone to talk about how to get the call ... and the other speaker spoke about how to get a promotion once you are in a job.”

Hayden Indahl, the

ASEWU Athletic Affairs and University Advancement representative, helped the alumni board with the alumni nomination awards and will be a member of the alumni board starting in the fall.

According to Indahl, the important information that he learned from the lecture on business and investing was about stocks and about saving for a 401(k) account.

“I think it’s good for a group on campus to ... keep alumni involved,” Indahl said. “It’s giving them the

educational aspect to help further their careers and also giving them opportunity to develop some skills outside of the classroom. Even if they have a job, they can ... keep developing those skills at these events.”

“I think the most important thing that [students] can walk away with is that it takes a plan,” Peneton said. “It takes discipline to execute that plan if [students] really want to achieve the goals that [they] have in mind.”

Clinic:

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therapy, speech therapy. It’s very easy to call providers up and learn that there’s a wait list to get these sorts of services.”

Funding for the clinic has not been established. The ideas of opening the clinic to all community members, utilizing their insurance sources and having a flat rate fee are items still on the table of discussion, according to Baker.

Additional configurations include how to start a business as part of the university and what the space will be used for.

“One of the biggest needs is space, but it seems there should be some options on the Riverpoint campus. It is a matter of every program having access to what it needs and to making sure the mission of the university is kept at the heart of any program development,” Baker said.

If approved, the clinic will hope to improve the Riverpoint campus by increasing student learning opportuni-

ties, allow Eastern to serve the community and create research opportunities for students and faculty.

The clinic would also allow for real client interactions for students, hands-on learning experiences and more.

“This is important for EWU and Riverpoint students as it allows us to recognize the similarities and differences of each profession that we will work with in interdisciplinary teams once we graduate,” Baker said.

Because Eastern operates a collaborative dental hygiene clinic and speech and hearing clinic at Riverpoint, the working of the multidisciplinary clinic will also be in collaboration with WSU Spokane.

Baker’s vision of the clinic involves the rehabilitation sciences, such as occupational physical therapy, exercise science and health care administration—all of which are essential in addressing the cost of health care and need for prevention, according to Baker.

“A clinic on the River-

point campus could provide a needed service to the community and real world learning experiences for students,” said Baker. “It is also something the greater Spokane professional community has expressed an interest in.”

Faculty and community professionals would serve as mentors to students at the clinic from a variety of professional programs participating in service delivery.

“A multidisciplinary clinic is important in a number of different ways. First, it would give us an opportunity to provide real time, real-world instructions to our students, which is something that they have told us they highly value. Second, it would enable faculty to immigrate real-world learning into the curriculum,” Mann said.

According to Baker, the clinic will also represent all four goals of the five-year strategic planning of the university. The four goals consist of student success, community engagement, visibility and institution of innovation.

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“I wasn’t given any information about graduating until it was pretty much the deadline to graduate, and this year with my husband graduating, he didn’t get any information on it. They don’t tell you there’s any costs ... and then all of a sudden when you go to do it, there’s this fee and this fee. It’s dumped on you at the last minute,”

Milligan said.

Milligan said if she would have known in advance about the all the detailed graduation costs, she would have been able to prepare, but given she was paying out-of-pocket for her school at the time, it became “insurmountable.”

“It’s bad enough that they charge you for your diploma. It costs me \$35 for each one of the diplomas after I had already paid for school the whole time,” Milligan said.

John Wilson, an employee of the Riverpoint bookstore, said that he had never seen a student who could not afford the costs and cited that Eastern’s caps and gowns are cheaper than Washington State University.

“Frankly, I’ve never had a student come in and tell me they couldn’t afford it. Whether the ones that didn’t come because they couldn’t afford it, I couldn’t say. ... We don’t feel too bad about our pricing,” Wilson said.

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structure, and the composer is more about rhythm and tempo,” Alexander said.

Hererra and fellow technical communications major Andrew D’ewart have both been working on posters that depict service learning projects they completed as aspects of their major.

“I’m showcasing my experience with my internship at RiteCare Spokane,” D’ewart said. “They’re a non-profit speech therapy organization that offer speech therapy to kids two to seven [years of age] for free.”

To reflect the children-oriented organization, D’ewart designed his poster like a board game.

“I used the color theme

of RiteCare, and they’re obviously kid-focused, so I wanted it to still be serious, but I wanted to embrace that idea,” D’ewart said.

Hererra’s poster focused on a project she completed for her proposal writing class. “I partnered with a local non-profit organization called Great Shape, Inc.,” she said. “I wrote a grant for them to the Bob Marley Foundation for \$12,000 to get books sent to Jamaica.” She is still waiting to hear whether the grant was successful.

“I started working on this in January and I’m actually still working on it because the non-profit I partnered with, I ended up interning with. The grant requirements were different from what my teacher wanted, so I had to take the grant I

wrote and personally review it and redo it completely. It’s an ongoing process for me,” she said.

The symposium is open to the public and EWU faculty and students. Hererra said she believes it is worth checking out.

“I think that it’s a really great way to learn. If students are maybe unsure of what they want to major in, I think it’s a really good place to go to check out what different programs are doing,” she said.

D’ewart had a similar opinion. “I think it’s kind of cool to be able to see what other students are doing,” he said. “For new students like freshmen and sophomores, they can come and see the potential of what they could possibly do in the future and how they could apply their major.”

Redshirt:

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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 how things go, how they want us to play and what it’s going to be like.”

“I think I benefited a lot from it.”

Both players said the redshirting process was relatively easy once they were released from their respective schools. After that, Don Ross and the rest of Eastern’s compliance office expedited the transfers and got the paperwork in order.

A common misconception of redshirting is confusing it for a medical redshirt, which does not actually exist. “There’s no such thing as a medical redshirt,” said Ross. “It’s a medical hardship.”

For a player to be eligible for a medical hardship waiver, he or she must have appeared in fewer than 30 percent of their team’s competitions with none coming after the midway point of the season and also suffer a season-ending injury. This waiver allows the athlete to regain the year of eligibility lost due to the injury.

Kyle Padron, the Southern Methodist University quarterback hoping to transfer to Eastern and play football, recently had his medical hardship waiver approved. “The Big Sky Conference approved [and] granted my medical redshirt for this past season. So blessed and thankful. Pumped to be an Eagle,” he tweeted April 25.

For Padron, he participated in just three of the Mustang’s 13 games last year before suffering a season-ending weightlifting injury and was thus eligible for the

Dempsey:

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days ago it came up. I just pitched a game and struck out 10. I guess I just pitched a really good game.”

This is Dempsey’s first and maybe last season with Eagles.

“I don’t know if I’ll be able to play next year,” Dempsey said. “I’m not eligible anymore because I played at the college level before. It really sucks.”

The Eagles record currently stands at 6-3, but with Montana State, who is

out of playoff contention, forfeiting this weekend, the Eagles record will increase to 9-3, putting them in good position for a playoff spot.

“We got to see what happens this weekend,” Dempsey said. “Our chances look good, but certain events have to happen [in order to get in the playoffs].”

Playoffs or not, Dempsey has taken a lot from his experience with the club.

“I’ve made a lot of friends on the club team,” Dempsey said. “I didn’t know anyone transferring here, except for a couple of buddies of mine, but I definitely made

friends and met a lot of new people.”

According to Ulrich, Dempsey always finds ways to lighten up the mood and make the guys laugh.

“He’s big into ‘Super Smash Bros.’ for the Nintendo 64,” Ulrich said. “So he’s always quoting ‘Super Smash Bros.’ or making impressions of the characters.”

Dempsey is far from finished with baseball. After completing his health and fitness major, he plans on becoming a physical education teacher and a baseball coach at the high school level.

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there’s all windows. There will be tons of natural light coming in for students to enjoy. Each floor will have a game room, so [they will have] pool, ping-pong, or stuff set up for video games,” he said.

According to Ashcroft, each floor will have a full-sized kitchen complete with a refrigerator and a kitchen bar with bar stools. Students will be able to prepare food and serve their friends. Additional tables in the kitchen will be able to accommodate up to 20 people, so students can maintain a sense of community, something Ashcroft

hopes to accomplish with the new residence hall.

“One of the main goals of the new hall was to create some really nice spaces for students to interact outside of their student room: a place to build community, a place to engage in study groups and learning outside of the classroom,” Ashcroft said.

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EDITORIAL

Graduation fees keep us paying

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As students, we're forced to pay for a lot of things.

Beginning with tuition, we pay a few thousand dollars every quarter just to attend and many thousands more as commencement draws near. Most of us leave school with five-figure debts, wondering how we'll pay it back after the grace period ends.

Four years later and we've paid for hundreds, if not thousands, of breakfasts, lunches and dinners. We bought everything the PUB market had to offer. We splurged on school supplies from the bookstore and we even paid for parking. The last thing we want to do is pay for anything ever again.

However, we learned a lot in four years. It took a miracle to get to this point: all-nighters, cram-a-thons, caffeine and group projects. We leave the campus ready to fulfill our destinies, whatever they may be. But before we leave, we have to pay for one more thing.

Our own graduation.

After four long years, one would think that all the money we spent would afford us one thing: a graduation free from hidden fees and fine print figures. But if you're a senior, then you already know about the cost to apply for graduation.

There's more, however.

First off, the fee for the undergraduate graduation application is \$37.17. And, according to Eastern's graduation webpage, "if you do not graduate the quarter you applied for, a reapplication fee of \$20.68 will be charged." If you're late, there's a fee for that: \$137.

Then there's the master's diploma fee, \$37.05. If you've lost your diploma, the replacement fee is \$22.29. Each additional diploma is another \$22.29.

According to Eastern's website, "undergraduates need a cap, gown and black tassel."

The EWU Bookstore offers these items for purchase. Gowns are \$14.45, caps are \$6.45, honor cords are \$8.50 and the graduation tassel \$3.95.

For graduates, the master hood is \$22.45 and the master gown is \$18.45.

A stole of gratitude can be yours for another \$14.95.

Is a free, or even an inexpensive, graduation too much to ask for? After years of fees and rising tuition, we should be handed our graduation for next to nothing, because, after all, we paid for it.

With so many fees seemingly coming out of the walls, it's difficult to see how many are hidden. We do know, however, that after all is said and done, graduation is a business, and business is booming these days.

Through the Eagle's Eye

"How do you feel about the cost of graduation?"



"Graduation should be something that everyone gets the offer to do, to walk it with cap and gown. It's something that they shouldn't have to pay for too much."

Shelby Pelon



"I feel like that since they're graduating and paid tuition with all these other costs, it would be nice to offer stuff cheaper. We've already paid so much for four or five years."

Justin Filla



"What I know is that when the students came and talked about it, they said that we only pay \$37 for a graduation fee. ... I have to pay twice because I'm a double major."

Alyaa Malibari



"I hate it. I can't afford it as it is. That's one of the reasons why I'm [running in the election]. I got fed up with it and I have to do something about it."

Corey Metzner



"Like any student, I'm on student loans and the cost of graduation really is high and should go down. I feel like students have worked really hard the last three years to graduate and to have to pay all these fees is really unfair."

Marina Chibidakis

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Green Dot Spot

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At Voices against Violence we asked students what their obstacles to doing green dots were. Here are some of the obstacles people identified:

If someone says they do not want to be protected; you feel like it's none of your business; feeling like a [sexual killjoy]; lack of awareness; letting her make her own decision and not butt in on letting her choose for herself; Other friends would pressure me to drink, even if I decided to be the designated friend who looks out for my girl. They wouldn't take it seriously and make fun; I have never been in a place where I see this kind of thing.

Obstacles to taking action are a legitimate thing. No one wants a bad reputation. All of us want our friends to respect us. Green dot asks us to take action despite our obstacles. Here are some ideas about overcoming the obstacles mentioned above.

Let's say you ask and the person says they don't need help. If they don't

want it, you have done your job. However, if they are too intoxicated to stand on their own, you might do something on their behalf, just like you would take the keys away from a friend who wanted to drive drunk. You know their judgment is off so you do something.

If you are worried your friends won't be serious when you offer to be a designated watcher, is there a way you can do your green dot without them ever knowing? Maybe you could look out without telling people you're looking out for them. Maybe you can find one friend who will be on your side and help you. Together you make sure everyone gets home safely.

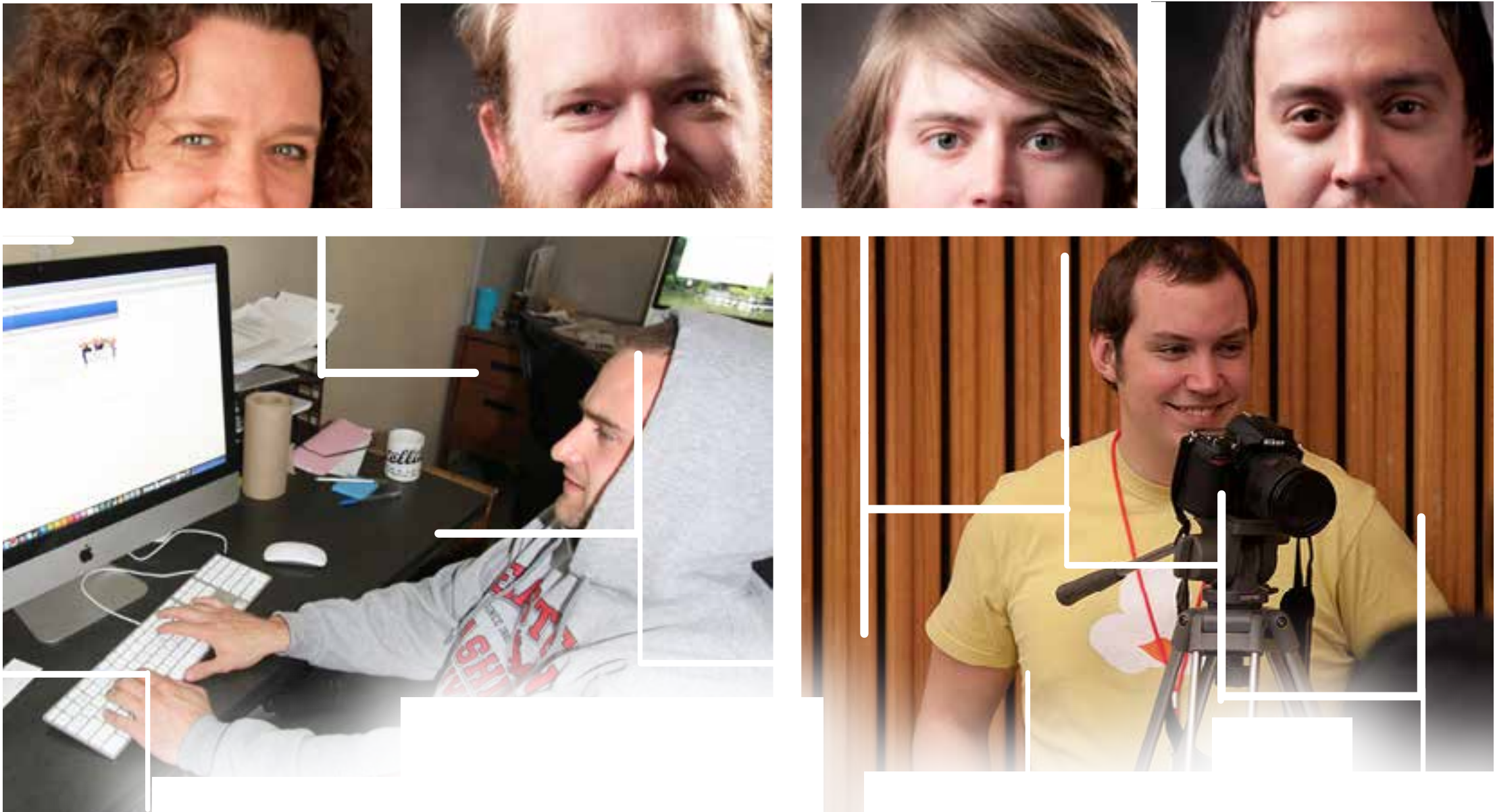
Maybe you don't go to high risk locations, but you could do proactive green dots. You could incorporate information about high risk activities into classroom discussions or presentations. That way you do proactive green dots. You still help reset the cultural norm.

If you have obstacles, the advocate would like to hear about them and work with you to overcome them. Call 509-359-6429.



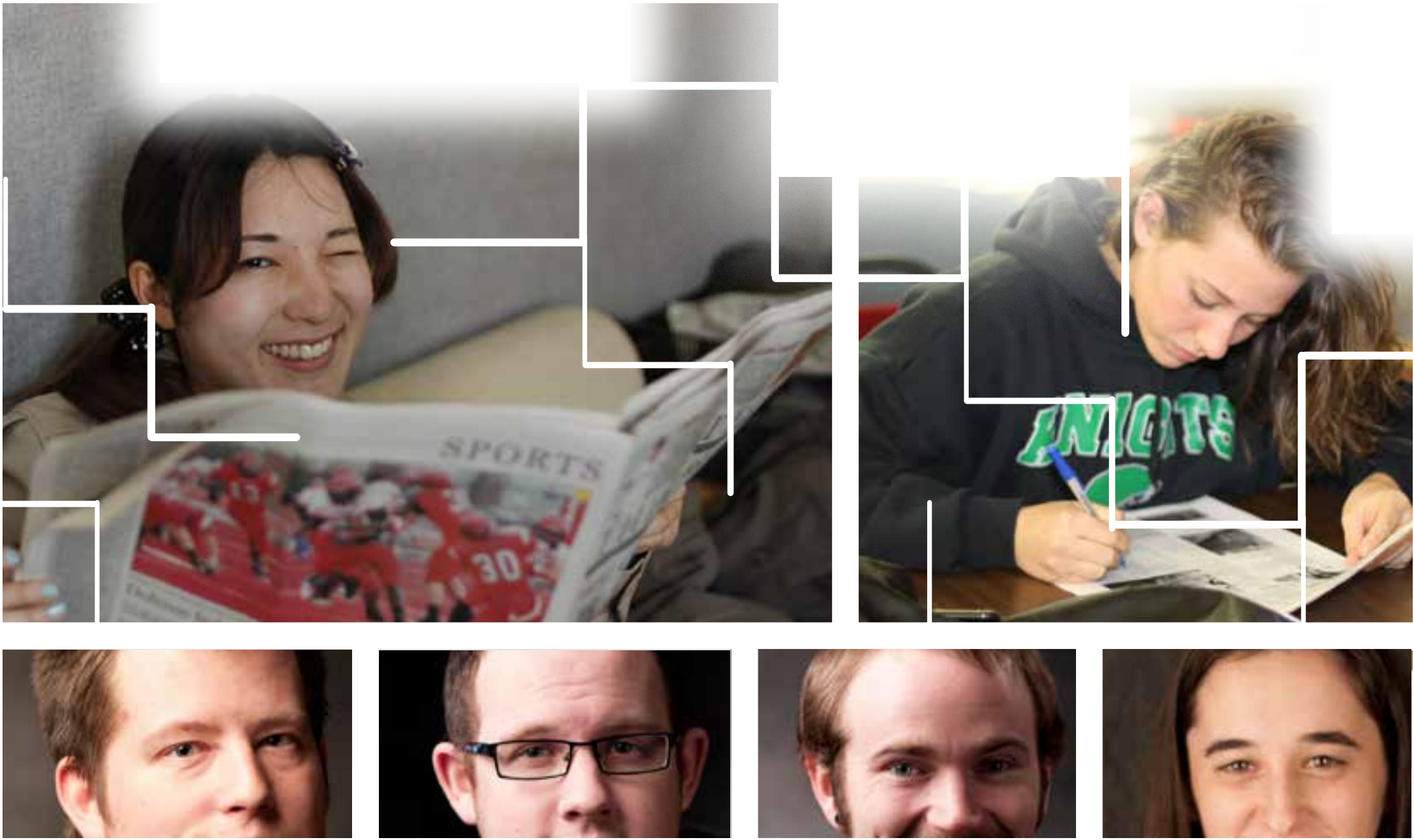
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From mortgages to macarons

How one Funky Junk Show convinced an EWU alumna to open her own bakery

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Judy Rozier has been through many changes, but her most recent is baffling. Rozier graduated from EWU with a Bachelor of Science in organizational and mass communications in 1987. She started out as a nursing major and ended up switching to organizational and mass communications, later finding herself owning a mortgage company for 18 years. She is now the co-owner, with her friend Sally Winfrey, of Sweet Frostings Blissful Bakeshop in Spokane. Winfrey and Rozier have been friends for 20 years. With Winfrey's 32-year background in baking and Rozier's business experience, they make a formidable team. "It's a very Felix and Oscar relationship we have," said Rozier, referring to the Neil Simon play, "The Odd Couple." Rozier describes herself as a "Type A personality," which is a more ambitious and driven personality whereas her cohort is much more relaxed. "I keep this place going in the right direction and she keeps me from ... being so 'type A' that I can't get anything done." In addition to Rozier and Winfrey, 11 people are employed at the bakery and are responsible for working in the front of the store, selling goods, or baking in the back. Everything in the shop is made from scratch and no shortening is used. According to Winfrey, they buy the finest ingredients and use real butter and cream in all of their recipes. Cupcakes are the key focus of the bakery, but cookies, breakfast pastries, homemade marshmallows, macarons, a small



Photo by Nicole Livingston

Cupcakes are just one of the many treats available at Sweet Frostings Blissful Bakeshop. Cookies, breakfast pastries, homemade marshmallows, macarons, gelato and coffee are also available.

meringue-based treat with a flavored filling, gelato and coffee are also available. If a cupcake is key lime flavored, they use actual key lime juice in the mixture. The same goes for any and all creations that have a natural element. Rozier and Winfrey believe in staying as true as they can to the natural flavors of their cupcakes. "If it's just a vanilla cupcake, let it be an awesome vanilla cupcake or if it's a spicy Mayan cupcake, let it be a great spicy Mayan cupcake. No matter how flavorful or flavor-packed, they just need to be the best they can be." For Winfrey, baking has always been a part of her life. Rozier, on the other hand, found her passion in a more roundabout way. "I retired out of mortgage before anything bad happened. I was just tired. Then I needed to go back to work," said Rozier. She said that she felt like God took her out of the mortgage business at the right time, but she needed to go back to work and was not sure what she wanted to do. "I didn't know what to do. I didn't know, going back into the workforce, what my passion was. Then one thing led to another and he [God] revealed it was baking."

The moment of clarity took place on what Rozier describes as a cold, beautiful day in April 2011 on her way to The Funky Junk Show in Spokane. People had called her and told her that the show had lost their dessert vendor and asked if she could fill in. "I was like, 'Lord, I won't ask you to sell these cupcakes, but what I'll ask you to do is to show me if I am headed in the right direction. That's all I want to know. So either make it big enough that these crazy eyes can see it, or let it be small, but help me understand it.'" They sold out. The next day, they baked more and sold out again. Rozier accepted this as her sign and everything fell into place for her to open Sweet Frostings. Though life has not always been certain for Rozier, her love for baking is definite. She offers some words of wisdom for those still in school and are unsure what to do. "I would just encourage anybody out there in school to finish. Just finish. You know, whether you use it or not, you can say you have it and employers look for that." Rozier said her favorite part of her job is "doing something well." She said that in other places it is primarily about production, but for her and the people at Sweet Frostings it is about something more. "Here, we get to work with amazing people and every day come up with something new and just work on it until it's amazing."

Sweet Frostings Blissful Bakeshop is located at 15 S. Washington St. in Spokane. They are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Professor promotes the importance of writing by doing away with tests

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As students make their way through the basement of Hargreaves Hall turning left, and left again, they arrive at office 19-A, the home of Dr. Todd Hechtman. The first thing that may strike students is how much Hechtman resembles actor Ty Burrell, who is best known for his role as Phil Dunphy on ABC's hit comedy "Modern Family." "I hope I don't act like him," said Hechtman, who did not seem to realize his resemblance to the TV dad who keeps America entertained. More often than not, people will find Hechtman on his computer, reading the news of the day or preparing for his next class. "I've always been kind of a news junkie. I love it." However, this love of reading and always being prepared did not click right off the bat. Growing up in Chicago as the son of a teacher and advertising salesman, Hechtman had no problem expressing himself. "I was the class clown, the kid who often goofed off in class. I wasn't afraid to say what I felt." That all changed in high school when Hechtman found his calling, or so he thought. That calling at the time was music. Hechtman fell in love with jazz and specifically the bass so much so, he decided to transfer to the Chicago Academy for The Arts. "It really taught me how to study and focus and I thought for a while I would pursue it and become a professional musician." After graduating in 1985, Hechtman continued his

I would much rather read over an essay where I can gauge your critical thinking and have you prove to me that you learned something.
Dr. Todd Hechtman

education at the University of Miami and walked into his first sociology class. "I think because it fit my schedule I signed up for it and it really changed my life. The material was speaking to me in ways I didn't expect." By his second year at the university, Hechtman would leave his bass behind and put all his energy into sociology. After a two-year stint in southern Florida, Hechtman transferred closer to home — Northwestern University — where he would go on to graduate with honors. At Northwestern, Hechtman took a class from Dr. Harold Becker, who became his academic idol. "[Becker] was so engaged

in what everybody was saying and really cared about people, and that was rare and really genuine," Hechtman said. Hechtman further developed his sociological mind by observing his peers at Northwestern University. "It was really interesting. I was a bit of a loner and watching how serious everybody was and the need to be first and the first one to get a seat in class. It was eye opening, but fascinating." Hechtman went to graduate school at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he went on to discover his love for teaching. "When I was in [graduate school] I taught a few classes and made up my mind that I wanted to teach rather than be a researcher." In 1999, Hechtman left the sunny beaches of California for the always changing weather of Spokane. "I really left for the job and after a while you get tired of the sunshine. Where I'm from we have seasons and in California it's always the same and I missed the clouds."

When Hechtman first arrived in the Spokane area he did not embrace the city right away. "I got picked up at the airport and came out to Cheney. Cheney had nothing. It felt like a ghost town. It wasn't a great first impression, but once I saw downtown I fell in love with it." Since arriving at Eastern, Hechtman has loved working with students and has learned just as much from them as students have learned from him. "I generally enjoy people. Students teach me and it's really rewarding." Sociology, he feels, is vitally important for all college students to have some exposure to. "We all could benefit from learning how we live in these social groups." The one thing that separates Hechtman from some of his colleagues is that people will not find a test given in any of his classes. "I took tests and did well but you learn so much more by writing." Even though Hechtman does not give tests, he can

gauge a student's knowledge of the material. "I can tell very easily who has read the material and who hasn't," Hechtman said. To Hechtman, writing is the most important skill you can have and nothing gauges your learning better. "I don't like the idea of giving a test, running it through a machine and that's it," said Hechtman. "I would much rather read over an essay where I can gauge your critical thinking and have you prove to me that you learned something and been able to explain what it all means." Lee Kinney, a current student of Dr. Hechtman's, said, "A lot of teachers make you buy a textbook and you never end up using it. He stays with the text and I would absolutely take another class from him again." When asked what Hechtman hopes students take away from him, he is simple and to the point: "That they leave with an open mind about critical thinking and what sociology can do."

Pride Center will host Lavender Graduation to support and honor LGBTQ students

Event will feature former Air Force Major Margaret Witt as keynote speaker

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EWU's Pride Center will be hosting the third annual Lavender Graduation on May 10 to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of LGBTQ students from EWU, Gonzaga, Spokane Falls and several area high schools. Along with honoring the LGBTQ students, faculty, fellow students, family members and community members who have shown outstanding support and encouragement will also be celebrated. Those who are nominated will receive ally awards. A LGBTQ ally is someone who takes a stand against social injustice. Each year the Lavender Graduation has a keynote speaker. Margaret Witt, a former Major in the United

States Air Force, will be speaking this year. Witt recently made history with her five-year-long court battle against the U.S. Air Force after she was unlawfully discharged. Her battle ultimately helped dismantle the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. Witt will be presenting a message of inspiration and a short video presentation of her career and court battle. Other speakers include an LGBTQ graduating senior, an ally graduating senior and a high school graduate. There will also be three Spokane City Council members honored at the ceremony for their outstanding support in marriage equality: Ben Stuckart, Jon Snyder and Amber Waldref. Paul Rodkey, Terry Hall and Shelley Wee have also been nominated for going

above and beyond as allies. All three are members of EWU campus ministries. Sandra Williams, the Pride Center coordinator, said recognizing supporters and advocates of LGBTQ students plays a big role in the ceremony. The Lavender Graduation is a time to showcase the graduates' talents and skills. "A lot of students have had such bad experiences in high school, they thought college would be even worse," Williams said. "So for a lot of them, it is a really big deal they have made it this far and we just want to celebrate them." After the awards are given out, the graduating students will walk across stage and receive a certificate, rainbow tassel and lavender stole while Williams reads a brief story about their accomplishments.

"Every year someone says something that makes me cry," Williams said. "The whole ceremony is very sweet." Around 50 people typically attend the event and this year, 20 students will be graduating, three of which are high school students. The event will be held at Showalter Hall in the rotunda room and is open to everyone free of charge. After the ceremony there will be a reception with cake and coffee. Williams said the graduation is one of the things she looks forward to every year.

The Lavendar Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 6 p.m. in the Showalter Hall second floor rotunda.

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Regional premiere of 'In the Next Room, or the vibrator play' hits Eastern stage this week

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Electrifying, sensual and romantic are the three words director Sara Goff would use to describe her next production at EWU and regional premier of “In the Next Room, or the vibrator play.”

Goff has directed over 30 plays in her career and said “In The Next Room” is one of her personal favorites.

“When I was reading play scripts over summer, I read this one and I was set on doing it,” Goff said. “I knew it was going to be difficult, but I didn’t even question it.”

Goff regarded “In The Next Room” as one of the best romance productions she has ever seen.

The play concerns the early history of the vibrator in the Victorian Era at the dawn of electricity as well as human sexuality, wet-nursing, marital intimacy and human connection.

The play takes place in upstate New York at Dr. Givings’s home. Givings is an upper-middle class doctor who treats women with hysteria.

“Any symptom that men found irritating about women, unmanageable or confusing was considered hysteria,” Goff said. “Hysteria was not associated with anything sexual.”

In the early 1880s, doc-

tors like Givings used the vibrator as a clinical treatment for hysteria.

Before electricity, all treatments were performed manually.

Although the content of the play is personal and somewhat provocative, Goff said she has been impressed with the cast members focus and concentration.

“They’re exceptionally brave in dealing with the content of the play,” she said.

Cast member Chelsey Miles, a senior theater and communications major at EWU, plays the role of Annie, a midwife who assists Dr. Givings with medical procedures.

The content of the play is what sparked an interest for Miles.

“It stuck with me,” Miles said. “I’m doing it for my family, especially the female members. It’s kind of a feminist power type of thing.”

Auditions for the production were held during winter quarter and over 50 people tried out for parts. Only seven were cast.

For Goff, it was difficult to cast the parts. “There were so many talented people,” she said. “It was hard to choose.”

Goff said she hopes the audience leaves feeling inspired.

“I hope the audience takes away a sense of hope that they can find honesty and intimacy in their romantic relationships,” she

said. “I hope they have a refreshing and uplifting experience in the theater and feel more deeply connected to themselves as human beings, as well as other human beings.”

The play was originally written by Sarah Ruhl and was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and several Antoinette Perry Awards for Excellence in Theater in 2010. The play made a Broadway debut in 2009.

Because the play is so new, it took several months for the production company to sign off and allow Goff to produce the play.

“It’s a really big deal that we’re doing it,” Goff said. “If you want to see this play, you aren’t going to go to the Civic Theatre to see it; you’re going to come to EWU and this will be your only opportunity to see it.”

"In the Next Room, or the vibrator play":

May 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.
May 13 at 2 p.m.
May 17 at 5 p.m.

All performances will be held in the University Theatre and are free for EWU students with their student ID card.

Hui 'O Hawai'i

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Also available was “The Country Store,” where the Hawaiian club had items flown in from Hawaii.

“They are all goodies from Hawaii. They were all shipped here,” Mariel Lacuata, a member of the Hawaiian club, said. “So, I am sure everyone will enjoy being able to get something they [can only] get from Hawaii.”

Once dinner was over, the lights dimmed and a variety of Eastern students took the stage to entertain the guests with the feeling of Hawaii.

Hula dancers, a ukulele player, Maori Haka performers complete with tattoos and fire dancers pleased the audience for about two hours.

“Everybody loves good Haka, it really gets the crowd riled up,” Miyeko Takeshita, the MC for the event, said. “It’s the first time we did fire dancing. I was so nervous something was going to catch on fire or they were going to burn themselves, but it was just really exciting.”

The Hawaiian club has about 20 members on campus, and they help with culture shock when students come here from Hawaii.

“Our main goal for the Hawaii Club is to make it a good transition for incoming

freshmen and transfer students from Hawaii to get them to ease into the culture up here, so it’s a home away from home,” Matt Loui, the food services supervisor at the Brickhouse Deli and club adviser, said. “This is our way to have an end-of-the-year kick off and show our culture back to Eastern.”

The biggest culture shock the club members adapt to is the weather and the food.

“Hawaii is the best place to go eat food. That is one of the main reasons I would tell you to come to Hawaii ... and we love to eat,” Lacuata said.

Hayden Kytola, a student, appreciated the night away from studying.

“The food was real[ly] good, and the Haka and the fire show was pretty sweet too,” he said.

Chenoa Rossi-Childress, a senior, has a volleyball teammate from Hawaii and came to learn more about the culture.

“They are very loving and open to everything,” Rossi-Childress said. “I like how their dance moves tell a story.”

The culture of Hawaii made a brief appearance to over 300 people. They left with shell leis meaning “love, respect, congratulations and/or welcome,” and a better understanding of a Hawaiian luau.

“It’s cheaper than dinner and a movie on a Saturday night,” Takeshita said. “You get a good mix of everything.”

All that is left to say is “Aloooohha.”

EAGLE LIFE

Smokey clears burning for now

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Despite the rain, bonfire season has arrived and there are many different regulations in place to keep the community safe and prevent fires from getting out of control.

“The biggest concern is keeping [fires] away from other things that can burn,” Casey Holling, a Cheney firefighter, said. “Just be responsible.”

There are two types of outdoor fires, according to the Cheney Fire Department.

A recreational fire is used for cooking, pleasure, religious and ceremonial settings. This type of fire is not contained in an outdoor fire place, grill or barbecue pit.

A patio fireplace is often portable and is usually used outdoors. They may or may not contain a chimney.

Burning of either type of fire requires a permit. Contact the Cheney Fire Department for permit information.

According to Holling, it is important to talk to neighbors, so they know the burning will be taking place.

Also talk to the property owner for individual rules on burning. Often times, they have restrictions for burning recreational fires.

Tim Steiner, a lieutenant for the Cheney fire department, also recommends having renter’s insurance.

“For those that live off campus, renter’s insurance

is cheap and necessary,” Steiner said.

He said that renter’s insurance covers more than fire damage, like flooding, but cautions that fires can get out of control and it would help cover the costs of the damage.

Restrictions on burning happen often during the summer months.


When the air quality is described as poor, the Spokane

Regional Clean Air Agency may restrict burning, both indoors and out. This is known as an “air quality burn ban.”


The Washington State Department of Natural Resources is listing the fire danger in the area at low. Burning with the proper permit is allowed. As far as the upcoming summer, only time will tell.

“I think they are expecting a moderate season,” Steiner said.


The Cheney Fire Department offers these guidelines when burning recreational fires:




The fire is not more than three feet in diameter.




A patio fireplace cannot be within 10 feet of a structure or vegetation. Single family homes and duplexes are exempt from this restriction.




The fire is at least 25 feet from any structure or combustible material. Remove the material before burning.




Do not burn trash and yard waste.




Make sure you have fire extinguishing equipment, which should include a shovel, two buckets of water or a garden hose and a fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating.




The fire is attended by an adult until extinguished. Never leave the fire unattended.




The fire is conducted on property that allows burning and is not on public property such as parks or school grounds.



Make sure there is not a “burn ban” in effect.



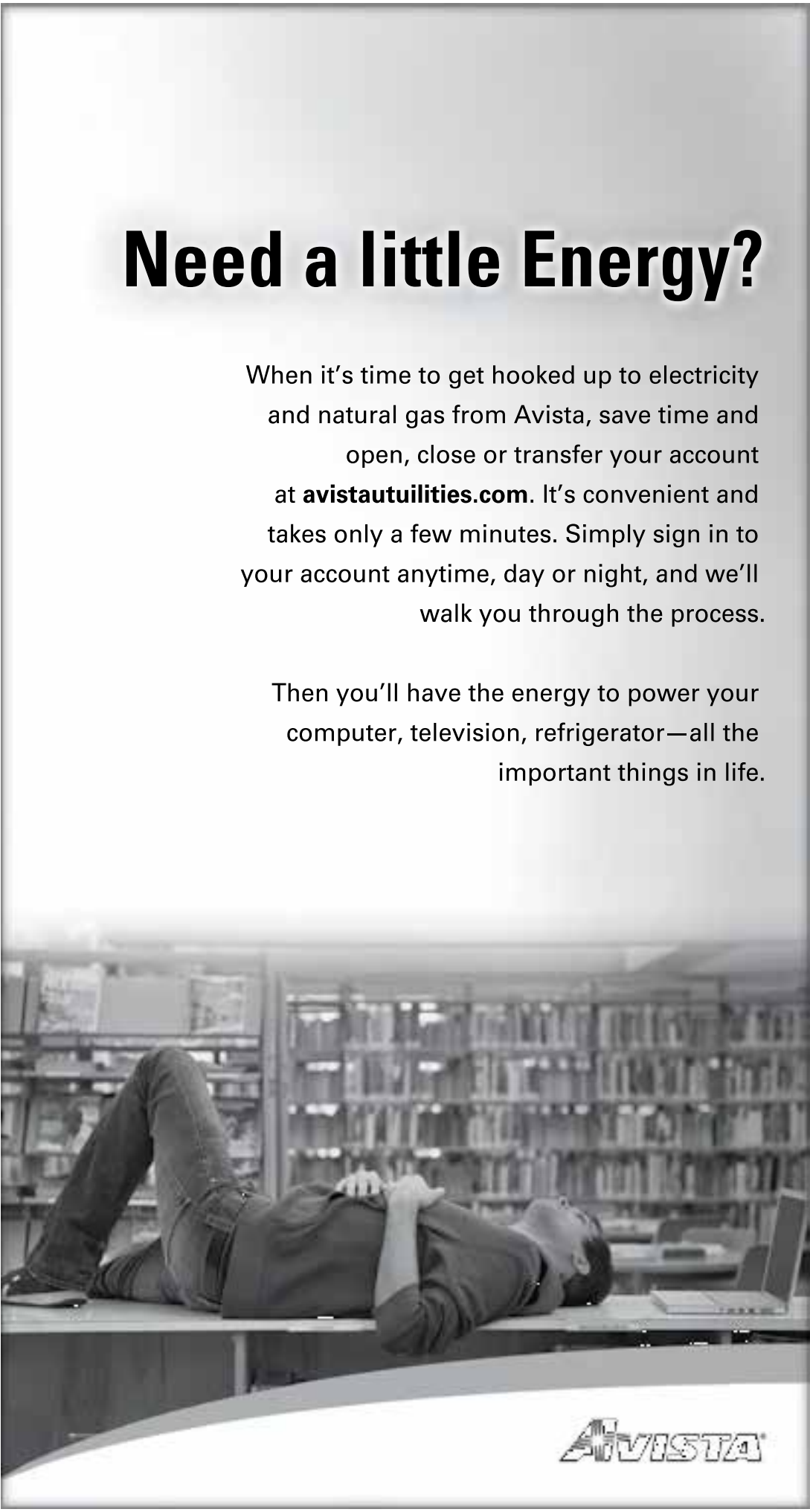
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Police Beat

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April 30

Malicious mischief

A student left their bicycle locked up in front of the PUB over the weekend and returned to find that someone had damaged the rear wheel of the bicycle, breaking it. There are no suspects at this time.

4 p.m. Theft

A student in Morrison Hall left her room unlocked. While she was gone, an Xbox that she had borrowed from a friend was stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

May 1

Suspicious circumstances

Officers investigated a conflict between two EWU employees. It was found that no crime was committed and the incident was referred to human resources.

7 p.m. Agency assist

EWU police assisted in regard to a possible burglary in progress on Third Street. A resident had re-

turned home to find that the front door was open and called for assistance in case someone was inside. Officers cleared the home and found no one inside and nothing missing.

9 p.m. Marijuana violation

The odor of marijuana was reported in Pearce Hall. Contact was made with a male student who consented to a room search. A pipe was found, as well as marijuana residue. The student was cited and released.

May 2

1 p.m. Malicious mischief

Custodians reported graffiti on a mirror in the women's bathroom in JFK Library. The graffiti was cleaned off without any damage.

May 3

10 a.m. Theft

A laptop was stolen in Hargreaves Hall. A professor left a Macbook Pro on an office desk for about an hour and could not find it after returning. The laptop cost approximately \$2,000. There are no suspects at this time.

1:15 p.m. Collision

A driver was following another vehicle in parking lot 9 and ended up rear-ending the other car. There were no injuries and minimal damages. No citations were given.

5:10 p.m. Theft

A backpack and a pair of shoes were taken from a locker in the URC. A student left belongings in a locker with a combination lock overnight and returned the next day to discover the locker emptied. The lock had not been removed by the URC staff. The incident is under investigation.

May 4

1:50 p.m. Theft

A student briefly left his cell phone unattended at a computer station in JFK Library and returned to find that it was missing. The phone, a Motorola Mesmerize, is valued at approximately \$500. There are no suspects at this time.

5 p.m. Harassment

Officers followed up on a report of a student at Riverpoint campus who made threatening comments to a

parking enforcement employee about a ticket he had received. It was determined that no crime was committed.

May 5

10 a.m. Arrest

An employee at a gas station on First Street reported a man who was being disruptive and refusing to leave the premises. The man had a warrant out for his arrest. He was taken to Spokane County Jail.

May 6

1:40 p.m. Agency assist

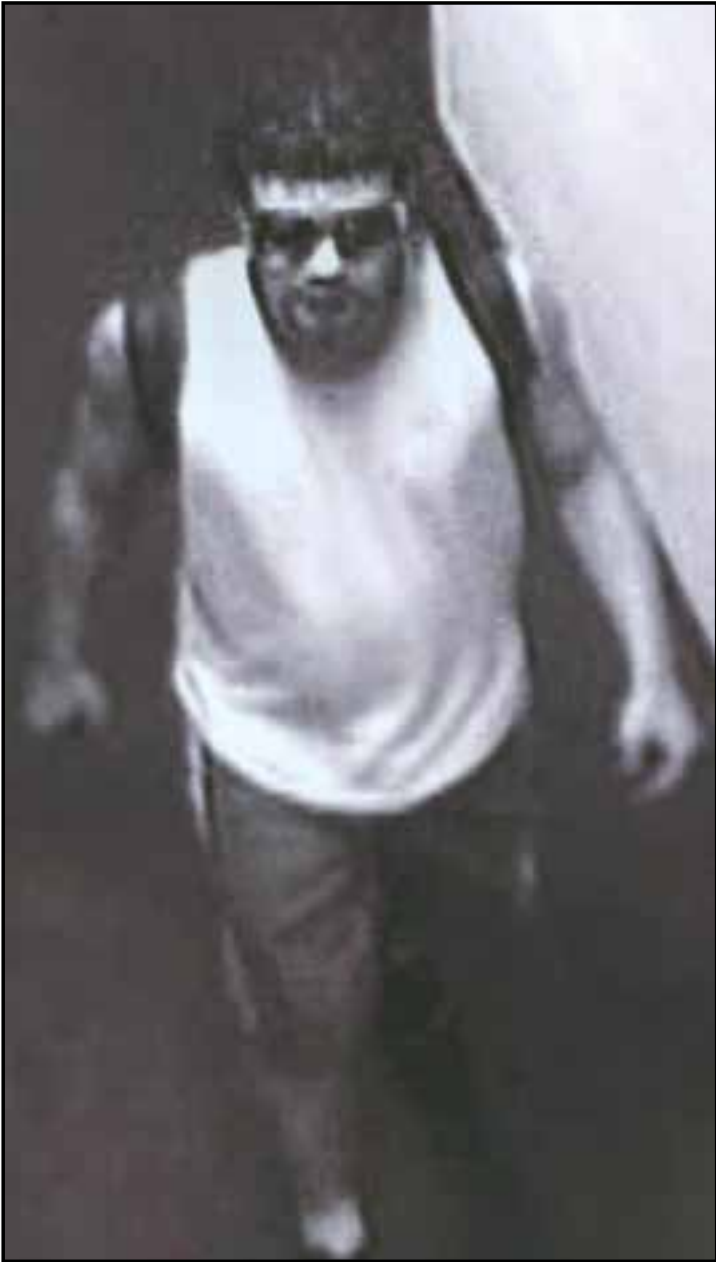
EWU officers assisted Cheney Police in regard to a fight in progress at Safeway on First Street. A male and female were reportedly fighting, but when officers arrived they claimed to have not been fighting but another male had been fighting with the female and had left the scene.

May 7

2:20 p.m. Collision

A FedEx truck tipped over on Washington Street. There were no injuries. Traffic was diverted.

PERSON OF INTEREST



Video capture courtesy of the EWU Police Department

Person of interest regarding a theft that took place in the URC April 24. Police are looking for this individual. If you have information contact the EWU police at 509-359-6924.

COMICS

Chocolate Shoes



By Christopher Stuck

Correction for Issue 24, April 25:

Eastern Elections, p.7: Rebecca Harrell's name was misspelled as Rebecca Harrel on her Special Edition Election Card.

Corrections for Issue 25, May 2:

Tires and drugs, front page: Patrick Janicke was listed as a chemistry major. He is actually a physics major.

'Jailbreak': A testament to the fine arts program, p. 8: Jamie Sparr's comic book installation was incorrectly listed as "Spaces." It is actually called "Circles."

HISTORY OF EASTERN IN PICTURES



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Isle Hall and Louise Anderson Hall in the mid 1950s. The first new Student Union Building was Isle Hall, named for President Walter W. Isle. Louise Anderson Hall is still a residence hall, but Isle Hall became an academic building following completion of the PUB.



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A view from behind Isle Hall, looking toward Louise Anderson Hall in 2012. The area from which the older photo was taken is now occupied by Patterson Hall and its associated construction. There is no longer a street or parking lot in this location.

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OPINION

Time to appreciate what’s red here in our backyard

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Why so many people consume themselves with NFL teams, hundreds if not thousands of miles away from where they live, but habitually ignore the Eastern football squad is mystifying. Hey, you know what? Maybe it’s me. Maybe I’m missing something.



Franko

I mean, why would I ever concern myself with EWU spring football when there’s an NFL draft to worry about? Did you hear about the new penetrating, two-gap defensive end the Green Bay Packers picked up in the fourth round? Man, he’s going to be a player. I mean, you know, someday ... maybe. You say Eastern has some guys returning in the fall who we know are great? There’s a bevy of All-America receivers returning next year? Shoot, who cares if Brandon Kaufman, Nicholas Edwards and Greg Herd have combined to catch 405 balls for 5,475 yards and 56 touchdowns. I’m all about my Green Bay Packers. No, I’ve never been to Green Bay, much less Wisconsin, and no, I never plan to actually watch the Pack play at historic Lambeau Field, well, with the down economy and all. But I’ve been a fan for a whole decade now. I’m a die-hard cheesehead. Why should I bother paying attention to the Big Sky Conference, Division whatever football and the EWU Eagles? Yeah, in the past eight seasons Eastern made the playoffs five times, won the Big Sky three times and the whole shebang once. And nothing says offensive dominance more than this: in the last 11 seasons, eight Eastern football players have been tabbed as the Big Sky Conference MVP. With 14 winning seasons in the last 16 years, Eastern football has been as consistent as Pixar in the multiplex. But, frankly, now that I’m thinking about it, why would anyone spend even an iota of their time reading about the EWU football team or watching a game? They could be at home researching that weekend’s fantasy matchup. Yes, I grant you that as a kid straps on an Eagles helmet, he may foster real pride representing Eastern every Saturday. That doesn’t convince me I should take any pride in him. You see, I’m an everyday, boring, lazy sports fan. Therefore, I watch SportsCenter highlights, the NFL, the NFL draft, “Hard Knocks” and I play fantasy football. Because I’m a great sports fan, when I want to lay down \$100 for a jersey, I make sure it’s for my Green Bay Packers, and not for the school I’m enrolled in or where I spend most of my time. The Packers care about me too. They even allowed me to pay \$250 to be part owner. What did I get for my hard earned dough? I am a genuine, registered stock owner. I even got a piece a paper to prove it. How sweet is that? When was the last time Eastern snookered any of its fans into paying that kind of money for a worthless piece of paper? Listen, I want Eastern to do well next season, but my life is affected way more by a team in Wisconsin, 1,426 miles away. Does any of that sound crazy? Maybe I should appreciate what’s right here in my backyard? Yeah, I think so too.

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Athletes shine at East Region Spring Games

Winners advance to Summer games

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Over 650 athletes from various parts of Washington came to Roos Field to take part in the East Region Spring Games, hosted by Special Olympics Washington May 5. Athletes competed in track and field events as well as weight lifting, cycling and aquatic events. For East Region Sports and Programs Manager Jill Ives, the games are the excitement of the spring season. “It’s a lot of work going in to prepare for this day,” said Ives. “When we finally get to see the athletes competing and the volunteers [and] experiencing what our athletes are accomplishing, it’s a great experience.” Sarah Fullan won a gold medal in her running event. Fullan credited her win to her training. “[Running] is hard on the joints, but you have to get used to it after awhile,” Fullan said. “I [also practice] good nutrition and take care of myself.” Prior to the competition at Roos Field, athletes participated at the Healthy Athletes venue where they were fitted for shoes donated by Runner’s Soul, given toothbrushes and blood pressure tests and observed the opening ceremonies. In addition to the athletes, there were over 200 volunteers, some of which were from different EWU clubs and athletics includ-



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Michael Banning is followed closely by James Stinson in the men's 200 meter at the Special Olympics Washington's East Region Spring Games.

ing the women’s basketball team. “It’s a good experience,” said women’s basketball player Lexi Nelson. “We have fun with it and we’re glad we can be here to help.” There were also EWU

athletic trainers on the sidelines. Senior Katelyn Hill had volunteered at the games last year. For the 2012 games, Hill enjoyed seeing the athletes get a chance to show their talents and a chance to gain some experience.

“I taped an ankle earlier, but other than that, we’ve been pretty clear,” Hill said. Competitors who earned gold medals in their events move on to the Summer Games June 1-3. Ives is thankful for the

support the games and the athletes have received from the EWU community who volunteered. “Without the athletics, the fraternities and sororities, we wouldn’t be able to make this possible,” Ives said.

Cheney hosts second Wetland Trail Run/Walk

Proceeds donated to outreach programs

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The Cheney Parks and Recreation Department, in association with the Let’s Move, Cheney coalition, is hosting the second annual Cheney Wetland Trail Run/Walk on May 12. The 4.25-mile route travels through Cheney’s 110-acre wetland property located next to the Columbia Plateau Trail. The event is now in its late-registration phase, and an entry fee of \$26 is required for all participants who wish to receive a T-shirt and enter into a drawing for prizes donated by local businesses. The entry fee goes toward the actual cost of putting on the event with leftover funds donated to Cheney outreach—specifically, recreation scholarships for low-income families and children. Evan Hilberg, program specialist for Let’s Move, Cheney, a community-based coalition aimed at improving the health and lives of the community, says the wetland area

Online registration is available at www.activenet.active.com/cheneyrec, or runners can register in person at the Cheney recreation community center located at 615 4th St., Cheney, WA. Additionally, persons may register or ask other questions of the parks and recreations department via telephone at (509) 498-9250.

goes widely unrecognized and this race helps shine a positive light on it. “It’s just a really nice area,” Hilberg said. “In general, the area is well kept. It’s fun to go out there and just walk. ... It’s just a kind of scenic area that goes unused and underappreciated.” The inaugural Cheney Wetland Trail Run/Walk last year drew 139 participants out of 150 registrants. As of May 3, Hilberg says there are 133 people signed up for the upcoming race. He expects the final number to be between 140 and 150. Persons wishing to register for the race can do so up until start time. “Last year we had a couple on-site registrations,” Hilberg said. “We’re not by any means at capacity.”

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Dempsey finds place on EWU baseball

Pitcher earns league honors

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In baseball, there are two game-defining sounds: the thump of a ball swallowed by the mitt after a strikeout and the resounding crack of base-hit contact. These sounds are not uncommon when Chris Dempsey is out on the diamond. As a pitcher, he is unbeaten with four wins this season, and as the shortstop, he is second on his team with 14 RBIs and an average of .429.

Transferring from York College in York, Neb., Dempsey wanted to continue playing baseball, but his only option at Eastern was the club team. “I just was looking at the website when I transferred here and I saw they had a baseball club,” Dempsey said. “Baseball is something that I love, so I hopped on board and started playing.” Dempsey’s love for baseball came at a young age and was inspired by his family. “My dad and my brother influenced me,” Dempsey said. “My brother started playing first. I got into it a year after my brother and I’ve loved it ever since.” Dempsey not only excels as an individual player

but is highly praised as a teammate by club president Cash Ulrich. “Chris [Dempsey], as a person, is the perfect teammate,” Ulrich said. “He’s funny and he’s a good leader. He not only leads by talk, but by example. He’s easily one of our top three players, if not the top. He’s won all four games he pitched and he’s hitting above .400 so you can’t really ask for much more.” He earned conference player of the week for his performance two weeks ago against the Idaho Vandals. “I didn’t even know I got player of the week,” Dempsey said. “No one really told me until a few

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EWU Sports
in Brief



Davis

Track athletes earn Scholar-Athlete awards — Seniors Shene Davis and Bowe Ebding were selected as the EWU Scholar-Athletes for May 2012. Davis, who has qualified for the 2012 Big Sky Conference track and field championships in both the long jump and the triple jump, has a 3.7 GPA. She is majoring in exercise science while minoring in both math and Spanish. Ebding, a distance runner with a 3.62 GPA, has qualified for the championships in the 5,000 and 10,000-meter runs. He is currently majoring in Spanish and minoring in math.

EWU staff comes together for Corporate Cup competition — Eastern had nine teams comprised of 45 men and women race for the Corporate Cup in the 36th annual Lilac Bloomsday run. When the race was over, the EWU-Red team, comprised of Carl Combs, Jeff Corkill, David Millet, Jeffrey Rahn and Grant Smith, captured their 16th Corporate Cup win with 2,882 points. The EWU-Women's team, comprised of Jackie Coomes, Dawn Hilsendeger, Laurie Morley, Rachel Toor and Sally Winkle, earned second place in the cup's women's division with 2,434 points, falling behind Gonzaga University's Law and Order team, who had 2,716. The full list of the Eastern teams include the EWU Biopeds, EWU-PEHR, EWU Gets It Done, EWU Flying Eagles, EWU Swoopies, EWU Ladies of the ASC and EWU Mostly Math.

Whitehill Celebration of Life to take place on campus — A celebration of life for Pat Whitehill will happen on June 3 at Showalter Auditorium at 1 p.m. According to the EWU Athletics website, Whitehill, a basketball and track athlete who graduated in 1951, passed away at the age of 82 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Whitehill was a member of the Red Reese All-Time Team and was inducted as an individual member of the EWU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001, then inducted as a part of the 1949-50 EWU men's basketball team in 2011. He is also a member of the Inland Empire Basketball Officials Hall of Fame. Whitehill is survived by his wife Altamae, brother LeRoy, sister Vera, his three sons, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Freshmen running backs hungry for next season

Forte and Talley ready for 2012

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Even though they are competing against one another for the starting running back spot next fall, Quincy Forte and Jordan Talley are depending on each other.

"[Talley] has a lot of things in his game that I want to put in my game and make myself better," Forte said. "I see him work hard and it makes me want to work hard. We both work hard to beat each other out."

Talley and Forte will be sophomores next season. They both enjoyed breakout seasons as freshmen in 2011, where they accounted for 455 and 284 rushing yards, respectively. They are working hard to ensure they do not fall into a sophomore slump.

"I think definitely becoming bigger, faster and stronger," Talley said. "I need to just really be in my playbook and know the ins and outs of the offense."

Kiel McDonald, Eastern's running backs coach, feels that the pair of running backs are special. He wants to do everything he can as a coach to make Talley and Forte even better.

"Both of these guys can play, and their talent is well beyond what we ask of them," McDonald said. "We're going to do things that [stress] them physically so they do reach another



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Running back Quincy Forte will be a sophomore in the 2012 football season. He had a total of 270 rushing yards for the 2011 season.

level when it comes to the ball."

McDonald emphasized the importance of having a running back's mentality. He said the freshmen have been going through different drills to instill in them what it means to be a running back.

"You have to be able to carry the ball. You can't fumble," McDonald said. "We work on strip drills. We work on stumble drills. We work on every facet of the game that a running back is going to have to call on to be great."

According to McDon-

ald, the two football players have different running styles. While Talley utilizes his strength to run through tackles, Forte burns defenders with his deadly speed.

"One's thunder and one's lightning," McDonald said. "Quincy is very explosive. ... He can make you miss and

hit a homerun. With Talley, he's a grinder, he's physical, he can lay the hat, he breaks tackles and he's got a great stiff arm."

While a running back's job is to primarily run the

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Track:

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Monterola's biggest competition in the vault might be from sophomore teammate Robin Taylor. The Blaine, Wash., native has the second-best mark in the conference, 13-0 1/4, but she has never finished higher than sixth place at the championships.

"It'll be a huge jump for her, great for her to be able to get up on that podium, but again, it's the pole vault," said Mecklenburg. "You never know what's going to happen."

Another top performer from the season is senior jumps captain Shene Davis. With the top mark in the long jump, 19-6 1/4, and the fourth best in the triple, 39-0 1/4, Davis is well situated to claim her first career individual championship.

"From day one of this year, Shene [Davis] is someone I've been expecting to step up and really help out with points. Her season [has] come along great," said Mecklenburg. "She's really moved into that starring role. She's put in her time, not just this year, but the last four years. It's her time to shine."

One athlete working to return to championship form is junior throws captain Michelle Coombs.

In the 2009 Big Sky Championships, Coombs won the javelin as a freshman.

A torn ligament in her throwing elbow derailed her sophomore season, and she methodically worked her way back for this year.

Now Coombs is dealing with shoulder pain. It may be a different part of her body, but it is still an eerie reminder of her sophomore year when she began experiencing pain in her throwing elbow leading up to the championship meet.

How athletes accrue points in the Big Sky Championships

Placing in the top eight earns the team points (10 for first place, 8 for second, 6 for third, 5 for fourth, 4 for fifth, 3, for sixth, 2 for seventh, 1 for eighth). Also, any athlete that's in the top three is then "all-conference," a coveted title

Other Eastern women qualifiers include; Whitney Leavitt (100, 200), Angelica Rodriguez (400), Nicole Nida (400), Stephanie Dye (Steeplechase), Elise Jepsen (high jump), Amber Troyer (pole vault), Morena Mannucci (triple jump), Mari Bingham (shot put, discus), Haley Tank (javelin) and Taylor Walker (javelin).

Other Eastern men qualifiers include; Michael Okoro (200), Brad Michael (400), Tim Armstrong (decathlon, 110 hurdles), Kramer Green (400 hurdles), Armon Blackwell (400 hurdles), Cody Fishel (high jump), Kersee Lind (decathlon, high jump), Warren Miller (high jump), Nick Stearns, Phillip Puccino (long jump, triple jump), Cody Humphrey (discus)

"It's pretty frustrating just because I expected so much out of this season, and I worked so hard," said Coombs. "I haven't done terrible, but it's always a 'What if I was healthy, 100 percent, not hurting?'"

Before the Pelluer Invitational on April 27, Coombs received a cortisone injection in her shoulder and was able to throw without pain. Another shot may be necessary at the championships.

"Right now, it's just stay healthy, get away from pain and then show up and do what I can," said Coombs. "I only have to pass the pain for six throws."

EWU Men

To finish in the top half of the Big Sky standing, the men's squad will need to score in a variety of event areas.

The Eastern men will need athletes to score in a variety of event areas to finish in the top half of the Big Sky standings.

The distance crew, led by former indoor 5,000-meter conference

champion Kyle King, has automatic qualifying runners in the 800, the 5,000 and 10,000.

King sits at third in the 5,000 and first in the 10,000. Teammate and senior distance captain Bowe Ebding joins King in the 5,000, with the 13th best time, and in the 10,000, with the third best time.

In the 800, Tim Pettit and Jordan Curnutt both enter the championships in the top eight.

Sophomore Steven Warner, who surprised the conference by winning the 60-meter hurdles at the indoor championships, is third in the 110 hurdles, a group that features five freshmen in the top seven.

"Some of the freshmen are a little wide-eyed. They get in there, they might be a little nervous," said Kerr. "That will show up sometimes, sometimes not."

During much of the indoor season, Warner was nursing an injured hamstring.

The sophomore from Kentwood, Wash., entered the championship meet in Flagstaff, Ariz., as a bit of an unknown.

"I was able to get out there and kind of shock the conference a little bit. ... I do kind of feel a lot of pressure trying to make sure that I can still get the 10 points for the team or at least top three," said Warner. "I'm looking to win. I'm trying to do everything I can to get myself there. There's pressure, but I just want to run well."

Warner will not be flying under anyone's radar in Bozeman, but sophomore teammate Zach Nielsen, who redshirted last outdoor season, might be an unknown talent in the conference.

"He's still a bit of a well-kept secret," said Kerr. "I'm hoping he's not such a well-kept secret at the end of this meet."

Nielsen enters the championships with the fourth-best mark in the hammer (184-11) and discus (163-0). Joining Nielsen in the hammer is Jon Buchanan and Jamie Alanssim, both in the top 10.

In practice, Mecklenburg, the throwing coach, has noticed Marlyn Anderson — who has qualified in the shot and discus — has been performing well.

The junior has been the most consistent thrower on the team.

"Marlyn [Anderson] looks awesome. His shot put really looks good," said Mecklenburg. "It'd be fun to see if he could make his way up on the podium."

Freshman Max Pratt, currently with the fifth best mark in the javelin (188-8), has an opportunity to take advantage of a weak year in the event.

Mecklenburg believes Pratt's easy-going, jokester attitude will help the rookie avoid being overwhelmed in his first conference championships.

Time will tell.

"The shining stars are there," said Kerr. "Let's get them to the meet, lace 'em up and let's go."

NCAA provision gives athletes chance to extend college career

16 football recruits to utilize redshirt season

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Editor's Note: This is a reprint of the full story that was cut off from the previous issue.

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



Crosigle

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



Seiferth

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 Crosigle transferred to Eastern from the University of Oregon and St. Joseph's University, respectfully, 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

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