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The library filled with colorful sweets and hungry students in celebration of favorite books and tasty treats.

## Let them read cake

From Seuss to Baum, literature  
turned dessert brings creative  
contest to raise funds for books

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EWU students, com-  
munity members, staff  
and faculty gathered in

EWU's JFK Library on  
May 30 to celebrate read-  
ing with the annual Book-  
s2Eat festival.

Books2Eat is a celebra-  
tion that encourages stu-  
dents, staff and community  
members to enter an edible

creation that represents a  
book. The event is put on  
annually by the organiza-  
tion Friends of the EWU  
Library in hopes to raise  
awareness and funds for li-  
braries.

About 20 people en-  
tered the contest and this  
year entries included book  
titles like “The Hunger  
Games,” “Horton Hears  
a Who,” “Wizard of Oz,”

“Cinderella” and many  
more. Each creation on  
display had the book it was  
based on next to it with a  
small sign of ingredients of  
concern.

From 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
all creations were on dis-  
play. Ballots were handed  
out and anyone could vote  
for their favorite entry.

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## Eastern retains quarters

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The decision to go forth  
with a semester-based sys-  
tem is at a standstill.

Eastern will not be switch-  
ing to a semester system next  
year due to lack of funding and  
the need for further research.

In a report released in No-  
vember 2010, President Aréva-  
lo said, “I am recommending  
the Eastern Washington Uni-  
versity move to a semester  
format as soon as the financial  
environment stabilizes and ad-  
ditional resources are provided  
to the university.”

According to an email from  
Director of Media Relations  
Dave Meany, the project's cost  
committee has not released  
any additional findings.

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## Fraternity undergoes investigation

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Sigma Nu has been placed  
under an interim suspension  
while the university and po-  
lice are conducting a thor-  
ough investigation of the  
fraternity, according to Vice  
President of Student Affairs  
Stacey Morgan Foster.

During a recent trip to  
British Columbia, one mem-  
ber of the fraternity allegedly  
sexually assaulted a woman,  
according to campus police.  
This is the latest of several  
incidences that have flagged  
police attention and resulted  
in the interim suspension.

Eric Jones, president of  
Eastern's Sigma Nu chapter,  
said that the individual re-  
signed from the fraternity the  
day the group returned from  
Canada. The fraternity mem-  
ber's name has not yet been  
released because the incident  
is still under investigation.

In addition to the alleged  
assault, Morgan Foster said  
that “[Sigma Nu] did not  
let the Greek adviser know  
about their trip to [British  
Columbia] and did not con-  
tact authorities [about the  
assault].”

Morgan Foster said that  
this is the first interim sus-  
pension she has seen in her  
two years as vice president of



Photo by Dylan Paulus, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner

The Sigma Nu fraternity has been placed on an interim suspension because of a compilation of issues that go back several years.

student affairs at EWU.

“It's a reflection of the  
gravity of the situation,” she  
said, adding that the suspen-  
sion was decided upon based  
on more than this most re-

cent incident.

“This is the second incident  
this year, and they have had  
issues going back for several  
years,” said Morgan-Foster.

In January of this year,

three members of Sigma Nu  
were booked on charges of  
possession of cocaine, mari-  
juana, methamphetamine and  
mushrooms. They were also  
booked for furnishing alcohol

to minors, according to Sgt.  
Rick Beghtol.

That case is ongoing and  
no charges have yet been fi-  
nalized, according to court  
records.

## Meet the dean of students

By Kristie Hsin

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It's a family thing.

Before she was appointed as  
Eastern's new dean of students  
and associate vice president for  
student life, Amy Johnson always  
knew she wanted to work with  
students—just like her mom.

“My mother was a teacher  
and an administrator and all  
during the time as I was grow-  
ing up so I had a sense from a  
very young age that I wanted  
to be a teacher,” said Johnson.  
“When I left my undergraduate  
institution ... my plan was to  
become a faculty member.”

At this point in her life,

Johnson said she took some  
time off to determine which dis-  
cipline she wanted to pursue.  
According to Johnson, by this  
time she was fully committed to  
public services and interested in  
policy and strategic planning in  
social and health services, in ad-  
dition to being an educator.

In combining all of John-  
son's interests and skills, she  
realized she wanted to be in-  
volved with student affairs, stu-  
dent development and policy  
and administration work.

Johnson started out work-  
ing in the public sector. When  
she first left college, she worked  
for the state of Washington for  
five years, building experience  
working for state government

and various public institutions.  
Johnson earned her Bachel-  
or of Arts from the University  
of Puget Sound and her Master  
of Science in Education from  
the University of Pennsylvania.  
There, she also received her  
Doctorate in education.

Johnson, with nearly 14 years  
of experience working in higher  
education, currently serves as the  
senior associate dean and associ-  
ate dean of students at the Uni-  
versity of Southern California.

During her open forum visit  
April 26, Johnson said, “My  
style is more collaborative. ...  
I want people who will push  
back.”

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Photo courtesy of University of Southern California  
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Amy Johnson will begin her post at EWU in August.



# Cheney street repair program goes to a vote

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Students paying for natural gas or electricity have the chance to vote on a measure that may affect their current bills.

The City of Cheney recently approved a new tax measure to be on the August 6 ballot. The measure is an extension of the Cheney Residential Street and Sidewalk program already in place. The extension would be for 14 years and keep the program's funding aspect the same.

The average electrical residential customer currently pays \$2.50, while the average natural gas customer pays \$2.70.

In 1997 the city of Cheney

implemented the Cheney Residential Street and Sidewalk Program to help improve the infrastructure and quality of the streets in Cheney. However, this program is ending come 2013.

"Voters are always a little skeptical of the government asking them for more tax revenue. ... So we set it up so [that] if we don't perform the taxpayers can decide to terminate the program," Mayor Tom Trulove said.

Todd Ableman, director of public works, said in 1997 the city decided to tackle the issue of streets and sidewalks. The funding to fix the streets was not utilized at the time so the city decided to look into the idea of implementing a tax.

"In 1997 we had to deal with our streets, the funding wasn't there. ... We developed a plan to have the voters pay for a four percent increase in electrical and natural gas," Ableman said.

The 4 percent increase associated with electrical and natural gas has been in place since 1997 and has been successful according to Ableman.

In 1997 the program identified 20 miles of streets and six miles of sidewalks that the city planned to complete. By 2012 the city has completed all sidewalks and streets it had planned.

The program now is identifying five miles of streets to repair. According to Trulove, repairing streets when they begin to deteriorate is cheaper

than replacing them entirely. Trulove said constant care as opposed to full reconstruction is fiscally cheaper in the long run for the community.

"We feel that if we can stay on top of these streets and maintain them that then helps the program long term," Ableman said.

"This will allow us to keep maintaining our streets at a higher level and really avoid the deterioration. I'm really in favor of it on that level," Trulove said.

On average, full reconstruction of a street costs around \$250 per linear foot, while the program street repair costs around \$50 per linear foot.

Trulove said he believes the residents are happy with the conditions of the streets and



Photo by Aaron Malmoe, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner  
The new tax measure will be on the ballot August 6.

thinks that they will support the extension as they did in 1997.

"I think we will have the same support. I think people are happy with their streets. Especially if you drive into Spokane, you can have a wheel come off with some of those pot holes."

# Turban Day spreads understanding of head coverings



Photo by Dylan Paulus, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner  
Students engage in diversity during EWU's first annual Turban Day.

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The first Turban Day, held May 29, examined Sikhism and other religions around the world that practice head covering.

Put on by the Compassionate Interfaith Society, the EWU Honors Program, the Office of Global Initiatives and the International Students Association, Turban Day: Unwrapping Sikhism aimed to increase awareness of the religion and the symbol most closely associated with it.

"This event gave students the chance to try on a turban to see what it's like to be Sikh for a day, as well as the opportunity to ask Sikh leaders of the community questions about anything," said Skyler Oberst, co-founder of the Compassionate Interfaith Society and the organizer behind the event.

"Sikhs are a distinct race," said Baldev Singh of the Spokane Sikh Temple. "This is very critical because sometimes when we talk about Sikhs we find a lot of cultural and linguistic aspects that mix with Islam as well as Hinduism and Judaism. ...[Sikhs] are people that share very common religious, social and political institutions which are very, very different from that of the Middle Eastern institutions. We are not Muslims,

we are not Hindus, we are Sikhs."

Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world with more than 26 million believers. "Sikhs experience the oneness of God directly and feel God in everything they do," said Babaji, also of the Spokane Sikh Temple. "Sikhism is universal because its primary concerns— social, political, cultural and economic— are of a universal nature, embracing humanity as a whole."

Singh said Sikhism, a monotheistic religion, revolves around "loving remembrance and devotion to that one creator. It believes absolute equality of humanity. Most of all, it believes in living a moral, truthful and hard-working existence."

Sikh turbans are mandatory "articles of faith" according to Singh. Worn by both men and women, turbans can be any color or size. "For a Sikh, the turban is an integral part of his body," he said. "It's not just part of his uniform; it's part of his body. You hear a Sikh say, 'I don't have my turban,' it's like, 'I don't have my right arm.' Most cultures [that] wear headgear do not associate it that way."

Oberst believed Turban Day would help dispel some of the stereotypes about religions like Sikhism that require head coverings.

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# Campus water samples breach action level

## Lead found in Cheney and Showalter halls

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In a recent test conducted by plumbing supervisor Jim Butler and Eastern's Facilities and Planning department, water samples with lead found in them came back above the action level.

The action level consists of water samples at or above .015 mg/L, as set by the Department of Health. These samples are not considered to be dangerous, according to Butler.

The announcement was made during the third annual open forum on water quality May 31.

Water samples from Cheney Hall came back with .018 mg/L, Cadet Hall with .016 mg/L and Showalter Hall with .017 mg/L. During the forum, Butler said the department has fixed the situation and is in the process of getting Moen faucets.

Water samples that come back above the action level will be tested and examined by EWU's Facilities and Planning Department. The department will test the system for lead, copper and other contaminants.

Testing for lead and copper are conducted on a regular three-year cycle, with the last test finalized on May 28. The department also tests for nitrates, pesticides, methane and acids.

"We're a publicly

owned class-A water system," Butler said.

Eastern's water system is separate from Cheney's water system. This separation makes it less expensive for the university. The campus has two wells with their own reservoirs that service the entire campus.

"I didn't know we even had issues with our water," said junior Mandy Summers. "They should make those notices more available to students."

Sophomore Andie Parkmen said, "When I lived in the dorms, the water sometimes came out brown and it was pretty gross. ... I heard that they fixed the issue or are in the process of fixing it, and as long as it isn't dangerous then I don't see an issue. People can just let the water run a little before using it."

Parkmen and Summers were not at the open forum.

In addition to the new faucets, water coolers will be changed to condensers in Tawanka this summer. The department will also be looking into different water conservation systems for residential halls.

According to John Halsey from the department of Facilities and Planning, Eastern has a master project in the works that consists of a \$7 million capital project of getting new wells and replacing old pipes and fire hydrants.

# Semesters:

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"The latest chapter in the conversation was to estimate the cost if we were to make that decision—what would be the conversion cost," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Rex Fuller. "At this stage it's still under study. It's still being reviewed. No final decision has been reached."

The cost committee, chaired by Vice President of Business and Finance Mary Voves, presented a report to the faculty senate on May 14. That cost includes the conversion of curriculum, which is the major portion of the cost in academic affairs. Estimates are based on assumptions, according to Fuller.

The cost committee consists of Vice President for Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster, Vice President for Advancement Mike Westfall, Chief Information Officer Gary Pratt, Athletic Director William Chaves, Associate to the President Laurie Connelly, faculty member Suzanne Milton and Robert Zinke.

"That's really a question you have to put into the budget cycle," Fuller said of whether the university can afford the switch. "With planning, things can be made to identify sources."

Research findings and proposals will configure how much the switch will cost the university over a three to four year period. According to Fuller, the change will cost the university roughly \$3 million dollars per year with a high range of \$3.2 million to a low of \$2.6 million for a total of about \$8.6 million over three years.

According to Voves, the estimates are divided up into general categories with faculty administration costing the most.

"For academic affairs, the vast majority of that is faculty time in the summer to do curriculum revision," Fuller said. "I think it would be most interesting if there would be a state-wide review of this.

# QUARTER SYSTEM VS. SEMESTER SYSTEM

## SEMESTER SYSTEM PLUSSES:

- Longer time frames for students to be engaged in topics and course assignments
- Longer time for teaching and projects
- Follows textbooks
- Eastern's master calendar will be in sync with other universities and colleges
- More time for students to complete GECR classes

## QUARTER SYSTEM PLUSSES:

- Students have the opportunities to take more classes a year
- A lighter course load for students
- August vacation schedule
- Easier transition for transfer students
- Lower cost for students

Easterner Graphics

It's clear that both semester systems and quarter systems can be successful."

Sophomore Christina McDonald said, "I like quarters and not having homework during breaks."

In February 2009, then Provost John Mason and Interim Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration Niel Zimmerman brought to the university's attention research and proposals of what the conversion would entail.

"When I was at [Spokane Falls Community College], we were on quarters and I really liked how refreshing it was after every quarter to have different classes," said senior Melissa Connors. "I get how

it can be beneficial to be a semester school, but why fix something that isn't broken?"

Currently, all public universities in Washington state, colleges and community colleges have quarter-based systems with the exception of Washington State University.

"Most quarter schools finish up in June and most semester schools start classes in late August, so if you were to go from a quarter schools to a semester school, you would have that abbreviated summer the first time you transition but then you'd be back on schedule and move forward from there," Fuller said.

EWU Q2S COST SUMMARY					
TOTAL COSTS BY OFFICE	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	TOTAL	% of TOTAL
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	\$2,477,300	\$2,086,170	\$2,158,600	\$6,722,070	77.4%
ATHLETICS	\$13,060	\$13,060	\$13,060	\$39,180	0.5%
BUSINESS & FINANCE	\$110,656	\$0	\$0	\$110,656	1.3%
FINANCIAL AID	\$82,629	\$53,829	\$53,829	\$190,287	2.2%
OIT	\$273,036	\$245,306	\$104,741	\$623,083	7.2%
PRESIDENT	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$145,000	\$435,000	5.0%
RECORDS & REGISTRATION	\$153,561	\$73,561	\$334,847	\$561,969	6.5%
GRAND TOTAL COSTS:	\$3,255,242	\$2,616,926	\$2,810,077	\$8,682,245	100.0%

Cost summary provided by Vice President for Business and Finance Mary Voves



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# Fitness center basketball court closed due to flood

## Repair and reopening date remain unknown

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A sprinkler head, hit by a basketball, flooded the floor in the fitness center gym, costing an estimated \$100,000 in damage, according to director of recreation facilities Dave Early.

On May 23, the flood prompted a team of custodial employees to quickly get rid of the inch of water that covered the wood floor.

According to Early, between 900 to 1,000 inches of water escaped from the sprinkler head.

“Our facilities maintenance crew was down here within minutes of the activation and was organizing the equipment to remove the water,” Early said. “As soon as the fire department left ... 30 minutes after it started, our floor crews were in there mopping up the water and getting it off the floors. Their efforts went a long way towards minimizing the damage.”

Ray Godin, manager of custodial services, was involved with the clean-up of the fitness center gym after the fire department left.

“Our mission ... was to get as much moisture removed as possible,” Godin said. “The way this floor is set up is a little more unusual because it sits over the parking garage ... it has a plastic

layer underneath that actually retains a lot of that water.”

The floor was about 30 to 40 percent saturated with water and was leaking through to the parking garage. Godin said that facilities maintenance has handled floods in the press box before, but not flooring.

According to Godin, the maintenance crew is IICRC certified in water restoration.

Godin said the floor is unique because the fitness center gym is not in a contained area where ventilation can be shut down.

The best option to preserve the floor was to put fans on it and dry it slowly. Early said that an insurance adjustor took a look at the floor on June 1 to decide whether it is a total loss or if part of the floor is salvageable.

According to Early, the joints in the floor have raised up because of the water damage.

“If it is a total loss, we pay our deductible [and] cut the floor out,” Early said.

The deductible is about \$10,000, which is about 10 percent of the total cost of the floor. Early said the pricing of the gym floor is between \$10 and \$12 per square foot.

“The other side of that is that we can go in and we can remove sections of the floor until we find out how much

water damage is underneath,” Early said. “Our biggest concern is that the floor is really three layers of wood. There [are] two layers of three quarter inch plywood and a layer of 25/32 maple.”

He added the water damage affects the feel of the floor because it creates dead spots and changes how the floorboards fit together.

The timeline for the repair of the floor is unknown because bid specifications have to be made before the repairs begin.

The estimated time it will take to complete the repairs would be 90 days at the least, Early said.

Brianna Bennett, a URC fitness instructor, said that the staff was notified when the basketball court flooded. She felt concerned about the court being closed because of the amount of fast fitness students that like to play basketball during their time at the facility.

Since the basketball court in the fitness center is sealed off, URC patrons cannot play basketball during the time they are clocked in.

“When I have been taking the laundry down by the courts downstairs, I noticed a lot of people talking about they can’t get their visits [playing basketball],” Bennett said. “Unfortunately, it was a participant that made this happen.”

# No new budget cuts for 2013, funds still tight

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The EWU community may be relieved about the absence of budget cuts for 2013, but the struggle to retain faculty positions and programs is far from over.

At the May 30 open forum for the budget, Vice President Mary Voves and President Rodolfo Arévalo discussed the university’s strategic plan and budget for 2013.

Voves explained some of the changes that have taken place over the past few years as the university has seen reductions in state funding. She

said that in 2008, the state was providing about \$6,500 per student each year. That number has since shrunk to about \$3,800.

She added that since 2008, about 110 staff positions were impacted by budget cuts. In addition, the university can no longer use state funds to support athletics, so that money has to come from student S&A fees.

Voves said that unlike some of EWU’s sister institutions who did not have sufficient financial reserves, “We did not have to implement three percent salary cuts. ... We were lucky we were able to protect our staff through some

of this process.”

“It’s had a very minimal impact on the students in the sense that [faculty] have all continued to do [their] jobs and are doing them so well that the students don’t see the reduced staff. They don’t see how much harder people are working and some of the things that are happening because everyone ... is making sure that the student experience remains a really high quality experience,” said Voves.

Voves said that the university is seeing a projected enrollment growth of about two percent, which will contribute to approximately \$2,700,000 of new revenue that the uni-

versity will be able to utilize in the new budget. “Our total operating budget is \$451 million,” Voves said.

Arevalo said that the university’s strategic plan contains four core goals that will be central to how these funds will be spent. These goals are: student success at the highest level, becoming an institution of innovation, community engagement and increased visibility.

Part of becoming more engaged in the community will include the development of online curriculums which will draw more students to the university who could not otherwise attend.

# Farewell to the 2011-2012 ASEWU President

## Ocaña heads home to reform education

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Oscar Ocaña, an international student from Mexico, served as the ASEWU president from 2011-2012, and plans to make educational reformation when he returns home.

Ocaña served as a senator and the president with the student government at Spokane Falls Community College from 2007-2009.

Ocaña said one of the most noticeable changes this year were that a lot more people, both students and administrators, visited the ASEWU office.

“I’m planning to return home to start [researching] in regards to [the] educational systems and opportunities for nontraditional women between the ages of 40 to 60 to go back to school,” Ocaña said.

Ocaña said that when more women in Mexico can receive education, future generations will also get education because they will follow by example. According to Ocaña, children in Mexico that are not educated are

likely to turn to a life of crime or become involved with a drug cartel.

“There was a case of a 14-year-old kid that killed more than 100 people [because] of a cartel,” Ocaña said. “If ... the female population gets educated ... they aren’t just going to educate their kids but they will educate their grandkids.”

Lindsey Petroni, a senior who was the office assistant for the ASEWU president’s cabinet for the 2011-2012 academic year, is now the internship program coordinator at the Hecla Mining Company in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Petroni said that she enjoyed working for the ASEWU and with Ocaña.

“I loved working with Oscar,” Petroni said in an email. “It was always different in the sense that you would go in thinking it was going to just be a slow day, then he would come in bursting with excitement about a project or idea that he wants to try and it changes everything. He was passionate about what he was doing and that was the best part of my



Ocaña

job. I became passionate about a program or project just because he was.”

Petroni said that Ocaña worked well in a team setting because he used input, advice and suggestions to make ASEWU better.

Goals that Ocaña and the ASEWU accomplished this year were increasing voter turnout in the ASEWU elections, providing summer quarter bus passes and promoting diversity at EWU.

Ocaña said the goals that were not accomplished this year were improving the acceptance of transfer students between Eastern and local community colleges and working with other student governments to provide leadership opportunities.

Stacey Morgan Foster, the vice president of student affairs, met with Ocaña once every two weeks to discuss the progress of the projects of ASEWU.

According to Morgan Foster, students had more voice in important decisions this year. Students did not sit off to the side and let the administrators make all the decisions.

“He not only had an idea of things that he wanted to see happen for Eastern, but he put himself out there as much as possible to hear what other students, faculty, staff or administration were saying and made sure they felt appreciated,” Petroni said in an email.

Morgan Foster said Ocaña was attentive in addressing the needs of students at the Riverpoint campus.

“That was something that ... a lot of people don’t necessarily see,” Morgan Foster said. “He has been doing a lot of office hours and visits [at Riverpoint and] surveying students to determine what it is that they want. That is going to lay the foundation for the next year where these things actually start to get done.”

Ocaña said that while the goal of getting services at Riverpoint campus was partially successful, he wanted to achieve more.

“You can’t necessarily get everything done in one year. [It is] a short period of time,” Morgan Foster said.

Morgan Foster said that Ocaña will leave a lasting impression with the ASEWU.

“The most lasting achievement he has [is] professionalizing the ASEWU as an organization,” Morgan Foster said. “He has really brought that entire organization up several levels ... in terms of adherence to what their job responsibilities are, having all the senators and executives actually perform and have goals [and] achieve them. He really changed the expectation. ... He really created an esprit de cour among the [ASEWU] leaders.”

# Structured goal system brings ASEWU success

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The ASEWU set out with six goals in mind at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

To achieve these goals, ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña said they created smaller projects that would help complete the bigger picture.

“The issue with goals [regarding] student leadership is that they’re always too broad,” Ocaña said. “Student governments come up with their own agenda, but it never is the students’ agenda. That’s when nothing gets done, and our student body population doesn’t make them accountable to that.”

To increase student voter turnout through collaboration with university organizations is a goal.

Voter turnout doubled from seven percent to 14 percent this year, and Ocaña attributes that success to collaboration among university departments.

By collaborating with departments like Career Services, JFK Library, the bookstore, Dining Services and Housing and Residential Life, Ocaña said more students were aware of candidates and election.

On election day, library employees wore shirts that reminded students to vote. Candidate debates were held outside Baldy’s, which were organized by both the ASEWU and Dining Services.

“That was a goal that was collectively accomplished because we worked together in the process,” Ocaña said.

Ocaña hoped the increase in voters would help students feel more empowered. “The way that you empower the students is by making accountable their next student leaders through the voting process, through opening new channels

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# Commencement to include mechanical engineering graduates

Courtesy of EWU Media Relations

Eastern will award diplomas to eight students who will have the distinction of being the first EWU graduates to earn degrees in mechanical engineering during the 2012 commencement ceremonies on June 16 at Roos Field.

The mechanical engineering curriculum, first offered in the fall quarter of 2009, builds on concepts studied in physics, math and the sciences. It prepares students to be knowledgeable in their fields and effective problem solvers.

In addition to the mechanical engineering degree, Eastern also offers a degree in electrical engineering, making it unique among the regional universities in the state of Washington.

“This is really a monumental achievement for the university,” said Judd Case, dean of the College of Science, Health and Engineering. “This new degree opportunity represents EWU’s commit-

ment to student success, as highly-qualified graduates are prepared to enter a high-demand field.”

Case also points out the M.E. graduates reflect Eastern’s commitment to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.

Such STEM-related fields are considered to be a driving force in economic recovery and global competitiveness, which is why the state has directed higher education institutions to expand enrollment in STEM programs.

This year, commencement ceremonies are divided by colleges, and the eight mechanical engineering graduates will receive their degrees from Eastern during the 2 p.m. ceremony.

**The M.E. graduates are:**  
Tomas Armenta  
Scott Brandon  
Joseph Cluever  
Aron Eaton  
Timothy McDowell  
Kyle Murray  
Brandt Porter  
Saleh Tafesh



Brother Jed tests the limits of free speech as a right

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Whenever Brother Jed, aka Jed Smock, comes to campus, some of us rejoice while others lament. For his version of the truth can, at times, seem extreme. “And you sluts,” Jed shouted at passing students in front of the PUB May 22. “You open your legs for every Tom, Dick and Harry on campus.” Counter-protesters stood opposite the fiasco, handing out condoms and holding protest signs. Moments later, EWU Police arrived, and asked him to step aside to talk to him. Police told him to bring his speech to the other side of campus. As much as we may loathe Brother Jed’s speech, it is constitutionally protected. But how far are we willing to go to allow him his rights — and what about the Westboro Baptist Church?

Everyone will recall the spectacle that is the Westboro Baptist Church, led by founder Fred Phelps. On October 21, 2010, they made their way to Eastern as counter-protesters mounted a defense against their hateful speech.

“This country is the only remaining superpower,” Phelps said in an interview with the Huffington Post in 2010. “Which means the Supreme Court is head of the whole world. What is our message for the world? You’re going to hell.” Phelps and the Westboro Baptist Church spend most of their time picketing a homophobic message at funerals of fallen soldiers.

This kind of speech, while hateful and incendiary, is protected speech. As much as we hate to admit it, the freedom of speech, even the ability to speak about things that aren’t socially acceptable, is one of the pinnacles of the constitution. There is a reason why it’s the First Amendment.

One would think that these messages of hate might cause others to hate. But by allowing others the freedom to say whatever they want, we’re including them into the conversation of society.

As students, it’s important that we don’t allow ourselves to fall into the trap-pings of exclusion. With the country as polarized as it is, politically, culturally and even morally, the last thing we need to do is to start silencing dissenting voices even further. By silencing those opinions, we’re only driving these people’s views further underground, where it could fester into something worse, such as violence.

It takes every single one of us to make America what it is. And it is, perhaps, through this compassion for others’ voices, ideas and even hate that we finally come to some consensus about what is good and what isn’t.

So the next time Brother Jed comes to campus, we should accept him with open arms but turn in the opposite direction and let him preach until his face turns blue.

There probably will never be a day when Jed realizes that most people disagree with him because he knows that if he reaches one person, he’s done his job. It goes to show that by having the ability to speak freely, we too can speak out against whoever we want, and if we reach one person and change their minds, then we, like Jed, have done our job.

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Generations are graduating together

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Eastern Washington University has its share of non-traditional students, but few can boast about attending with family members and even fewer can boast about walking down the graduation aisle with a family member.

My daughter, Querida Meyer, and I will have this experience next year. But before images of “An Extremely Goofy Movie” go flashing through your mind’s eye, consider how much larger EWU is than the cartoon world.

For Anne Long, educational psychology and children studies major, the distance between Martin Hall and the music building, where her son Austin is majoring in music education with a minor in performance, may as well be the distance between Cheney and Spokane.

“For the most part, we don’t even see each other. And that’s probably the hardest thing,” said Anne.

Austin agreed. “We pretty much never see each other during the school day,” he said.

“Unless we plan,” said Anne. “I’m happy to talk to him five minutes a week.”

“It doesn’t really feel like I went to school with her,” said Austin.

This is success for Anne. Part of her goal while she was at EWU was not to impose on her son, even when she wished to share her schooling experiences with him.

He, in turn, has played the role of an encourager.

“He’s told me, ‘Oh mom, you’re smart, you can do this,’ when I’ve been a little anxious,” Anne said.

Perhaps it’s gender or personality differences, but Jana Bowman sees one of her daughters frequently while on campus.

Jana will be graduating this spring with her daughters Lachelle, who studied business, and “Cole” Christina Bowman, who majored in English, philosophy and humanities.

While Lachelle has been at Riverpoint campus, Jana and Christina often have lunch together. None of the Bowmans have had classes together, but the sisters used to bump into each other in the Riverpoint computer lab.

“It’s a little strange going to school with your mom for a little while,” said Cole. “She’s very good at boundaries, which is wonderful. And honestly, it’s been really nice having her here.”

All three Bowmans have jobs. Homework dominates the family get-togethers. If not



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Above: Daughter Lachelle, mother Jana, and daughter “Cole” Bowman. Below: Anne Long and her son Austin will walk graduation together this year. Anne is a educational psychology and children studies major. Austin is a music education major who has been student teaching at Shaw Middle School.

for the youngest, an adopted granddaughter, holidays might have been overlooked completely.

In some respects, I share Jana’s experience. Obviously, I work at The Easterner and Querida, who is an education major, works at the pool. I frequently find her doing homework in the newsroom or sleeping on a couch.

In fact, if I can be accused of anything, it would be neglect of her. There’s been times where she’s popped in to talk to me about something important, but I would ask her to repeat herself because I was too busy to pay attention. Poor thing.

And unlike the Longs or the Bowmans, we did take a class together: geology 100 in fall 2009.

It started out as a joke. I learned that she and I were registered for the same class, but we were off by one hour. I teased her about changing her class time to match mine.

She told me that her schedule was too full and that I needed to change my time.

She was serious. After a couple of ‘Are you kidding me?’ verifications, I changed my schedule and joined her geology class. She spent the rest of the quarter competing with me over grades.

Cole Bowman seemed to have a similar experience. “I like to joke around with my friends that [my mom and sister] stole my thunder, but it’s been pretty cool,” said Cole.

“I can say that they both came at the same time that I did. And that’s wonderful, I couldn’t be happier about it,” said Cole.

But why attend college while you have a college student?

Anne Long was a stay-at-home mom while raising Austin. She volunteered with her local PTA



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and eventually, the Central Valley High School band. It was during this volunteering that she learned she wanted to be a counsellor. So after finishing her A.A., she came to EWU in January of 2010.

“I wish other people my age could come to school because what I have learned from young people is really amazing. They’re intelligent, they care about what’s going on in the world. ... I have much more faith now in the future of this country. ... They don’t have to be president, they don’t have to be doctors or lawyers; they’re just going to be good solid citizens that will be in community discussions and make some changes and care about what’s happening here,” said Anne.

Jana Bowman always wanted a college education. Her parents made it through middle school but struggled without further education. Her grandparents only made

it through grade school. But the timing had to be right for Jana. She went to the community college for two years in the early ‘80s, married, had three kids and realized there had to be something better than a mid-management job. She had adopted her granddaughter and needed to get out of her grudge job.

Anne Long believes it’s important for women to have something that they’re enthusiastic and passionate about to invest time into. “When it got to be empty nest time, I had something that was mine,” said Anne.

I agree with her. But my motivation to return to school was somewhat different. My family needs education for us to break out of poverty, but, more importantly, it is difficult for me to preach education to my children when my highest level of education is a GED.

Through the Eagle’s Eye

"When is free speech not OK?"



“I would say that the only time when free speech is not OK is when it’s treason. I mean it’s OK to protest the government, but if you’re going beyond it to be malicious, no.”

Greg Gormley



“I would say free speech is not OK when it inflicts on another person’s freedoms and their rights.”

Timothy Smith



“Well, like shouting fire in a crowded theater. When someone makes threats and things like that, then it’s not good.”

Brian Andrews



“I think it should always be ok. I think you can say whatever you want to say, but I think you should choose your words carefully.”

Lana Blue

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# Eastern senior pens horror short story

## Corn wins national writer contest

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Stefani Corn, a senior majoring in interdisciplinary studies, won the national Writer's Digest Genre Fiction contest with the first horror story she had ever written.

Corn spent an afternoon last fall writing the short horror story because her fiancé challenged her to submit a story to the annual contest.

"I have never done anything like that or read any horror novels, so he was like 'I bet that you can't write a story,'" Corn said. "It's weird. My interests are romance and serial killers."

Her fiancé, senior Tyler Miller, was entering the contest and told her that she should enter the contest too. When she hesitated to spend the \$20 for the contest fee, he sent it in for her.

Miller has been writing creatively since he was a child and started at Eastern in the creative writing department. However, he shifted to studying education — because of the job options.

Having never read or written horror stories before, Corn had little hope that she would actually win the contest. Around Christmas, she received the call saying that she had won.

Corn won \$1,000 and her story was published in the May issue with a profile about her in the magazine and their website.

"It was really cool to win. I just write for fun so

Writers Digest is a magazine that has several writing contests for aspiring writers to enter including science fiction, thriller, romance and young adult fiction.

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to have somebody think my work is good other than me, ... it was cool," Corn said.

Corn started writing in high school because of her love of reading but had never won a contest with national exposure before. She was taking a break from writing while in college because of the school workload, but inspiration struck again when she met Miller.

"Once I met Tyler, since he likes to write so much, I was kind of inspired to start writing again," Corn said.

Corn spent one afternoon in front of her computer writing the horror story using skills she learned from reading true crime novels.

"I basically just thought of something really bad that could happen. I like to read true crime novels so I kind of wrote mine in that kind of style, kind of focusing on the villain as the center of the story," Corn said. "It turned out to be a lot more intense than I thought it was going to be."

Miller said, "It's a disturbing story."

She worried when she found out she had won. Being published meant people would read her story, and she was unsure of the content. The story is about a former doctor who gets at-



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Senior Stefani Corn is a interdisciplinary studies major who works in the JFK Library circulation desk. She likes to read true crime novels.

tacked by one of his old patient's parents.

It spins off from there and he starts murdering children for various reasons.

"It's a really good story," Miller said. "The first time I read it, there were all these different elements in it that professional writers and more experienced writers really struggle to get right, and [Corn] had done them in a genre that she never really read or wrote. She doesn't even like watching scary movies."

Winning the contest and

getting the money made the whole thing real for Corn and Miller.

"I got one of those[giant] paper checks," Corn said. "I made a photocopy of it."

Before the printer had finished copying, she was out the door on a shopping spree with her winnings. Spending the money was quick and easy for Corn.

"There was a budget, but not having to stop and say 'I just spent \$50 and I only have \$200 in my checking account,'" Corn said. "It was not actually being on a college student budget when

you go to the mall. But it went really fast once I started spending the \$1,000."

Miller said, "It was kind of depressing how quick \$1,000 can go."

Writer's Digest is a literary magazine.

They hold the contest every year, choosing a different genre of fiction as the topic.

Last year was horror, this year is romance.

Corn is unsure if she will enter the upcoming romance competition.

The contest has a word limit and she feels that writ-

ing a short romance novel would be difficult.

"I feel like it would be a challenge to have two people meet, break up and meet again in 5,000 words. You have to develop the relationship otherwise the reader is like 'That was really realistic,'" Corn said.

For Miller, seeing his fiancée get published was pure happiness and no jealousy involved.

He encourages her writing and looks forward to reading more of her stories.

"I thought it was wonderfully ironic," Miller said.

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The staff of The Easterner with Journalism 100 students on the campus mall on June 4. The Patterson Hall remodel construction project can be seen in the background. Front row, from left to right: Adviser Jamie Neely, Senior Reporter Kristie Hsin, staff writer Nicole Livingston, photographer Dylan Paulus, staff writer Desireé Hood, Opinion Editor Derek Brown. Second row, from left to right: photographer Mikayla Napier, JRN 100 student Peter Sowards, staff writer Libby Campbell, Advertising Manager Joe Schilter, Editor-in-Chief Amy Meyer, JRN 100 student Rei Inoue. Third row, from left to right: staff writer Kyle Franko, JRN 100 student Katie Simpson, staff writer Sarah Macdonald, Graphics Editor Ben Britz, Sports Editor Al Stover, News Editor Dylan Coil, staff writer Linsey Garrison. Fourth row, from left to right: JRN 100 student Teri Simpson, JRN 100 student Hanfu Shi, staff writer Josh Friesen, Chief Copy Editor Kurt Olson, Christina Jordan, staff writer Davis Hill, staff writer Jane Martin, copy editor Cheyenne Dunham, copy editor Mollie Gower, Online Editor Grant Stanciliff. Back row, from left to right: photographer Evan Sykes, Photo Editor Aaron Malmoe, staff writer Frank McNeilly, copy editor Colleen Bowerman, Managing Editor Christopher Stuck, JRN 100 student Gavin Lee, JRN 100 student Brad Pederson.

## Drugs and smoking

Drug arrests were a major theme of this year, including a search that revealed drugs and weapons at a party where three Sigma Nu fraternity members were booked for possession. Another student was booked on charges of meth production.

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## Patterson Hall Remodel

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The Patterson Hall remodel, which began in April 2010, is scheduled to have its first phase completed in summer 2012. The building will add 30,000 square feet of new office wings to the existing building.

The second phase, which is a build out of the original building, will modernize approximately 105,000 square feet of the interior classrooms and is scheduled for completion in summer 2014. There will be several improvements to the building, including improvements to the infrastructure, heating ventilation equipment and plumbing systems.

There will be a total of four phases before the building is completely finished.

Named after former EWU president Don Patterson, Patterson Hall was originally completed in 1972. According to Spokane Historical, the decision to renovate Patterson Hall was made in 2009 to accommodate Eastern's growth in student population.

According to the EWU website, the project has cost \$55.1 million. The Leadership in Energy and Environment Design Silver Certification will be the minimum program sustainability requirement for the building.

## Heists and elections

The PUB ATM was burglarized overnight, resulting in the ATM being relocated to sit near Baldy's. President Arévalo recommended the graduate math program be cut after evidence that the program was not meeting the needs of the students.

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## The circus and eggs

Eastern won its homecoming game against the University of Northern Colorado while Larren Wright and Maria Elena Calderon were elected Mr. and Ms. Eastern. "The Greatest Show on Turf" included window painting and a parade.

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## Ghosts and bullies

Ghost hunter Ross Allison visited Eastern to measure the magnitude of paranormal presence in the residence halls, including Streeter and Morrison halls. After a national outrage at bullying in schools, students asked for more support.

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## Pigskins and shotput

Although the football and track teams did not grab a championship, some saw success at the individual level. Keisa Monterola qualified for the NCAA National Championship in the pole vault and Matt Johnson was drafted by the Cowboys.

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## Fights and hoops

After losing his first match to Charlie Schultz, Caleb Sherman defeated Schultz with a head kick that broke Schultz's jaw in King of Cheney 3. Volleyball and men's basketball both made it to the Big Sky Conference playoffs.

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## Cops and criminals

From tricycle thieves to lizard heists, EWU saw some interesting crimes in the past year. Cartoonists Allen Duffy and Colleen Bowerman show their best portrayals of the perpetrators in the "Police Beat Hall of Shame."

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## Policy may grant amnesty

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

According to Violence Prevention Advocate Karen Wanjico, if EWU had an amnesty policy in place, students could call for help.

In implementing an amnesty policy, students involved with alcohol, drugs or who are sexually assaulted—underage or not—could call police officials without getting in trouble. An amnesty policy has not been made official. Currently, there is no policy. Researching all aspects of the policy are Wanjico and ASEWU Student Health and Safety Services representative Becca Harrell.

“We’ve been researching it and we want to propose it at some point,” Wanjico said.

The duo is currently gathering more information and listening to student input, trying to get this policy in place. Harrell and Wanjico have been researching what sorts of policies are implemented at other schools and their details. Harrell has also been gathering student testimonies of situations where they should have contacted police officials, but did not due to the involvement of alcohol.

Eastern’s drug policy follows Washington state drug laws that

state the use or sale of illegal substances is prohibited on campus.

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

“My interest as the advocate is for sexual assault victims—that they could know that they’re not going to get charged if they seek help,” Wanjico said.

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

The policy would apply to students who need medical attention and for people who call for help. For instance, if a sober, underage friend at a party with alcohol present calls the police for their friend suffering from alcohol poisoning, both participants would be offered immunity. As stated in the student conduct code, “Possession or consumption of alcohol by person under the age of 21 is not permitted on campus. ... Minors in possession of alcohol is a misdemeanor offence.”

Limited immunity, which is what would be included in the policy, is different from straight-up immunity. Straight-up immunity is when someone makes a call for help and is then off the hook, according to Wanjico.

Under limited immunity, a student would not be charged under the university’s conduct code if the person participates in educational classes on drugs and alcohol, participates in educational courses on how to identify students with drinking problems, and reflects on their experiences for the future and more. According to Wanjico, if a student has had too much to drink, their friends may just have them sleep it off. That student’s alcohol level could be rising, and they could end up dead.

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

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

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

“I’d want it for sure to cover sexual assault victims and people who were using alcohol,” Wanjico said. “Again, it just depends on what the need of the individual university is and how they see fit to create the policy.”



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## Smoking banned at Riverpoint campus

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Enjoy those last few butts because Riverpoint Campus will officially be tobacco free beginning May 1.

The implementation of this policy will only apply to the Riverpoint campus. Because WSU is the primary occupant of the Riverpoint campus, the university has the authority to change policies that affect everyone there.

“I don’t have anything against people who smoke, but I’m always walking through their smoke clouds and then smelling like crap because they’re smoking everywhere,” said junior Aaron Gustenberg. “It’s about time we have a policy like this.”

This decision was initiated by the Washington State University Student Senate last spring. The process began with a circulated survey given out to students in order to test whether or not they liked the idea. The surveys included questions on whether or not the students were in support of the policy and also a chance for them to comment on the possible change.

Of the 189 students who responded to the survey, 87.8 percent supported implementing a tobacco-free campus, according to ASWSU Vice President Trevor McLay in an email.

Senators involved in the initiative drafted a resolution outlining the reasons for the proposed changes based on the findings of this data. The Tobacco Free Campus Task force, composed of students, faculty and staff, drafted the policy.

The policy draft was presented to the administration at EWU’s main campus in

Cheney. Since EWU is co-located with WSU Spokane, the Task Force was inclusive of EWU members.

“WSU Spokane received a strong message of support and cooperation from the EWU administration. Cooperation with all parties was a focal point of emphasis when considering how best to move forward with these changes,” said McLay. “One of our main concerns in this process has been ensuring fair and complete communications to all students, faculty, and staff about the change taking place at Riverpoint.”

Due to Washington state laws, the current rules and regulations of smoking on campus within 25 feet of any building entrance is prohibited. According to McLay, this new policy will surpass those laws, prohibiting smoking on all grounds owned by the university.

For clarity, tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, hookah, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and electronic cigarettes, according to the policy online. EWU’s tobacco policy is the same as Washington state’s smoking policy—no smoking is allowed within 25 feet of a building entrance.

“I think this is stupid. I’m an avid smoker, I work two jobs and I’m a full time student. Especially when it’s cold outside, I’m not going to walk 25 feet away from the building I have class in for my smoke break,” said senior Melissa Barker. “I think as long as we’re not trashing the place, we should be able to smoke wherever we want.”

Barker is a WSU student and has most of her classes at Riverpoint.

Once the resolution was passed, the information was then presented to Chancellor



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of WSU Spokane Brian Pitcher, who then presented the information to the university cabinet. The cabinet voted to approve the policy.

“As representatives of our student body, we were concerned with the impact smoking on campus had on the student experience. Primary among our concerns were second-hand smoke and environmental trash,” said McLay. “We also noted the increasing number of healthcare facilities, where many students will go to work after graduation that are moving to tobacco-free policies.”

According to McLay, “environmental trash” includes cigarette butts and ashtrays.

“We felt it to be important to foster a student culture of healthy living and positive health practices. As students of a variety of healthcare professions, we felt this campus could lead the way in making this positive and beneficial change,” McLay said.

According to McLay, this change will make WSU Spokane the first four-year public institution to be a tobacco-free campus in Washington.

“We are very proud of this fact,” McLay said.

## Tire slashings lead to arrest

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According to police records, 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 physics 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.”

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 resisting 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

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## Off-campus party busted in January, occupants await legal hearings

No official charges have been made, investigation is ongoing

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Three current or former members of the Sigma Nu fraternity were booked on charges of drug possession after throwing a party Jan. 15.

According to Cheney Police Commander Rick Campbell, Cheney Police executed a search warrant to a house on Normal Parkway after responding to a call that a woman had been screaming and banging on doors in the area.

Inquiring about the distressed woman, two police officers approached the house where three current or former members of the Sigma Nu fraternity, Andrew D. Tucker, Kyle A. Hubly and Joseph L. Welsh, were throwing a late-night party, according to police reports. According to the statement of arresting officer Sgt. Richard A. Beghtol, “When the officers knocked at the door to determine if there was anything wrong, a person answered the door and identified himself as the renter, the other occupants slammed the door.”

Beghtol applied to Spokane District Court Judge D. Wilson for a search warrant for the premises and provided copies of the warrant to each identified renter before the search began.

According to Campbell, the search turned up psychedelic mushrooms, methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, pre-packaged drugs ready for sale, guns and large amounts of money totalling \$803 in cash. Underage drinking was also believed to be present.

Beghtol’s statement said

that police found evidence of drug use throughout the house along with paraphernalia that previously contained controlled substances, and that the “residence was clearly a drug house.”

Members of Eastern’s Sigma Nu fraternity are currently being investigated to find out how much they knew about the behavior of their three fraternity brothers.

According to Dave Meany, Eastern’s media relations specialist, the university is in the process of interviewing members of the fraternity and reviewing past incidents. Once that process is completed, a full

report will be filed.

“We have to look at the whole picture,” said Meany. “Student affairs is working on behalf of the university to determine the level of involvement from other members.”

Meany added that the fraternity in question has fully cooperated with the university so far throughout the investigation.

“Our chapter members will continue to cooperate with EWU, local police, and our national organization regarding the recent reports of three members engaging in illegal activity,” said EWU chapter president Taemin Um in a

statement released by the National Sigma Nu Fraternity. “These members are being held accountable in accordance with our fraternity’s national bylaws so our chapter can take appropriate action.”

The national Sigma Nu organization has been working with Eastern’s local chapter in reviewing the case and has the ability to suspend membership rights but any expulsion from the organization would have to come from the local chapter level.

“We are currently in the process of reviewing

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Photo by Derek Brown, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner.  
Occupy Spokane protestors gathered at the intersection of Monroe and Riverside in front of the Robert John Monaghan statue.

# Spokane protests rally support

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Protesters are taking a stand in Spokane against budgets for education, the economy and the current war.

The demonstrators at the Occupy Spokane protest do not stand for one issue, but many different ones. The Occupy Spokane protest is at the intersection of Monroe and Riverside next to the Tom Foley Federal Court Building. Protesters have been standing in front of the statue of Robert John Monaghan on Monroe Street with signs seeking approval from passing motorists and pedestrians. Protesters cheer each

time cars pass and honk their horns, some keeping track of how many honks they get with each wave of cars.

While the protest has not made a big impact at Eastern, other than creating conversation, some staff members see important points in the protest. Dr. Majid Sharifi, professor of government, went to Occupy Spokane and encourages students to see the importance it has on students.

“Students could learn something new from the Occupy Spokane protest depending on their background and interests. Students [can] learn that the Occupy Spokane protest supports public universities, asking for a re-appropriation of the budget. The protest values public education and has the inter-

est of current and future students in mind,” Sharifi said.

The Occupy Spokane protest is ongoing, 24 hours a day. There is a volunteer center next to the downtown library which has food available for protesters.

The Occupy Spokane protest does not have a leader, and the protesters do not protest for the same reasons. The protesters have been able to find common ground on their issues and stand together with their differences.

The Work Not War protest was organized by the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS) and protested the 10-year war in the Middle East.

Protesters stood in Clark Park at the corner of Division and Garland, holding signs

that support more money for health care, infrastructure and education rather than the ongoing war.

Liz Moore, director of PJALS, said the Work Not War protest has issues that are relevant to students.

“The cost of the war America has been in for 10 years has affected students financially and emotionally. Tuition has gone up while funding has gone down. \$1.3 trillion that was spent on the war could have gone towards scholarships, funding for universities and more jobs for university students,” Moore said.

PJALS not only supports funds for students and public universities, but more jobs and money for the working class of America.

# ASEWU executive office election results



Kaleb Hoffer will take office as the president of ASEWU for 2012-13. He formerly held office as the Finance Vice President.



Rebecca Harrell will take office as the Executive Vice President for 2012-2013. She formerly served as a member of the ASEWU council.



Markus Hammond will take office as the Finance Vice President for 2012-2013. He has never previously served on the ASEWU.

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with the process of extracting pseudo-ephedrine 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.

## Fraternity:

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the facts and considering taking action against the individuals,” said Tim Braddock, director of fraternal operations for the national Sigma Nu organization. “Action can take several forms. We look into any matters of potential safety or policy violations, or we may contact our alumni advisors. It varies from campus to campus.”

On top of any legal consequences the three students in question might face, the university has the right to enforce the student code of conduct because Greek organizations fall under student clubs, even though the incident occurred off campus and away from Greek row.

“The university will enforce the student conduct code off campus if it feels certain behaviors will reflect poorly on Eastern,” Meany said.

# ATM emptied

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Campus police are investigating the PUB’s ATM burglary that occurred Tuesday, Sept. 20. The break-in happened early Wednesday morning between 3 and 4 a.m. It is speculated to have taken an hour to complete, according to Traci McGlathery, Spokane Teachers Credit Union (STCU) Community Relations Officer.

Police initially responded to a report of malicious mischief in the form of a fire extinguisher that had been discharged. It was discovered later that the fire extinguisher was discharged to cover evidence. The ATM break-in was discovered through STCU when personnel were sent to investigate around 12:48 p.m. after failed attempts to use the machine.

“It happened overnight and it was discovered Wednesday,” said Campus Police Deputy Chief Gary Gasseling. “Everything was stolen [and] it was ripped off.”

McGlathery, who was notified the next day, said the ATM has never been robbed.

“The access point was not from the front. [Offenders] broke into the storage room and accessed the ATM from the ceiling,” she said.

According to Gasseling, the police are not making any assumptions as to whether or not the culprit(s) are Eastern students and advise people to be aware and alert of their surroundings.

“It’s just being sensitive and being alert to what’s going on around you,” said Gasseling. “At this point in time, we’re not eliminating anybody.”

Police and STCU officials are not releasing information regarding how much money was stolen. Campus police are following up on possible leads.

“They came over and helped us process finger prints,” said Gasseling. “[We’re] just trying to put together a timeline of when it happened and what happened. ... We have reason to believe that they probably hid out someplace in the PUB.”

According to police reports, the incident is considered a burglary because someone entered and remained on the premises with the intent to commit a crime. It is assumed by police officials that someone hid inside the PUB before crawling through the ceiling to drop into the room behind the ATM.

“They used a cutting torch and other methods to gain access to the ATM,” said Eastern Detective Quincy Burns. “[They] likely carried it in and out in backpacks.”

Burns believes the individuals knew about the ATM and that this was not a crime of opportunity but was preplanned. EWU police think it was planned for at least three weeks — that someone watched the comings and goings of staff.

“Much, much more sophisticated than a smash and grab,” said Burns of the break-in.

Surveillance from the PUB does not have footage of the burglary.

Burns said that a similar crime had been attempted at the University of Washington, but had failed and that FBI officials are looking at two similar incidents in Los Angeles.

“We are working diligently to [replace the ATM], but we do not have a definitive time frame,” McGlathery said.

# Math cuts loom

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

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

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

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

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

ASEWU President Oscar Ocaña said that his primary concern was for the success of the largest group of students at EWU, which, in this case, were the undergraduate students. “How can we focus and get a master’s degree when we are not even capable of having a successful undergrad program?”

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

Provost Rex Fuller recommended that the graduate math program be discontinued in September 2011 with which the president concurred. The president gave his recommendation to the board of trustees in November. In an email, math professor Ron Gentle, PhD, said that a secret ballot at the Faculty Senate meeting on February 27 approved a recommendation to the president allowing the graduate math program to continue for two years, during which time the department would work to improve the program and the success rates of the developmental-level math students. Gentle added that the administration had not yet replied.

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

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



# Rail Jam shreds behind library



Photo by Evan Sykes, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner  
Brandon Leuschel of University High School performs a trick for the audience.

Students hit the rails and artificial snow

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It only rained, but snow was on the ground behind the JFK Library Oct. 22 when EPIC Adventures hosted their fifth annual Rail Jam. The Rail Jam is an event for snowboarders and skiers alike to “get their grind on” for a few hours and display their moves. Dustin Semb, EPIC’s rentals coordinator, started the Rail Jam and continues to organize and coordinate the project. “Five years ago, myself and a couple other guys had the idea of holding a Rail Jam on campus,” Semb said. “Through EPIC, we were able to get a couple of features built. The first one, five years ago, had two features when we started and now we have five features and three different ramps.” Riders were not the only ones involved; spectators also took part in the featured activities. There was a T-shirt cannon blasting free shirts

and a poker hand competition that gave away a couple of snowboards to the spectators with the best five-card draw. “Our biggest year had 500 people show up,” Semb said. “We also had 87 competitors. The weather seems to dampen those numbers. We get a handful of Eastern students and a lot of local high school students. Probably 40 percent are Cheney High School students and another 30-40 percent are Eastern students.” There were also a couple of pros who make their living snowboarding. Also present were semi-pros and other snowboarders in attendance from Seattle and Oregon. According to Semb, one year they had a rider who participated in the Olympics just three months after being in the Rail Jam at Eastern. Although there was a competition, it wasn’t the focal point of the event. “It’s not like other competitions, it’s super laid back,” Semb said. “People just ride and

the judges try to narrow down who the finalists are.” Andrew Hentses, one of the riders who is also a mechanical engineering major at Eastern, was really pumped to be participating in his second Rail Jam. “I’m enjoying this a lot. The one that I did my freshman year wasn’t as good and I got hurt last year, so I was super excited to do it this year,” said Hentses. Lindsay Anderson, who works at the EPIC front desk, says that the Rail Jam is a good way to get people outdoors and active. “It may not be a huge turnout, but there’s a lot of youth, 16 and older, in the competition just having a good time,” Anderson said. The turnout ended up being 450-480 spectators and 72 riders. Noah Wallace won the men’s open and Mimi Charter won the women’s open. Shawn Patterson won the men’s amateur competition.

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Bullying comes in all sizes and affects all matter their gender. Elsie Mills\*, an 11th grader, suffered through bullying in high school around the effects of the bullying. “At the beginning of my sophomore year, [my friend] moved to a tiny town,” Mills said. “They wanted to be friends with me, I’m sure, I know anybody.” Shortly after, she started spreading rumors, which caused other classmates to have a huge disadvantage. I didn’t know anything about it until they all hated me, and I was on the playground.

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Eagle Entertainment, a ghost hunting group, went to investigate the ghost of a student. Ross Allison, a ghost hunter for more than a decade, is a student at the University of Washington. He has featured on different TV shows including Travel Channel and MTV. Allison is co-founder of the Seattle – Tacoma Ghost Hunters. Allison has appeared on various campus radio stations across the U.S. According to him, he has evidence and a photograph of a ghost at the University of St. Louis. “I believe that there is something there. I’ve had evidence there is something there. He has been a ghost since childhood,” Allison said. “You can blame your mother used to tell me stories ever since then. This fascination

## Homecoming goes big top

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Eastern had its 85th homecoming, titled “The Greatest Show on Turf”, on the week of Oct. 19 that culminated with the Eagles football team defeating the Northern Colorado Bears, 48-27, with quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell completing 28 passes for 400 yards and three touchdowns. In addition to the football game there were several events during Homecoming Week including the Eagle Elegance pageant, a concert from Electric Approach and Tommy Simmons, the Homecoming parade, a bed race and an obstacle course. The obstacle course consisted of dressing in a clown costume and making balloon animals, a basketball free throw challenge and a mini-gauntlet-blow-up slide.



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Men carrying the EWU flags run onto Roos Field during the Homecoming game against the University of Northern Colorado.

# Engineering students prevent omelettes

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Bryan Woodbury is standing on the third floor of the Computing and Engineering Building. He looks over the edge of the stairway at the lower level floor and drops his egg 50 feet to the spot marked “X” on the plastic covering. The egg is in the center of two circles of foam bisecting each other to form a spherically-shaped contraption, which, when dropped off of the edge, rotates and floats harmlessly to the ground. Not every egg went unharmed at the egg drop held by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Student Section club. Woodbury, an engineering student, co-organized the event with Nicholas King, another engineering student. The egg drop, which happened on Feb. 24, had seven contestants, but only two were able to keep their eggs unharmed. One student buried her egg in a plastic bag filled with kitty litter. Being so compact allowed the egg to survive the one-story drop, but it cracked when falling from the second floor.

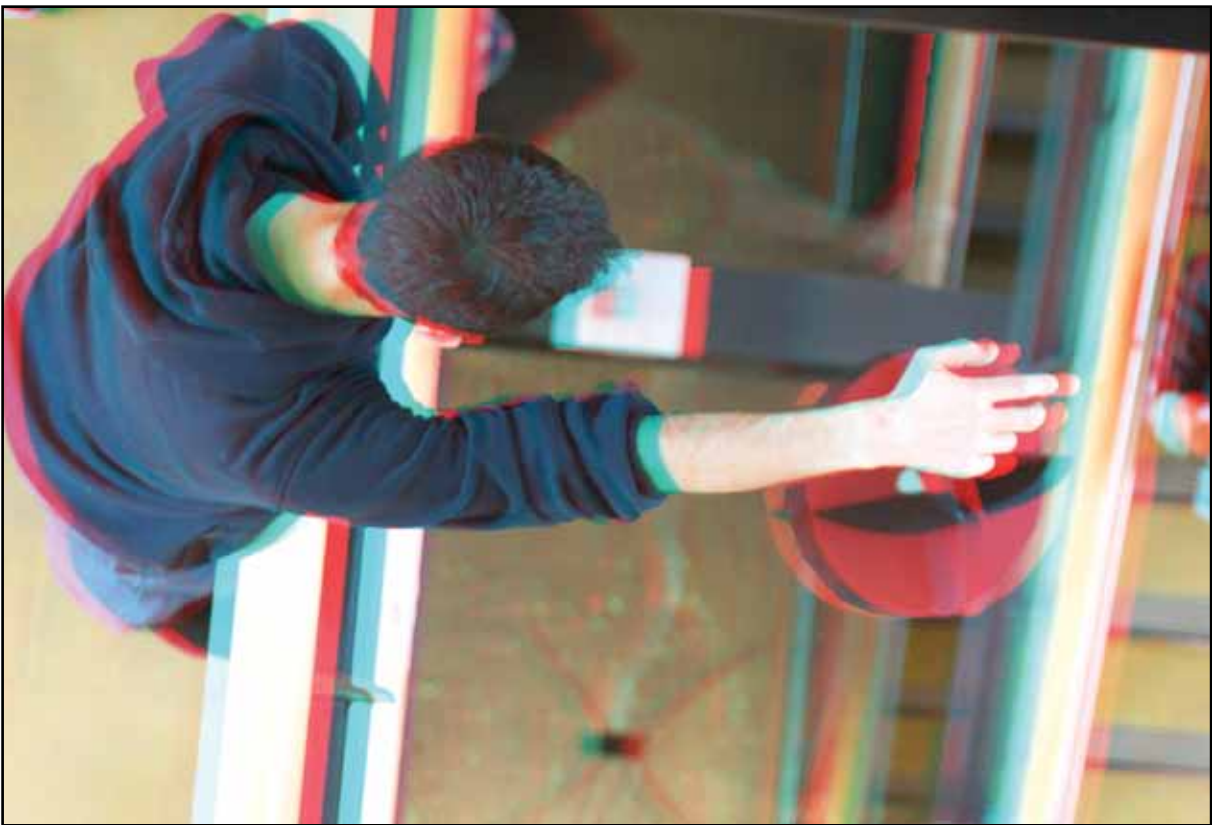


Photo by Aaron Malmoe, rendered into 3-D by The Easterner  
Bryan Woodbury drops his protected egg from the third floor of the Computing and Engineering Building.

King made a parachute to lower his egg to the floor, but the drop did not go according to plan. “My design was made for going straight down, but it ended up landing on its side and there isn’t much padding

there,” said King. “This was a last minute design I came up with last night when I had time. Now looking back, I should have put more weight on the bottom to keep it going straight down.” A few students tried to

put a lot of padding around the egg, but the second floor was as far as most of them got. Arturo Martinez was the exception. His egg survived all the drops with no air drag, just padding.

“I saw this commercial on TV a long time ago for these micro air beads saying they can take higher impact,” said Martinez. “I was like, ‘I might as well go get some [and] try it out.’ I actually stuffed them into socks, that way they act as a beanie bag and cover all four sides. The weight is spread out and absorbs shock really well.” After dropping the eggs from three stories, the plan was to drop them off of Dressler Hall, but a community adviser stopped it from happening. Martinez was a bit skeptical about his design and said that he did not think it would have survived the Dressler Hall fall, but he was curious to see what would have happened. Woodbury’s design, on the other hand, looked ready to be dropped out of an airplane. “I decided I wanted maximum air drag to come to terminal velocity as quickly as possible so that it would float slowly. The other thing I wanted was a lot of cushioning, so I found this foam they have at craft stores,” Woodbury said. “I put an egg in it, threw it off the second story at home and it gracefully floated down.”





Beyond the playground: Bullying bruises last

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there is still a chance that it can happen. That’s why the univer-  
sity has instituted an anti-bullying  
policy to ensure a safe environ-  
ment for the campus community.  
The policy defines bullying as  
“behavior that is intentional, tar-  
geted at an individual or group,  
repeated, hostile or offensive and  
creates an intimidating and/or  
threatening environment which  
produces a risk of psychological  
and/or physical harm.”  
“I started being called terrible,  
racist things to my face and be-  
hind my back. My eyes were too  
slanted, or my face was too flat,  
or my boobs weren’t big enough,”  
Mills said.  
According to Director of Hu-  
man Resources Rights and Risk  
Jolynn Rogers, bullying can fall  
under three categories: criminal,  
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are used to determine the type of  
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cordance with the policy  
definition.  
Until 2010, EWU had  
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Suzanne Milton,  
chair of the United  
Faculty of Eastern  
Bargaining Team,  
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place bullying came  
up and a need for a policy was  
addressed.  
From this, the Joint  
Committee to Eliminate  
Discrimination and Har-  
assment was created and  
eventually led to the cre-  
ation of the now standing  
anti-bullying policy.  
Alice Emerson,  
a psychologist at  
Counseling and  
Psychological  
Services, says the  
effects of bul-  
lying vary from  
person to person.  
“With bul-  
lying, ... especially  
for people that are  
in primary or sec-  
ondary school, it’s  
harder to gain pro-  
tection from that,”  
Emerson said.  
“I was picked  
apart for two years,”

Mills said, “but what I think did  
the most damage was whenever  
I’d make a friend, I’d find out the  
horrible things they’d say behind  
my back to everyone else. I don’t  
show it, but I have terrible self-  
esteem. I don’t think I’m pretty  
because I’ll never be white, and  
whatever I do to make myself look  
what I think is ‘prettier’ is some-  
thing that makes me ‘whiter.’  
“Every second of every day in  
whatever situation, I feel a giant  
racial barrier between myself and  
the people I surround myself with  
because for two years, I was iso-  
lated in a bubble that people con-  
sidered ‘ugly’ or ‘bad.’  
“It makes me self-conscious  
and whenever I interact with  
people, I’m thinking, ‘They don’t  
respect me because I’m Asian,’  
and it’s because I don’t respect  
me because I’m Asian.  
“I mean, my whole family is  
white, all of my friends are white,  
everyone at school who were  
telling me racial jokes or point-

ing out how different I was were  
white.”  
CAPS is a service on campus  
that can be used to help cope  
with the effects of bullying.  
Another effective way of deal-  
ing with bullying is to identify it  
and report it.  
Unfortunately for Mills, this  
was not an option she used.  
“In an extremely strange way,  
I coped with the bullying by not  
defending myself and reassuring  
myself that I was OK, but rather  
by identifying with my [bullies].  
“In a way, pretending I was  
one of them rather than having  
to deal with the fact that I was  
me,” said Mills.  
According to Milton, the only  
way to stop bullying is to make it  
unacceptable.  
“Bullying won’t go away un-  
less you create a culture that  
doesn’t accept it,” said Milton.  
\*This is a pseudonym used to  
protect the individual’s privacy.

Hunting for  
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with the help of Berto Cerrillo, advisor for  
Eagle Entertainment. There have been past  
events held with ghost hunters who came  
and explained their job but didn’t tour the  
campus.  
“When I saw the opportunity to bring  
someone who was actually going to take the  
time to bring our students out on a ghost  
hunt, I couldn’t pass up the opportunity,”  
Cerrillo said.  
Allison gave a short presentation where  
he showed some video evidence from past  
investigations and explained the history of  
ghost hunting. When the presentation was  
complete, he led the students on a ghost  
hunt around campus.  
The hunt led students to Showalter,  
Dryden and Streeter. According to Allison,  
the chances of getting any activity with a  
group of 50-60 people is rare.  
“When you are doing an investigation,  
the biggest thing is having a controlled en-  
vironment,” Allison said. “I do most of this  
just to educate people. If they are going to  
go out there and do it, I just want to make  
sure that they are doing it right.”  
No ghostly activity occurred at Showal-  
ter or Dryden, but Streeter was a little more  
active. According to students on the tour,  
the seventh floor of Streeter has weird ac-  
tivity, including elevator doors

opening and objects  
moving.  
The group was bro-  
ken up into three small  
groups and spread out  
into different areas of  
Streeter. Two groups  
reported activity in the  
same corner at different times.  
One group had the EMF moni-  
tor spike to red one time and  
another had the compass re-  
spond.  
“Streeter was definitely  
the most interesting. I was  
in one of the groups and the  
compass was definitely spin-  
ning around,” Annika Miller,  
an EWU sophomore, said.  
“There was definitely some-  
thing there. ... I came into this  
thinking that we weren’t going  
to find anything.”  
Allison mainly does this for  
educational purposes to keep  
those interested in hunting  
ghosts informed and safe.  
“Be safe out there,” Allison  
said. “Because I don’t want to  
have to come back and ghost  
hunt for you.”

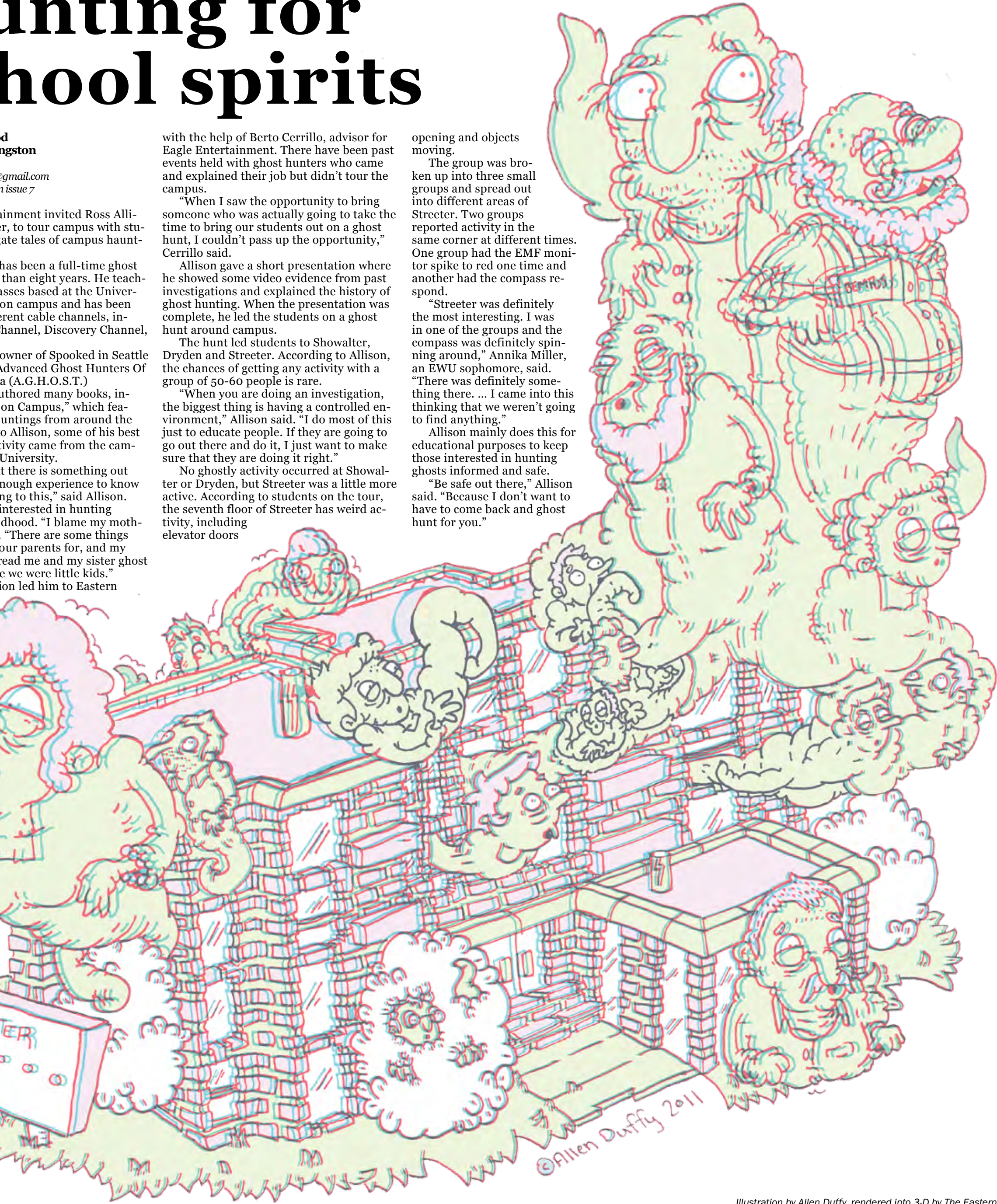


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The Eagles battled through multiple injuries and a missed playoff chance to win six of their last seven games and set several school records. After the season ended, three players went on to professional careers.

# Team played hard despite injuries

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It was not the type of season the fans and team hoped for after coming off a championship run. The Eagles were hampered by countless injuries and a missed playoff chance. But even though they did not make the playoffs, the team showed a lot of resilience and heart. After losing their first four games of the season,

the Eagles fought back and won six of their last seven games and set several school records in the process. The list of players affected by injuries faced by the team included every starting offensive lineman, with the exception of left tackle Gabriel Jackson. All-American receiver Brandon Kaufman was also injured. On defense, the senior twin duo of stars safety Matt Johnson and linebacker Zack Johnson were injured.

The running game was in shambles all year and could not find any rhythm on the ground. Not only did the offense struggle to run, but the defense could not defend against it, giving up on average 213 rushing yards per game, almost tripling the Eagles offense's 79 yards per game. This forced the Eagles to improvise and quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell took the reins, recording a monstrous statistical season.

Mitchell and his young receiver core, led by Nicholas Edwards, assaulted the conference with a historic aerial attack. He broke the Eagles' previous record of 4,003 passing yards in a single season, throwing for 4,009 with a conference leading 364.5 yards per game, fourth all-time in the Big Sky. Wide receivers Edwards, Kaufman and Greg Herd all recorded over 1,000 receiving yards and will all be back next season as seniors.

Kicker Mike Jarrett joined in on the record setting and now has the most career points scored in Eagles' history with 236 points. After the season was over several Eagles continued their football dream and went on to play professionally. Mitchell and defensive lineman Renard Williams were signed by the Calgary Stampeders, a Canadian Football League team, and hope to continue to improve and play there.

Safety Matt Johnson was drafted in the fourth round by the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys have always been his favorite team from early childhood, and he plans to work hard in hopes of making a name for himself on the Dallas team. In spite of many talented players graduating and leaving to continue their life elsewhere, the coaches and players here at Eastern are looking forward to another successful season.



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The track and field season was full of ups and downs—but mostly ups.

# Wrapping up track and field

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The 2012 EWU track and field season was typical in many respects. There were highs – the best way to describe Keisa Monterola's performance throughout the season is dominant. And there were lows – Michael Okoro's hurt hamstring in the outdoor Big Sky Championships prevented the former conference champion from finishing strong in the 100-meter and competing in the 200. At "The Easterner," we prefer to remember the good times. Without further ado: The top five performances of the 2012 track and field season.

**1. Keisa Monterola's dominance**  
Starting with the first track meet of the indoor season, the Candy Cane Invitational, Monterola did all the things that would become the expected norms for the rest of the season. She won the pole vault, broke the meet's all-time mark and set the new school record. For the most part, the entire season played out the same way as Monterola became Eastern's first indoor female All-American. Her outdoor season is not quite finished either as she heads

to the NCAA Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, June 6-9.

**2. Eastern 4x400 records fall in Flagstaff**  
At the indoor conference championships in Flagstaff, Ariz., the men's 4x400 relay broke a 22-year-old school record with a winning time of 3 minutes, 11.04 seconds. The men's team, comprised of Collin Green, Michael Okoro, Brad Michael and Brad Wall, will all return for the 2013 outdoor track season. The women's relay team – with Whitney Leavitt, Nicole Nida, Angelica Rodriguez and Chelsea Lawhead – finished in second place, but still managed to surpass a 12-year-old Eastern school record, with a time of 3:46.77.

**3. Kyle King's performance at the Big Sky Outdoor Championships**  
King told "The Easterner" that he owed his coaches and teammates a great performance at the outdoor championships several weeks before the event. Upon arriving in Bozeman, Mont., the table was set for King – succeed or fail. The future Oklahoma Sooner delivered after he won the 10,000-meter, outdistancing second place by over 16 seconds, and became Eastern's first outdoor men's distance champion since

joining the Big Sky. The following day, King took home all-conference honors in the 5,000.

**4. Warner wins the indoor hurdles**  
Steven Warner was a bit of an unknown entering the indoor championships in February, after he missed most of the season with a tender hamstring. But he left Arizona with a conference title and his time, 8.07, was the second fastest in EWU history.

**5. Brad Michael's freshman season**  
A native of Vancouver, Wash., Michael joined a sprints team with two conference champions – Brad Wall and Michael Okoro. While he did not finish his first year on campus with an individual title of his own, Michael solidified his place as one of the elite sprinters in the Big Sky. At the indoor championships, he set a school record in the 400 with a time of 46.97 and finished in second place. Michael also earned all-conference honors in the 200 and the 4x400. At the outdoor championships, Michael ran a 47.28 in the 400 and collected another all-conference honor. The sprints crew should be a strength for Eastern in 2013 with Michael, Wall and Okoro returning.

Honorable Mentions		
- Behind nine all-conference performances, the men's team finished third at the indoor championships.	- Shene Davis broke the outdoor triple jump record, clearing 40 feet 6 1/4 inches, while finishing in second place.	- Michelle Coombs, after returning from Tommy John surgery, places second in the javelin.
- Kersee Lind's all-conference performance in the heptathlon where he broke his own school record with 5,222 points.	- Keisa Monterola and Robin Taylor go one-two in the pole vault at the outdoor championships.	- Elise Jepsen places third in the high jump at the outdoor championships.
		- Mari Bingham, in her final season, takes third in the outdoor discuss.



# Sherman avenges loss to Shultz

Ariel Jones won against Alissa McCoy with a technical knock-out, boxer Nalo Leal made his MMA debut

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Caleb Sherman stood across the cage from Charlie Shultz, who had beaten him 71 days ago. Sherman awaited the sound of the bell before the fight began. In the beginning of the rematch, Sherman and Shultz exchanged some punches before they took the fight to the ground with Sherman grabbing Shultz’s heel. After a quick battle on the ground, both fighters stood up and Sherman landed a head kick that stunned the crowd and sent Shultz to the ground with a broken jaw.

Sherman and Schultz were just two of many fighters who competed in the King of Cheney 3 event, presented by the Ironfist Fighting Championship at the Cheney plaza, May 12. The event featured 14 fights.

The first match between Shultz and Sherman had taken place at King of Cheney 2. It had ended after Shultz, who had over 20 fights on his record, busted Sherman open in the first round, then scored a submission on Sherman in the second round.

Several seconds after the referee stopped the fight, Sherman waited across the cage and talked with his corner and watched the medical personnel check on Shultz. Although he was excited for his victory, Sherman also felt guilty for injuring Shultz.

“I just want to get out of here,” Sherman said. “I feel trapped with my guilt.”

As Shultz was carried out of the plaza on a stretcher, the crowd applauded, which Shultz responded to by giving them a thumbs up.

Moments later, Sher-

man was officially declared the winner, which also received an applause from the crowd.

While Sherman was concerned for Shultz, he was also glad to have avenged his loss.

“I’m basically a ground-game guy and [Shultz] bested me there, so I worked on that kick just in case with my buddy [Josh] Strickland and my corner [Mack Zavala],” Sherman said.

Alissa McCoy, another one of Sherman’s training partners, had fought Ariel Jones earlier on the card.

Although McCoy was able to exchange punches with Jones and land more kicks. She also attempted several single-leg take-downs.

However Jones, who was over six feet in height, was able to control the fight and get a technical knock-out in the first round.

Despite being 0-2, McCoy plans to continue to fighting.

“I think I am going to cut down to 140 [pounds] because I don’t think there are many girls who are six feet tall and 140 pounds. That’s my game plan. I’m gonna fight a couple of more times and I want to get a win.”

Several fighters made their debut at the event. Nalo Leal, a boxer who had no MMA training, took a fight against Brant Raftis on three hours notice.

In the opening seconds of the fight, Raftis went for the takedown. Although he was on his back, Leal was able to secure a guillotine choke to get the submission win.

“I saw a neck and I put my arm around it,” Leal said. “From playing video games that’s the only thing I knew how to do.”

The fight of the night was a heavyweight bout between Tyler Dammerman

and Curtis Flett.

In both the first and second round, Dammerman and Flett had back-and-forth exchanges of punches before Flett was able to get Dammeron on the ground to delivered several more punches to the body before the referee stopped the fight.

The event ended with the undefeated Christian Nibarger defeating Justen Billing for the 135-pound King of Cheney championship.

For Nickerson, the event went well overall, despite having to turn some people away because of the limited capacity in the plaza.

“There was one injury and I really hate seeing that,” Nickerson said. “I’m not here to see anyone get hurt.”

Nickerson and his staff donated \$200 to help Shultz and his family with medical bills from the surgery.

Nickerson plans on holding the next King of Cheney event in June or July.

While the events will continue in Cheney, his fight with Shultz may be the last time Sherman walks into the cage.

“It was going to be this fight, or [a fight] next month was going be it because I was just in it for fun,” Sherman said. “Now that I reconciled my loss and maybe did a little bit more damage than I wanted, I think it’s time to call it. I’ll end with an exclamation point.”

Donations to Shultz and his family can be sent to 2326 Hwy 25 N. Evans, WA 99126.



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Since reconciling his loss, Sherman (right) said he is ending his fighting career with "an exclamation mark."



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In their first under head coach Jim Hayford, the Eagles won six away games, the most since 2003.

## Seniors lead team to fifteen victories, the most since 2004

Team hosted and won their first home playoff game since 2006

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Eastern’s men’s basketball team had a successful season by winning a home playoff game in their first year under head coach Jim Hayford.

The Eagles won 15 games, the most since 2004, including six road games, the most since 2003.

For the first time since 2006, they hosted and won a home playoff game, beating Idaho State (81-75) before losing at Missoula, Mont. to Montana (74-66) in the semifinals.

“I was really pleased with our crowd at the conference finals game,” Hayford said. “It was very exciting.”

The team was led by four seniors, three of which were starters.

The starters, point guard Cliff Colimon and forwards Laron Griffin and Cliff Ederaine, led the team by example

with outstanding play, especially down the final stretch of the season and in the playoffs.

Colimon led the team with an average of 16.5 points and five assists per game and earned first team All-Big Sky Conference and Big Sky Championship All-Tournament honors.

He scored 20 or more points 13 times as a senior. He scored over 20 in seven of his last nine outings, averaging 21.9 points in those nine games.

In the two tournament games, he scored 49 points.

Griffin also finished strong with consecutive double-doubles in his last three games, giving him four this season and seven for his career.

Ederaine was a force on defense, consistently being a presence inside with shot blocking and rebounding.

He finished his senior year with six double-doubles.

In their final game against Montana, Griffin scored 15

points and grabbed 14 rebounds while Ederaine scored 16 points on rebounds.

Assistant coach Shantay Legans said that Hayford’s best attribute that he brought to the team is his winning attitude.

“Players bought into him and his winning,” Legans said.

“Every year, he’s won since he’s been a head coach. When players found out we were getting a new head coach they came to me, ‘Hey, this guy has won before.’”

All-State guard Ivan Dorshey, from the City College of San Francisco has signed a letter of intent to attend Eastern and play for the Eagles in the 2012-13 season.

Dorshey will add sharp shooting and ball handling to Eastern’s back court.

Hayford will look to build on this year and continue his winning ways with more off-season acquisitions and inside team growth.

## Volleyball ends the season with a trip to the Big Sky playoffs

Cora Kellerman was selected for the All-Big Sky first-team while Shelby Puckett was selected for the second team All-Big-Sky

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The volleyball team made it to the Big Sky Championship playoffs for the first time since 2009 as captain Cora Kellerman and the rest of the team finished their 2011 season with a conference record of 9-7.

The Eagles bounced back and forth during regular season, having two five-

game winning streaks and sweeping Montana, Montana State, Northern Arizona and Weber State during conference play.

In addition to the Big Sky victories, the team earned wins over Washington State and Boise State.

Although their regular season ended in a three game losing streak, the volleyball team clinched fourth place and earned a spot in the Big Sky tournament.

In the tournament, the Eagles would once again find themselves facing their conference rivals, the Northern Colorado Bears, in the semifinals, losing 3-0.

The Bears had previously defeated Eastern the last time they appeared in the 2009 tournament

While they did not win the championship, there were several players who racked up honors during the season.

Kellerman, who had returned from redshirting in 2010, had four games where she had over 20 kills, including a career high of 25 in the game against the Montana Grizzlies.

She was also selected for the All-Big Sky first-team.

Other notable players included senior Lindsey Petroni, who had over 30 digs in four games, Laney Brown, who had 27 service aces, Shelby Puckett, who

was selected for the second team All-Big Sky and Talia Fermantez, who averaged 1.75 per kills per game.

After the winter break, the team returned to play in three tournaments and had a scrimmage during the Orland Killin weekend.

With three seniors graduating, 2012 will be a rebuilding season with many players returning, including defensive specialist Celeste Crosby, who had been side-

lined for a year and a half because of a knee injury, and Rachel Morrow, who redshirted in 2011.

The goal for 2012 will be making it to the Big Sky championships, especially after the loss.

“If anything, this kind of lights a fire underneath us,” Kellerman said. “We need redemption for sure. Our goal is to get back here next year, and then to get things done.”



# Police Beat Hall of Shame



Sept. 24, 6:20 p.m. A male walked past game security, who caught up with him and checked his bag. They found marijuana.



Oct. 21. Two tricycles were taken from the daycare center in Martin Hall. The children's toys were not found on the building's roof as they usually are after disappearing.



April 15, 3:13 a.m. An unknown person drove a car through a dead end in Lincoln street. The car sped down the street, over a dirt ramp and was launched over a driveway. It landed in the bushes next to the Red Barn.



Nov. 7, 10:25 p.m. A Dryden Hall resident was contacted by officers because of reports that a student was playing his keyboard and singing very loudly in his room.



March 28, 11:30 a.m. A lizard was taken from a classroom in the science building. Students came to the greenhouse where the animal was kept during spring break and it was missing.



April 21, 2:15 a.m. An intoxicated male student was reported exposing himself near the president's residence. The student was found in nothing but tennis shoes running down C Street. He was arrested, cited and then released with clothing.



Corrections for Issue 29, May 30

So you want to be a golfer, however you've never picked up a club?, p. 10: Professional golfer Luke Baker was incorrectly named as Luke Scott.

Dixon honored with doll, p. 5: Contributing writer HanFu Shi's name was incorrectly spelled as HaFu Shi in the photo credit.

## Police Beat

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### May 28

#### 3:30 p.m. Harassment

A female student contacted police because a male bus rider at the PUB bus stop was harassing her.

### May 31

#### 7:40 p.m. Harassment

A student in Dressler Hall contacted police after growing tired of an ongoing series of pranks done by floor mates.

### June 1

#### Assault

A student was assaulted on Elm Street. The student knew the suspects and did not press charges.

#### 9:40 a.m. Agency assist

EWU officers received a report about a student having been sexually assaulted. The incident is being handled by Cheney police.

#### 4:45 p.m. Theft

A laptop and a projector

were stolen from the Women's and Gender Studies office in Monroe Hall.

#### 8:30 p.m. Minor in possession

Two students were highly intoxicated at a concert at Showalter Hall. Both were cited with an MIP. One student had a reported blood alcohol level of .210 and the other a .169.

#### 9:05 p.m. Minor in possession

A non-student was arrested after being found highly intoxicated at a concert at Showalter Hall. The male was also carrying a taser, approximately 50 grams of marijuana and a relatively large amount of cash. he was arrested on charges of possession with intent to sell, possession with intent to sell within 1000 feet of a school and an MIP. The suspect was transported to Spokane County jail.

### June 2

#### Agency assist

EWU officers and the Cheney police department responded to a burglary in progress on Fifth Street.

#### 3:15 a.m. Agency assist

EWU officers and the Cheney police department responded and dealt with a fight in progress at the Grove apartments.

## Green Dot Spot: violence prevention advocate

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At the close of the year I want to thank all the people I am honored to work with as we try to create a campus free of power-based personal violence. At the top of my list are the students, who volunteered with me as part of the "Don't Cancel Your Class" project, and the Community Advisors who invited me to their hall to do a one minute clinic, and all the students who attended various green dot events this year. I am also thankful for

my colleagues who stepped up and attended the four Day Green Dot training, who can now help implement the program. I speak in behalf of many in the community of Spokane who are thankful for the way multiple departments at EWU contributed financially so that we could bring the Green Dot trainers to Spokane.

I want to thank the members of the Green Dot Taskforce who helped plan and implement several projects throughout the year, including Voices Against Violence, First Responder training, and Green Dot bystander training. Thank you to Avon Foun-

dation and m.powerment by mark for funding that helped us expand projects and get the "Don't Cancel Your Class" project going. Thank you to the S and A committee for continuing to fund violence prevention work at EWU.

I am thankful for students who I have mentored

or provided advocacy. Your hopes, dreams and courage inspire me. Thank you EWU for the way you have touched my life and made me grow this year. Thank you Easterner, for your ongoing support.

Sincerely, Karen, the violence prevention student advocate. 509-359-6429.

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# Impressionist impresses Eastern students

Villasenor performs stand-up comedy and a dance number

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Melissa Villasenor, a stand-up comedian and impressionist from season six of “America’s Got Talent” performed on May 30 in the PUB MPR.

Villasenor, who grew up in Los Angeles, played Nora Ephron on Fox’s “Family Guy,” done several voices on the Cartoon Network show “Adventure Time” and participated in the Laugh Factory Comedy Club for kids.

Villasenor’s performance at EWU had the audience of nearly 100 people laughing throughout the show with her impressions of Paris Hilton, Shakira, Wanda Sykes, Rihanna, Owen Wilson, Christina Aguilera, Miley Cyrus and Britney Spears.

Villasenor also reenacted an “N’Sync” dance where she pretended she was beating someone up while flailing her arms and legs to “I Want You Back.”

Along with voice impressions and stand-up comedy, Villasenor also did singing impressions.

She imitated Christina Aguilera’s performance of the “National Anthem” as well as Britney Spears songs without missing a note.

Isaac James, a junior at EWU, said he came to the show because he saw Villasenor on “America’s Got Talent” and thought she was entertaining. “I like her impersonations because I like to do stuff like that too,” James said. “She’s just funny.”

Villasenor said she got into comedy when she was young. “When I was 12, I



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Melissa Villasenor has performed on animated television shows for Cartoon Network and FOX.

learned I could do impressions,” Villasenor said. “I loved making my peers laugh. That’s when I figured out I wanted to be a comedian.” Villasenor said she started doing stand-up comedy when she was 15 years old.

“Most of the people I impersonate, I have a liking to them,” Villasenor said. “Like Owen Wilson and Wanda Sykes. I just watch them a lot, so that’s how I learned their voices.”

Throughout Villasenor’s performance

**Melissa Villasenor's show dates**  
at West Oregon University  
at Monmouth, Ore., June 8

at Irvine Improv  
at Irvine, Calif., June 8, 10 p.m.

at Hollywood Improv Lab  
at Hollywood, Calif., June 21, 8:30 p.m.

at The Comic Strip,  
at Edmonton, Alberta, June 27-July 1

at Comedy Off Broadway  
at Lexington, Ky., July 11-14

at Goodnights Comedy Club,  
Raleigh, N.C., July 26-29

she interacted with the crowd and even allowed an EWU student to perform on stage.

Jared Munson, a senior at EWU, opened for Villasenor with some of his own stand-up material. Munson said he approached Villasenor when she first arrived at Eastern and asked if he could perform before her. “It was a last minute thing,” Munson said. “But I was honored to perform before her.”

Munson said he has performed with four other comedians that have visited EWU’s campus and hopes to become a comedian.

After the show, nearly 50 people waited to take pictures and get autographs with Villasenor.

Villasenor will be performing her one-women show, “I’m Not Myself,” in comedy clubs around Los Angeles and the rest of the country over the summer.

## Books2Eat:

continued from front page

Aram Ambartsumyan, a Running Start student from Ferris High School, said his favorite entry was “The Wizard of Oz.” “This one is interesting because [of] what it is made of,” Ambartsumyan said. “It is huge and everything on it is edible. I really like the creativity.”

“The Wizard of Oz” cake was made of pistachio pudding with a cherry filling and was the winner of the “My Favorite Award,” which is the entry that wins the most votes from the viewers.

Cheney community members Amber Baskus and her mother Lou Nick made “The Wizard of Oz” cake which consisted of a tornado with animals and flowers scattered all over the base, and a house on top of it.

“We were trying to think of a really fun cake to make and ‘The Wizard of Oz’ is a classic,” Baskus said. “My mom is a master baker.”

Baskus said she does the decorating while her mother does the actual baking.

Although the pair had no problem creating the

cake, Baskus said they did have difficulty carrying the heavy cake all the way to the library.

“Hamburger and Fries: An American Story,” was the winner of the “Best Illustrates the Theme,” award, which is chosen by the Friends of the EWU Library members.

Ashleigh Zoerb, a junior at EWU, said her favorite cake on display was “Horton Hears a Who.”

“I like it because it is not super intricate but still really creative,” Zoerb said. The cake was a giant elephant face with pink cake pops surrounding it.

Cakes were cut at 3 p.m. and all who were in attendance were allowed to eat the creations.

During the Books2Eat festival, contest winners of Eagles Who Read to Lead were also introduced and recognized for their scholastic achievements and leadership. Out of eight applicants, three EWU juniors were selected: Elena Sandoval, Hailey Malm and Sherman Racehorse.

Eagles Who Read to Lead must currently be an EWU junior, have held a position in a club, organization or athletic team and have maintained a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher.



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The cake, which was made of pistachio pudding with cherry filling, was inspired by L. Frank Baum's novel "The Wizard of Oz." Some of the other cakes that were inspired by Dr. Seuss's "Horton Hears a Who" and Suzanne Collins's "The Hunger Games."

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The Blue Scholars and D. Worthy performed on Showalter Lawn, May 29 in front of a crowd of screaming students. There were over 200 requests by students to bring the Scholars to the EWU campus.

# Blue Scholars rock Showalter

## Hip Hop beats and clever lyrics please crowd

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“What’s up, Eastern? You ready to have a good time?” said Sabzi, grabbing a microphone and twirling the stand with his other hand. A rakish grin spread across his face. The crowd roars; several people throw up the horns.

Sabzi, aka Saba Mohajerjasbi, along with his friend Geo, aka George Quibuyen, form the Seattle-based group Blue Scholars.

On June 1, the hip-hop duo played to an ecstatic crowd at Eastern, with over 600 students and friends in attendance.

The evening was opened by Vancouver, Washington-based hip-hop artist D. Worthy, whose performance energized the crowd. Blue Scholars opened with their hit “Cinemetropolis,” which appears on the album of the same name.

After finishing their set, the Scholars were cheered back on stage for an extended encore, in which they performed their songs “North by Northwest” and “No Rest for the Weary.” Once the music was over, they stayed behind to sign autographs and converse with fans.

Between their urban West Coast beats, clever lyrics, and sense of flair, the Scholars had the crowd yelling, jumping up and down, swaying to

the music and laughing at their jokes.

At one point, Sabzi got the crowd to chant, “I love hip-hop music. . . . I love Eastern music.” He paused, turning thoughtful. “Classic Chinese opera, that’s eastern music,” he said. “I love classic Chinese opera.”

“That guy loves everything,” said Geo, causing the crowd to break into laughter.

The concert was highly anticipated.

According to Eagle Entertainment, they received over 200 separate requests to bring the internationally-known Blue Scholars to campus.

“People were going crazy,” said Joel Gorman, an Eagle Entertainment sound technician who was working the concert. “There were a lot of people . . . getting really close to the stage. There was a stage diver who kept running up from behind and jumping out.”

At one point, Gorman said, an electrical surge protector got unplugged when an audience member tripped over it. “It was a sight to see, how many people were trying to talk to them all night,” he said, laughing.

Gorman explained the Blue Scholars’ appeal. “[Their music] is intelligent, it addresses social issues and things that are currently happening,” he said. “It’s not just about making money and getting with women.”

However, not everyone enjoyed the concert. Colin Menning, who attended the concert with friends, was put off by opener D. Worthy’s music.

“[D. Worthy was] just vulgar hip-hop. . . . I didn’t think it was very original,” he said. “It’s what everybody sings about.”

“I actually left 20 minutes in because I couldn’t stand the opening act. I didn’t even see [Blue Scholars],” he said. “The Blue Scholars aren’t really that same style. I was excited about them . . . but I couldn’t stand [D. Worthy].”

Nevertheless, for most the concert was a success.

“It was good,” said Corey Metzner. “I consider myself a follower of this style. Overall, I enjoyed [the concert].”

Metzner, who grew up in Seattle, learned about the concert from a friend. “I used to listen to Blue Scholars back when they were first getting big,” he said. “When I heard [about it] . . . it was like, ‘What, they’re here?’”

“It was nice to get more in touch with the west side music scene,” Metzner said. “It was a refreshing change from other artists that we had recently.”

Gorman echoed this sentiment. “It was really awesome seeing both of those guys [Blue Scholars] being so chill,” he said. “People were really into it. [It was a] very strong way to end the year with a good event.”

## Geo and D. Worthy talk about music and plans

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The Easterner recently caught up with Geo, of the Blue Scholars, and D. Worthy by email before their June 1 show at EWU. Here is what they had to say.

### Blue Scholars (Geo)

**The Easterner:** On your site, you describe your performances as “cinema art rap.” Could you go into more detail as to what this means?

**Geo:** Lately our music has been heavily influenced by cinema, art and rap.

**TE:** Do you feel that addressing extra-musical phenomena, like cultural, political and social issues, is part of your duty as artists?

**G:** I don’t think it’s so much a duty as it is something that happens as a byproduct of being aware of those things while creating art. Whether intended or not, every artist is addressing the world around them every time art is made. For me, I’m doing it in a manner that reflects the medium I’m most comfortable with and in a tradition that has existed before I made my first song.

**TE:** What is a “normal day” like for the Scholars (i.e. what sort of things do you have to do to be a musician, in terms of writing, recording, networking, rehearsing, performing, etc)?

**G:** I’m not sure if there’s [such a] thing as a normal day. All depends on whether we’re touring, recording, decompressing from a tour, building up for a release, rehearsing for upcoming shows/tour, doing press or some other business. Some days I block all that stuff out and just zone out and write. Some days I’ll go out and connect [with] people. Sometimes it’s music related, sometimes it isn’t. Basically, you get out what you put into it.

**TE:** Please outline some of your plans for the future, short- and long-term.

**G:** After a fairly hectic 2011, this year we planned for Blue Scholars to go into cruise control

mode[,] with light, mostly regional touring and recording. I just had my second child this year and will be going back to school for a quarter or two to finish my BA. I’m also working on solo material under the name Prometheus Brown as well as collaborating with LA rapper Bambu as the duo “The Bar.” Sabzi is also working on some solo and collaboration projects with other vocalists. We will be releasing a handful more videos for songs off “Cinemetropolis” and, once that cycle is finished, we’ll get back to work on some new music by the end of the year[,] hopefully.

### D. Worthy (Danitrius Worthy)

**The Easterner:** How did you get into music?

**D. Worthy:** I always had a natural love for music. I thank my mom and my uncle for that. They introduced me to the classics; Prince, Michael Jackson, Marvin Gaye, the list goes on. . . . I was an avid basketball player all of my life, I tore my [anterior cruciate ligament] for the second time at the end of my senior year of high school, and writing music took place as a personal outlet. I started to rap [rhymes] to my friend Jeff, and one day he said, “D, you should rap, you could really do this.” Here we are now.

**TE:** On your Facebook you mention your experience gaining attention in the music scene. Can you go into more detail about that?

**DW:** We released my first project on my birthday in November, “Patience Is A Virtue.” We did a good job hyping up the release of the project, so the overall reception of the tape was good. . . . I have been given the opportunity of opening up for a handful of major artists; Too Short, Andre Nickatina, New Boyz, Jeremih and [have] headlined a couple shows as well.

**TE:** What do you hope/plan to bring to the show, and to Eastern?

**DW:** As far as the show goes, excitement. Get the crowd moving. Here at EWU we don’t get many shows compared to some of the bigger schools that we have played at like WSU and OSU. They have big name acts coming to town all the time. We aim to make this show memorable for us, and for each student in the crowd.

# "Thrill Me: The Leopold and Loeb Story" mixes music, murder

## Senior capstone play captivates audience

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Love, murder, regret and friendship, all set to music. “Thrill Me: the Leopold and Loeb Story” is not the average capstone presentation. Double majoring in theater and philosophy, Justin Schlachach chose an unconventional play for his final production at Eastern.

As Schlachach searched for the play that would finish off his 12 productions here on campus, he came across an advertisement for “Thrill Me.” While thinking “Why not?” he got the script and soundtrack.

“It was one of the shortest ninety minutes of my life,” Schlachach said about his first read through of the play. “The dialogue was just beautiful and the music was breathtaking.”

After his first read-through, Schlachach knew this was the production to choose. “I felt this sense of uncomfortableness and that is rare. . . . It was quite the experience.”

Schlachach wants his audience to con-

sider walking in someone else’s shoes and to think about the multiple layers of the “Thrill Me” story. “I just hope the audience will sit there and have a riveting experience of seeing a beautiful story of two brilliant young men who went wrong,” said Schlachach. “Kind of a Greek tragedy, kind of a sense like Oedipus, seeing how a great man fell.”

When casting for the two-man musical took place, only five actors showed up for auditions — three of those actors were men. Only one alternative audition was held for Schlachach to find his perfect cast. “It was awesome for the turn out I got that I had to

choose between who would play the Richard I wanted,” Schlachach said. “It was definitely the biggest challenge of the whole thing.”

“I am very passionate about this show. I love this show,” said Schlachach. He will be staying at Eastern for the next year to finish out his philosophy degree and then applying to schools to earn a Master of Fine Arts. Although Schlachach has many plans for his future, he knows for sure, “If Broadway comes calling, I will definitely answer.”

“Thrill Me: the Leopold and Loeb Story” will be showing June 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the EWU Theater.



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During that same visit, Johnson recalls enjoying the student population and the “clearly terrific team of faculty and staff.”

“I went to all of the open forums just because I wanted to include my input in the decision making and even though she wasn’t my first choice, I do remember really liking what she said about students coming first and staying in communication with whom she works with,” said René Picard, a student at the forums. “I really liked that [Johnson] ... has experience working with schools that have a lot of diversity as Eastern’s well-known for its diverse student population.”

Johnson received a call from Vice President for Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster with an offer that would bring her back to her home state.

“I was thrilled to receive the offer,” said Johnson, who first shared the news with her husband. “I believe it was in the late afternoon and I was sort of wrapping up for the day. ... This is an opportunity for me to work with a particularly engaged student population.”

In past searches, Morgan Foster has stressed the importance of the candidate being involved with the institution and community while also being able to show evidence of their influence with the campus.

In addition to working with Eastern’s budget and various student groups, Johnson will also be expected to deal with critical issues such as

students dealing with depression, fights, crime and other disciplinary issues surrounding alcohol and drugs.

Johnson, who was in the pool of candidates during the Feb. 6 search process, said any changes to be made to the university will be in collaboration and communication with student life and university administration.

“One of the things about joining the team at Eastern now is that you have a brand new strategic plan and clearly a road map for going forward. I think the key question for this position as it probably is for the administration more broadly is how to particularly implement that,” said Johnson. “I think my immediate reaction is, based on where I stand today and what I’ve observed, how can we best support students and fulfill on that plan and support students’ need but not implement ... major changes.”

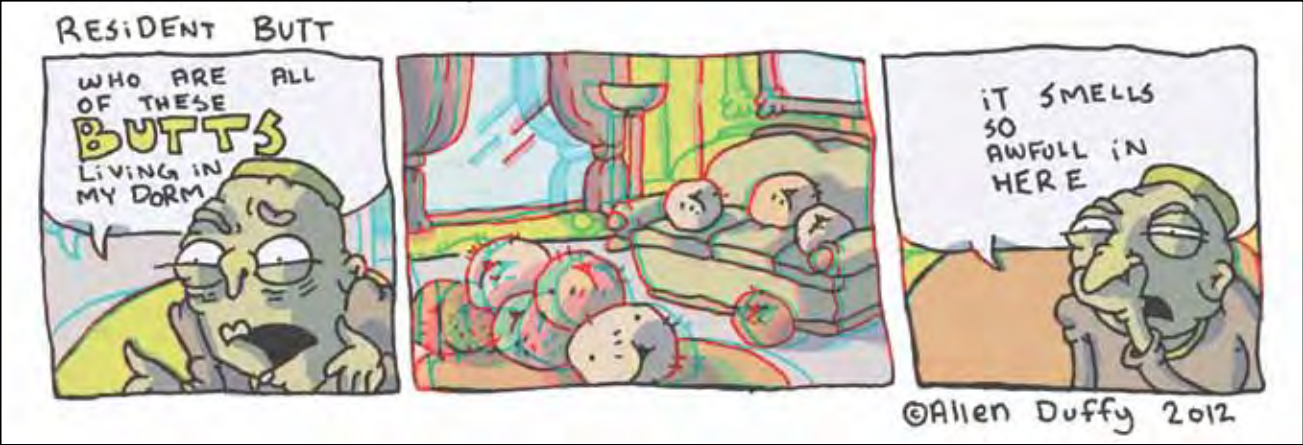
According to Johnson, her biggest challenge will be learning the environment and making sure that she is as accessible and as present as possible while balancing the needs of wide ranging constituencies from students to faculty, staff and the community.

“I’m more excited than nervous,” said Johnson. “My more overwhelming nervousness has to do more with the move. I’ve never moved with a young child before.”

Johnson has a son who is 4 years old.

“Working for Eastern will be a change in itself and one that I look forward to learning and making good decisions that are in the best interest of the students and the institution.”

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By Julka Lawrence

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of communications between the students and the student leaders, and helping them understand that we are the ones who mobilize new initiatives with administrations for your future,” he said.

Provide childcare, a fitness program and student activities for the Riverpoint campus

The divide between the Cheney and Riverpoint campuses has long been a concern for the university.

“You have around 2,000 students over there, and they feel completely left out. They’re wondering, ‘Why am I paying \$600 in services and activities fees if I’m not getting any services? Why am I paying \$65 to the fitness center when I cannot travel [to Cheney] just to do one hour of exercise?’” Ocaña said.

Services like tutors, Plus groups, registration and Career Services are all available at the Riverpoint campus, but some students are not aware of this.

Childcare at Riverpoint is an aspect ASEWU will continue to push for.

“Students have had to drop their classes because childcare closes at 6 p.m. when their classes start at 6 p.m. at Riverpoint,” Ocaña said. ASEWU is in the process of creating a task force that will present the idea of a childcare facility to Vice President of Student Affairs Stacey Morgan Foster in the fall.

“The process has started already, and we’re hoping by... 2013 to have childcare services,” he said.

Plans for a recreational facility have encountered obstacles.

ASEWU tried to use the URC fee all students pay, including those who attend Riverpoint, to fund a facility at the Riverpoint campus, but that did not work due to the bond contract, which states that the money from that fee must be used to pay for the URC building, not the services.

They also tried to waive the fee for Riverpoint students, but since some Riverpoint students live in Cheney, they use the URC, making it impossible to know which students qualify for the waived fee.

Another alternative ASEWU is exploring is a discounted gym membership.

“They are pursuing [obtaining] student discounts at Oz Fitness, so it would be more flexible for students to be able to pay for that. The options are there,” Ocaña said.

Ocaña admitted that making Riverpoint feel more included was a loftier goal that would take more than just the one year he had in office to achieve.

“I’m expecting it will take up to three years to actually bring Riverpoint to the point that it needs to be,” he said.

Provide summer quarter STA bus passes

As part of a pilot project, students taking summer classes will be able to use their Eagle Pass cards to ride STA buses.

When the original fee program was set up, it was agreed upon that transportation would be provided for an academic year.

“An academic year means fall, winter, spring and summer,” Ocaña said. “Summer’s expensive already, on its own. Students struggle getting to campus.” ASEWU passed a resolution that they presented to administration and the board of trustees requesting summer transportation for students.

“It’s a pilot project. They need to see the numbers [to see if it’s worth it.] I feel confident that they will,” Ocaña said.

Collaborate with local college and university student governments

Ocaña did not feel like this goal was carried out as far as he hoped.

“I will say that this goal was not necessarily accomplished, but it could be measured by WSA [Washington Students Association.] We’re more connected with them. We even got an award for being the campus most involved in the legislation process by pushing legislation for no budget cuts,” Ocaña said.

Ocaña wanted to create a leadership conference during the summer for the student governments of Washington state universities. Due to time constraints, he was unable to set this up. However, EWU is hosting a conference for the WSA this summer.

“We’re having a retreat for the WSA, but it’s just a small board, not the entire student governments,” he said. “The [student] presi-

dents of each university will come to this campus for a retreat [to discuss] how they’re going to prepare and fight with legislation to make sure there are no budget cuts.”

Improve acceptance of transfer students

Students occasionally get frustrated when they complete classes at a community college only to find out that they are nontransferable to their Eastern transcript. To combat this, ASEWU has worked with admissions to start the process of fixing this issue.

“We have an amazing associate vice president of admissions, [Dr. Larry Briggs.] He is very willing to work with us,” Ocaña said. “The process has started. I know he has been going to other campuses... to talk about how they can merge and can come up with different initiatives that would allow a [smoother] transfer process.”

Promote unity and cultivate an understanding of EWU’s diverse community

Eastern is home to many international students, but Ocaña said they do not always feel like they are a part of the EWU community.

“We have a very diverse campus. We celebrate that, but we don’t bring them together,” he said.

To change that, Eastern held its first annual Diversity Week, organized by ASEWU member Regina Steele of Diversity Outreach.

EWU also held its first World Cup soccer tournament, in which teams made up of both international and traditional students participated.

“International students feel more embraced now, as well as our culture clubs and organizations. It was impressive to see that,” he said.

Ocaña said that time management was the most difficult obstacle preventing the ASEWU from fully completing all six of their goals, but overall, he feels content about their accomplishments.

“I’m happy. I’m satisfied, and I hope my student body population is satisfied,” he said. “I have a limit of how much I can do. It is now up to you as students to make the next student government successful by making them accountable.”

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“The intention behind holding this event was to help provide accurate and respectful information about Sikhism, especially Sikhs in our community,” he said. “After 9/11, there were many Sikhs who were murdered because they were wearing turbans. Their attackers assumed they were Taliban or members of Al Qaeda. The [Compassionate Interfaith Society] is committed to stopping religious illiteracy so acts of violence, motivated by religion or not, end in our community.”

Singh also believed that

post 9/11 media coverage might have played a role in Americans’ increased distrust of those who wear turbans.

“Unfortunately, as we all know, the media is fed by sensation. The more sensational it is, the more people are going to watch the TVs. You don’t see North American Sikhs being highlighted in a positive way. People continuously have a negative connotation with anything and everybody who wears a turban. It’s sad, but it’s true. That’s how it is,” Singh said.

Anthropology professor Dr. Robert Sauders, who specializes in Middle Eastern studies, said that though the problem has perhaps increased since 9/11, it has been around for much longer.

“There’s a classical work on it called ‘Reel Bad Arabs.’ It talked about how Arabs were portrayed in films in the ‘60s, ‘70s and ‘80s,” Sauders said. “They were always seen as these unscrupulous ‘others,’ and that had kind of been ingrained within the culture.”

Oberst hoped Turban Day would become an annual event. “I think it’s important for everyone to learn about different faiths and religious traditions because it gives us a unique opportunity to connect with others and understand their motivations and beliefs. ... Learning about other faiths prepares students for being active, respectful members of our globalized society and also about their own spiritual experiences.”

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COMMENTARY

I'll have the wine, Hope can have the gatorade

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So I might have created a blog to ask U.S. Women's National Team goalie Hope Solo out on a date.

Do I think she will respond? No, but that was never the objective.



Olson

The idea came after I read an interview in which Hope expressed that she gladly welcomed new love interests. I thought, "Hey. I'm not athletic, good-looking or rich, but why not give it a shot."

Look at that, I made a pun about taking a shot at a goalie. See Hope, I can be incredibly charming at times.

Given the chances a short, mustachioed male with no college degree has with an Olympic gold medalist, things are not tipping in my favor. But why should that stop me from asking?

I have spent a large number of my 26 years living in fear of being turned down or unaccepted. Whether it was a job I was afraid to apply for or that karate class I ran out of in tears when I was in third grade, I let fear take the wheel.

It is exhausting. I am constantly figuring out ways to not reach for what I want. Every opportunity feels like another promised failure. If there is a chance I might lose, I do not want to play at all.

My mother was diagnosed with cancer in November of 2011. In March, 2012, I sat in a hospital room for two weeks, fortifying my heart for the goodbye I knew was coming.

On May 22, we found out the chemotherapy was working and the cancer was shrinking.

My mother had a snowball's chance in hell, so all she could do was swing for the fences. She is not in perfect health; the cancer still takes up a large part of her lungs. And the fear has never left. She just decided to stop letting it drive.

I decided I wanted to live like that: no more shying away from a chance at happiness, no more cowering in terror that I may fail. Of course I will fail. I will probably fail a million times.

I will take classes that land me right on my face. I will apply for and be rejected from countless jobs. I will take my first fly-tying class and end up in the emergency room with a fish hook stuck through my pinky. It is inevitable.

But maybe that fishing hook ends up on a line instead of in my flesh. Maybe I snag a perch by the pinky, instead. OK, so I know absolutely nothing about fishing.

And yes, Hope Solo is going to reject my request for a date. I will get an extremely polite form letter from her publicist telling me to "cease and desist" and "understand there is legal precedence that says I could face charges," and all that other playful stuff.

When I get rejected, I will curl into a ball and cry while eating cookie dough and drinking bourbon. I will spend all day watching "Law and Order" marathons, questioning the meaning of life.

When the bourbon runs out, I will turn off the TV, take a shower and find a new celebrity to ask out over the internet.

And Hope, if you are reading, I am willing to go on just about any adventure you can think up. But I will still never go to a karate class.

EWU World Cup draws big turnout

Like FIFA 2010, Spain wins cup

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Team Spain outplayed Team Kenya 5-2 in the first ever EWU World Cup on May 30.

Nine teams participated in the tournament. The countries represented were Germany, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, Spain, Ethiopia, U.S.A., Mexico and Colombia. The goal of the event was to bring international students together over a common interest — soccer.

Carlos Galvan, a freshman here at Eastern and captain of Team Spain, was surprised at the turnout. Galvan said he was happy to see a multitude of international students at the event.

"That's really cool that we could get together," Galvan said. "There's all this diversity. We just had a good time."

Having grown up playing soccer, Galvan said he wanted to play against students of different backgrounds. He was interested in the way other students of varying ethnicities viewed the sport.

"I wanted to see how they played their soccer," Galvan said.

Eastern senior Jared Mumley, orchestrator of the Kenyan team, was born in Kenya. He spent the first 16 years of his life in Africa. He wanted to represent the country in which he was born.

"I started this team because I had a Kenyan jersey and I was born in Kenya and I was like, 'Hey I can play for Kenya in the World Cup,'" Mumley said.

Mumley was the only player on the Kenyan team affiliated with the country. Players of teams did



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After long delay, nine teams representing countries from all over the globe competed in the first EWU World Cup on the intramural fields May 30.

not need to have ties to the country they were representing. Miguel Martinez, a friend of Mumley's who also played on the Kenyan team, is Mexican.

"I never thought I would play for Kenya in my life," Martinez said. "But here I am representing Kenya."

Martinez was surprised at the talent of the other teams. He said the event had a competitive atmosphere to it.

"I thought we were going to show up and be the only good team," Martinez said, laughing. "[The competition] is better than I expected."

Ocaña agreed that the competition was fierce. He realized the players were enjoying themselves while still wanting to win and play hard.

"It's very healthy," Ocaña said. "They're actually playing because they love to play. ... It was very peaceful."

Ocaña also enjoyed that players of different backgrounds were participating and interacting with each other. He said that was the underlying goal of the tournament.

"You have four or five students from Spain, a few from Germany [and] a lot from some countries from Africa," Ocaña said. "That's the cool thing about it. ... That was the main goal of the World Cup."

The event was originally scheduled on April 25-26, but Ocaña deemed it necessary to push the tournament back after only one team registered to participate. Gloomy weather and little time for promo-

tion also led to the rescheduling.

According to Ocaña, moving the tournament back a month gave him more time to garner campus interest.

"We put posters all over the campus," Ocaña said. "We gave them more weeks to promote it."

"The difference is that we continue talking about it," Ocaña added.

Reminiscing on the turnout, Ocaña said that he would like to see the tournament become an annual event and hopes future ASEWU presidents continue the soccer tournament for years to come.

"We've already allocated funds for next year to purchase the shirts," Ocaña said. "I'm challenging the next student government to make sure that this continues."

Men's tennis season ends in Big Sky tourney

Čuić, Henninger and Navarro lead Eastern to postseason

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The men's tennis team once again found themselves in the postseason picture as they had a successful 2012 season, making it all the way to the Big Sky Conference playoffs.

The team played in several tournaments during the fall season.

Highlights included Chris Eriksson and James Russell advancing to the doubles championship match at the EWU Fall Classic and the championship match in the blue flight at the Boise State Classic, as well as Chad Henninger and Julian Sanchez winning the orange flight championship in the Boise State Fall Classic.

After winter break, the team began their regular season where they earned victories over Montana State, Weber State and Northern Arizona.

After finishing the regular season with a conference record of 6-2 and 12-9 overall, the team traveled to Sacramento, Calif., to compete in the quarterfinals of the Big Sky tournament.

Despite a valiant effort, the team lost to the Sacramento State Hornets.

Several Eagles garnered honors and wins. Henninger had the best season of his career, finishing with a record of 13-6 in singles competition, including a seven-match winning streak, and 9-7 in doubles with Sanchez. He and Sanchez finished their careers with 19 wins in doubles.

Individual Stats	
Ilija Čuić	10-9 overall
James Russell	9-11 overall
Mario Navarro	10-10 overall
Chad Henninger	13-6 overall
Julian Sanchez	10-7 overall
Kyle Koetje	10-8 overall
Ben Anderson	1-2 overall
Stefan Simikic	0-5 overall

One player who had a breakout season was transfer student Ilija Čuić who, despite not playing in the fall, finished with a record of 10-9 in singles and 8-8 in doubles.

Two other players who had earned 10 singles victories were Kyle Kjeote and Mario Navarro. Navarro also had led the team in overall doubles wins with a record of 11-7, with Cuic, Kjoete, Russell and Stefan Simikic, who all had partnered with him during the season.

In addition to their wins, Čuić, Henninger and Navarro were selected for the All-Big Sky Conference team.

Cuic was chosen for the first team while Henninger and Navarro were tabbed for the honorable mention squad.



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