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Students exhibit fine works



The reception for the BFA art show took place on April 26 in the Art Building. The show features the work of five students and will remain open until May 9.



Photos by Aaron Malmoe

Upper left: Betty Deach and Christi Montgomery enjoy "Spring 2013," a collection of small containers made of paper and acetate, created by Inga Ilich.

Lower left: This "Ash Box" is a mixed media piece constructed by Lauren Phillips.

Above: Meghan McGuire and Allen Duffy discuss their insights on "Fish in the Sky," an acrylic painting by Lauren Phillips.

Bachelors of Fine Arts show on display in the EWU Gallery of Art until May 9

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Students from the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at EWU put down their paint brushes and made a splash at the opening of this year's Bachelor of Fine Arts showcase "Cable TV Heated Pool."

The showcase, located in the EWU Gallery of Art, features works by Lauren Phillips, Christi Montgomery, Erin Mielcarek, Inga Ilich and Eric Edvalson, and will run April 26 to May 9.

During the spring quarter of their junior year, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Art in studio art program submit portfolios for consideration

for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program, which is a more intensive art program designed to help students prepare to either pursue professional careers as artists or pursue a Masters of Fine Arts degree. In the spring quarter of their senior year, students who have been accepted in the program showcase their works.

Elisa Nappa, BFA program adviser, said the range of the five students' work is diverse, from video to ceramics to painting.

"Inga [Ilich] has a pretty unique inspiration of like a Pac-Man video game, like an old video game," Nappa said. "Eric is more conceptually based in sculpture and Erin [Mielcarek] does more formal

ceramics. Christi [Montgomery] has been doing these night scenes in her painting and Lauren [Phillips] is more surreal in her painting."

"I think it's a fabulous show, and I think it's great when students and faculty come to support their peers," Nappa said.

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ASEWU Concert tickets, road safety reviewed

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The ASEWU council meeting on April 25 shed some light on a forthcoming event many EWU students are excited about.

The council also formally approved its support on a project that could drastically improve the Spokane-Cheney commute.

The buzz surrounding the upcoming Macklemore and Ryan Lewis concert has been fueled by questions regarding who is eligible to attend and, more importantly, how students can go about securing a coveted ticket.

ASEWU student services representative Travis Hughes announced at the council meeting that the wait for details on tickets is now over.

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Downward voting trend reverses in last two elections

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Student voting turnout at ASEWU elections has fallen every year since a high point in 2007, but the 2012 election, followed by a strong turnout at this year's primary on April 23, marks a major turnaround.

The 2010 election got out only 7 percent of the vote from eligible students, or 699 votes. This rose incrementally to 7.05 percent in the 2011 election.

A bigger increase showed in 2012, and this year's primary ended with a jump to 2,136 votes.

According to Connor Gregg, ASEWU director of elections, each year, the director of elections has a \$10,000 budget to run the entire election: advertising, events, the voter guide, voting equipment, vote counting and everything else that goes into an election.

The first \$5,000 of the budget for this year went to secure the Macklemore concert.

Gregg said that about \$2,000 of the remaining budget has been spent so far on expenses such as the voter guides and events to engage

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The **ASEWU general election** will take place on May 7 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Voters will get primary access to the student-only Macklemore concert on May 30. To vote, students can go to this web address: vote.ewu.edu.

The first showing of **"Bat Boy: The Musical"** will be held in the EWU Theatre on May 10 at 7:30 p.m. The production is directed by lecturer Jeffrey Sanders and will run until May 18.

Nearly 500 EWU students will be taking part in the 16th annual **Student Research and Creative Works Symposium** May 14 and 15. Students will present research, service learning projects and creative works.

The **ASEWU student council meetings** will be on the following Thursdays from 4:30 to 5 p.m. in the PUB Fireside Lounge: April 25, May 9, May 16 and June 16.

ASEWU work sessions are on the following Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in PUB 307: May 7, May 14 and June 4.

Send your calendar events to easterner.editor@gmail.com.



New victim advocate comes to Cheney

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The city of Cheney, which has never had a violent crime victim advocate before, contracted with Ginger Johnson of Abuse Recovery and Ministry Services in January to provide victim advocate services for the city, according to Johnson.

Abuse Recovery and Ministry Services is a national organization that provides support and advocacy for victims of violent crimes as well as classes for male and female abusers. The Cheney advocate position is volunteer, but a contract was needed to cover liability issues,



Johnson

the scope of services provided, privacy and information-sharing and other legal requirements, Johnson said.

Johnson graduated from EWU with an interdisciplinary studies degree focused on counseling, developmental psychology, the humanities, economics and communications. She earned her graduate degree at Gonzaga.

"The city of Cheney has been looking for a victim advocate for approximately five years and has not been able to find any funding or anyone willing to come out," Johnson said. "When they heard I was willing to come out, they met with me right away."

Michelle Helmerick, the new victim advocate at Eastern, said, "Campus police can work with the Cheney advocate, but we've had an advocate on campus for a long time. That's been our protocol: The

police and the advocate work closely together."

Johnson advocates for victims of violent crimes. She said that most of her cases are about domestic violence. "A lot of these girls don't know the criminal history," said Johnson. "Domestic violence is about power and control. ... This can go on long after the relationship is over. They still want control, so there's stalking."

Johnson comes to Cheney on Thursdays, so she prepares beforehand. She said that she contacts victims involved in criminal cases so they are aware of the court process that is going to take place. She lets them know that their case is coming up and meets with them to talk about it. She makes sure that anyone in danger makes a safety plan and is prepared for the courtroom.

"We almost always do not

know [the violent partner's] criminal history until it's announced in the courtroom," Johnson said.

It is very hard to speak up on a college campus, according to Johnson, because everyone is living in close proximity. People who are feeling threatened do not want to speak out, and if they do, they feel they are in even more danger.

Helmerick said, "We try to make sure that things are seamless for the student and as easy as possible. I'll call the police and they'll come over to the office to take the report so the student doesn't have to go somewhere else."

Helmerick emphasizes that she is at Eastern to help. "It's a horrific thing when something happens to one of our students," she said. "I'm here to support them, treat them with the

respect they deserve and connect them to resources that can help them, whatever their need is."

Johnson will be making a push for more help in Cheney in the coming months. She particularly wants to start working with nonprofit interns who can come and learn advocacy in the courtroom. "There's a huge need on campus and all over the town," said Johnson. "We'll do the training."

According to Johnson, because Cheney is a college town, she sees a higher rate of intimate partner violence than in a non-college town. "On a college campus, ... there's a lot more dating and moving in and out of relationships quickly. Not everyone can handle that. We see more stalking and more violence."

"The statistics about dat-

ing violence [in general] are not good, and I don't think it's any different in Cheney. Most of the violence we have statistics on is occurring on college campuses."

Calls made to Johnson are confidential. She is a mandated reporter, as is Helmerick, meaning that they are legally required to report knowledge of a crime to the police. Everything else is confidential, according to Johnson.

Johnson said that she talks to three or four domestic violence victims a week. Some of these are repeat contacts, however, because cases take time to resolve.

"I really have a heart for young people," said Johnson. "It's a real privilege to come and work with the students at Eastern and in Cheney at large. I don't just do my job — I really care."

Bloomsday entrants race despite Boston events

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With Bloomsday right around the corner, many runners in the greater Spokane area are preparing to trek the annual 7 1/2 mile run on May 5.

Because of the events that occurred in Boston this past month, there has been talk of people possibly dropping out of Bloomsday have been circulating around campus these last couple of weeks.

For many faculty members, however, they remain as dedicated as ever to running in Bloomsday despite the attacks in Boston.

Carl Combs, a student technology manager at EWU, is among those who are not backing down and is more inspired to run now than he was before the Boston incident.

"Overall, the whole running community has this, 'You messed with the wrong people,' kind of mentality," said Combs. "Runners are just a different breed."

Combs said it was easy to decide whether to run or not because the drive for dedicated runners simply does not go away.

"We just get into running and get fired up," said Combs. "People just want to compete and not be scared."

Combs also jumped at the first opportunity to show his support for Boston runners by participating in a "Run for Boston" event in Spokane's Riverfront Park this past week and

will also run in Cheney High School's "We Run for Boston" event on May 19.

Dean Kiefer, associate professor of finance, said that he too would be participating in a charity event with his triathlon club this summer in addition to running Bloomsday, but is not without caution.

"The events in Boston concern me a little," Kiefer said. "I will pay more attention to what goes on around me in the crowd."

"The Boston bombing is definitely a reminder that you never know when an attack can happen," said Head Equipment Manager of Athletics Augustine Hernandez.

While Combs admitted there would be people who would probably rethink running in Bloomsday, he said it ultimately came down to being inspired and representing the people of Boston.

"Boston [Marathon] runners are serious," Combs said. "The only thing I was concerned about was the possibility of Bloomsday being shut down. If events were cancelled, then the attackers [in Boston] would be victorious. But I do think it would be a good idea to have more security at Bloomsday and create more awareness."

James Fitzgerald, academic coordinator at Eastern, said he felt more motivated to run because of a friend who ran in the Boston Marathon.

"Every person handles these situations differently," Fitzgerald said. "For me, I

choose to be resilient. Our society has a great sense of bouncing back from these situations. But, because of the Boston bombing, I will be more aware of my surroundings."

Kiefer explained that he believes a majority of runners are not going to back down to fear caused by the bombings but that everyone will probably handle the situation differently.

"[People] would be allowing the terrorist some control over their lives which gives them exactly what they want. Surrender [to fear] would mean avoiding these events over a long period of time and I don't think most people would do that."

"I have [run] Bloomsday since 1983," said Susan Megard, professor of accounting. "Although the thought has occurred that something like the bombing could happen, I still enjoy the race and seeing people."

Megard also said that security should be tight.

"Running is such a great way to push yourself beyond your limits just like those marathoners were doing in Boston," said Hernandez. "I'll be pushing myself to run my best Bloomsday time in honor of [the Boston runners]."

Bloomsday officials have also decided to show support for Boston by handing out 50,000 bracelets that will be given to participants with the words "Bloomsday stands with Boston."

Mid-year community advisers face challenges

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It is not guaranteed that a hall community will keep their community adviser throughout the year, so when one is lost, the new community adviser may sometimes be greeted with hostility and be given little leniency with residents.

The minimum GPA required to be a community adviser is 2.5 and this must be kept throughout the year. Community advisers sign contracts when they begin work, which enforce their compliance to the set GPA minimum and various other rules that apply to the job. When these rules are broken, the process for hiring a mid-year community adviser begins.

The housing department looks for candidates who have a strong community influence and noticeable leadership within the halls. This usually results in the hiring of a resident of the floor who lost its community adviser or to the promotion of an office worker or mentor. When this happens, the transition of the new community adviser may not be easy.

"It can be challenging to come into a community already built," said Shelby Wilke, Dressler Hall's sixth floor community adviser.

Wilke was a mentor in Morrison before she was hired as a mid-year community adviser for Dressler

Hall last year. She said that her transition was challenging, but the staff made it easy. She dealt with some hostility from her floor for the first few days, but by the next couple of weeks the floor had realized that she was not going to change anything about the floor and they eventually warmed up to her.

Though Wilke did not go through the three-week training, she grew from her experience. Reflecting back on being tossed into such a demanding job with no training, Wilke said, "I'm better prepared to help other people."

When she went to the community adviser training this fall, she realized that she made some mistakes the previous year. She learned how to handle situations the right way so she did not make those mistakes again this year.

Her advice to new, mid-year community advisers is to never give up and show the residents that you are there for them.

"We do not ever anticipate losing a community adviser mid-year and we know the impact that it has on the community and the hall staff. It is not an ideal situation," said Shantell Jackson, area coordinator for Pearce and Dressler halls and Pearce's residential life coordinator.

According to Wilke, the newly selected community adviser is tossed right into a tough and stressful situation with limited knowledge and no formal training. They are not all alone, though.

Mid-year community advisers are provided with a mid-year training packet. Its contents are meant to briefly explain the job and give information on how to deal with emergencies. New community advisers are also paired up with a "seasoned" community adviser, one who has been working for some time. This pairing gives the mid-year community adviser on-the-job training, making the process of transitioning easier to handle.

"We try to be thoughtful about the process," said Chief Housing Officer Josh Ashcroft.

Both Ashcroft and Jackson understand the impact that a new community adviser has on a residence hall by the letting-go of the previous community adviser. Ashcroft said the residents should be patient and give a new community adviser an "opportunity to be a part of the community." If this is done, both the mid-year community adviser and the residents of their floor will find the transition easier.

Ashcroft said that he does not want the community adviser system to negatively affect academics and that, overall, academics come first. He said, though, that being a community adviser is one of the best leadership positions on campus and for those aspiring to become one. The housing department looks for people who care about their peers, care about EWU and are involved on campus.

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POSITIONS CLOSE ON MAY 7

Watson shares networking advice with students

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Since 80 percent of jobs are never uploaded to search engines, it's good to come up with alternative ways to find job opportunities. One of the main ways you can do this is through network opportunities. Here you can search for ways to meet people in other capacities. For Spokane, a good way to find out about events it to go to the Spokane Convention Center's events page and look through their upcoming events www.spokanecenter.com/centerevents.php. I usually like to type into Google "Spokane Conferences [add interest area]" and see what else comes up.

Now, when you go to an event, there can be a lot of confusion about what to do and how to find contacts.

Q: I would like to ask about the appropriate business attire for the Networking. Is a business suit proper?

A: It really depends on the event. For a career fair, a business suit is perfect. If you have slacks/knee-level skirt and a nice blouse or buttoned shirt, that would work, too. As long as you are very high-casual to business professional, you should be okay. I would try to avoid polo shirts, but if that is all you have, definitely match it with slacks and professional shoes. If the event is a conference, then it is pretty open to the type of attire you can wear, but if you came to network, then high-casual to professional is the way to go.

If it is a cocktail party or gala, then business professional dress is usually the norm there. Because it is a party, you can play with your colors a bit more. Normally in a business professional setting, men should wear either a black, grey or navy blue suit. However, you can mix and match your colors. Again, if you are confused about how to piece your colors together, I would recommend speaking with the more specialized sales representatives in the clothing stores. They have a lot of good styles and tips, but always get more than one opinion. Kevin Cook at The Men's Warehouse on Division Street is a great resource for this.

Q: Where to find affordable clothing?

A: You can try the sixth floor of Macy's Riverpark Square location. There is a clearance area up there, and you can find professional wear for 75 percent to 85 percent off. You can also try Burlington Coat Factory on Division Street. They have affordable shoes, pants and suits there that are very nice. Ross or TJ Maxx can also work as well. Ross is in the same area as Burlington Coat Factory, but TJ Maxx is further north on 9660 North Newport Highway. If you are OK with second hand stores, there is Plato's Closet next to Burlington Coat Factory, Dress for Success NW and the various thrift stores in the area, and you can do a google search for others. Type in "second hand stores Spokane." Also, spray starch can be your best friend and make things look brand new.

Q: If there is something I should prepare for a networking event or career fair, could you tell me? This is the first event for me, so any kind of advice is helpful.

A: Be conscious of what event you have attended and what people are generally coming there for. If it is a wine tasting event, that is the primary focus of the event, so try to embrace the event and have a good time while also having your objective in mind. Always keep business cards wherever you go because you never know who you will meet and where.

For the career fair, there will be people everywhere. Professionals will be sprinkled throughout the entire place, so be on your best behavior. If there is a list of expected employers that you can see, research them beforehand so that you can be prepared to explain your "professional areas of interest," and "why" you are interested in their company. As you approach the professionals, there will likely be students who are gathered around them, but don't be afraid to add yourself to the group and just listen in. Go ahead and ask your question when you get a chance; don't worry, it doesn't look weird or anything, in fact, professionals like that. This way they don't have to repeat themselves so much. It is okay to be inquisitive in this situation, so long as it is professional.

For the most part, just try to be calm and have some fun. It will not be like a job interview or anything. It is more about getting a chance to talk to someone about their industry and what they do, so they will

be happy to talk to you about that. And remember, it is just a conversation. It will not hurt to bring a résumé, just in case, but if you see a professional, it is likely they are not with human resources or recruiting and will most likely just give you a business card, so you can connect with them at a later date. Be sure to ask them for one if they do not offer. Be sure to follow up with them within one to two weeks.

Here are some things you can say to break the ice: do not memorize these because there are a lot of things you can say, but just weave them into your normal conversation so that you do not sound rehearsed or robotic.

"Hey, how's it going?"
"Hey, I'm glad you were able to make it today."

"Geez, I'm glad it didn't snow today."

When you start your Introduction:

1. Greet them. Tell them how glad you are that they came, and why.
2. Tell them "who you are," while extending your hand to shake their hand. Make sure you give them time to tell you who they are, do not just start running into your questions.
 - a. Let them know your major, as well as your academic focus within your major. What is your target area in your major? I would like to work with or on.
 - b. Let them know your career plans, including what you are thinking of going into. You are really giving them a glimpse of where you are headed, but also how organized and future oriented you are with regard to your personal life and career.

Conversation starters

Here are some things you can potentially ask. These are ideas, and are not to be taken as doctrine. Figure out your own way to ask them, if at all. Do not be overly robotic with your questions. Just be as personable as you can and have a conversation. The answers will come if you just stay inquisitive and have fun:

"And you are?" — ask them.

"What do they do?" — You are getting a glimpse of their career, so listen closely so you can probe to see if this is something you would like to do.

"How did they get their current job?" — Listen for what strategies they have used to get where they are, be it networking, applied to jobs regularly, etc.

"What is their job like?" — same as above.

What University did they attend? If they did not go to college, did they get trained into that line of work, if so where or how? You can still ask this even if they did go to college.

Is there anything they would do differently career-wise if they could go back and do it over? Again, you are probing for ideas, resources, and strategies.

How is their company doing? You are pushing the conversation forward and are also listening for how

big the company is, where the company is located and what other careers are tied to that company.

Follow the conversations, find out about any professional projects they are working on.

Tell them how great those projects are and how much you would love to be a part of them.

"Are they looking for students or upcoming graduates?" Great plug if you came with friends. Ask if they currently have internship or employment opportunities at their company. If so, how should you look into it if you are interested?

All in all, with practice and constructive criticism, you will get good at this.

When I network now, I am able to feel out the organic process of what is happening and am able to be improvisational. There are plenty of things that I do not know in a conversation, but it is more about being humble in the conversation. With time, it will be a much easier process as you are granted more opportunities to do it.

I hope this helps as you prepare to move forward in your professional careers. You can call Romeal Watson at 359-6365 if you have any more questions about this topic.

Candidates found not guilty

Grievance was filed with ASEWU election committee against Núñez and Garcia

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A hearing was held on April 29 to review an election grievance that was filed by candidate Cassandra Bratton against Amy Núñez and Mariana Garcia for allegedly speaking to a student organization about their campaign without properly notifying ASEWU.

The election board determined that neither candidate had violated any bylaws.

Núñez and Bratton are opposing candidates for academic affairs, and Garcia is running for diversity outreach.

Bratton said the incident occurred on April 16 when she observed a facebook comment on Garcia and Núñez's campaign page that she believed indicated they had spoken with the Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity about their campaign.

ASEWU bylaw section 206, section 7 indicates that any school club or organization that allows one candidate to speak with its members or pass out campaign materials, must also allow equal opportunity to other candidates who are also running for the same office.

After checking the ASEWU's speaking opportunities and checking with

other candidates Bratton determined that the event was not on the list.

Bratton said this incident was not fair because the ASEWU had not been informed of the event more than two days in advance, therefore other candidates were not given the opportunity to speak to the chapter as well.

Núñez stated that she and Garcia had visited the fraternity because they were both also members of the Mecha outreach committee responsible for promoting an upcoming immigration reform rally.

"The reason we decided to present to them about the march is because they are a Latino based fraternity and [Mecha] has worked with them in the past ... and we knew we could count on them for support," said Garcia.

Garcia and Núñez both said all discussions with Sigma Lambda Beta on this occasion were strictly about the rally. Two witnesses from the fraternity were also present to support the claims.

The election board stated in their final decision that the candidates were not in violation because it is reasonable to assume that they met with the fraternity to discuss Mecha, not for campaigning purposes.

Turnout:

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candidates with students, including the URC meet-and-greet, the election barbecue and the upcoming debates on May 1 and 2.

"This was all money that was going to be spent for elections whether there was a concert or not," said Travis Hughes, who was elections director in the fall and has now moved into a student services representative position.

Hughes was the one who conceived the idea of bringing Macklemore to the Eastern campus and tying the concert to the election, and he has continued to work with Gregg on the project.

According to Gregg and Hughes, the buzz generated by the Macklemore concert was worth the money not spent on conventional election advertising because word of mouth and social networking about the concert is doing the heavy lifting of advertising.

Hughes launched the project by writing a proposal asking for funds out of the services and activities fee that students are charged. He pitched the idea to the services and activities fee committee, which voted unanimously to approve a range of funding to allow negotiations with Macklemore.

"It hasn't been tapped for years," said Hughes. "It sits there and has hundreds of thousands of dollars unused by our university, [money] that students are getting charged but no one is utilizing."

"We spent student funds to make this happen. [So] we want to make sure that it's only available to Eastern students," Hughes said. He said that alumni are not being charged the S&A fee, which is the money being used to fund the concert.

Gregg and Hughes expect the Macklemore concert to sell out on voters alone.

Hughes said, "Maybe we did incentivize the voting. But we feel that's better than not voting at all. ... When I walked around campus as director of elections [on the day of the primary], I saw students involved. I saw students reading the voter pamphlets. I saw students really investing themselves in the elections. I had [15 to] 20 minute conversations about the election process with students."

"That's the thing to take from this. The way I try to address the Macklemore concert is it's not an incentive for students to go and just throw in a vote. It's a thank you. It's an honor that we're giving to students that do apply themselves to the election process."

"I don't think it's the wrong way to go about it," said

Hughes. "I don't see how it's any different than if you're going to give out promotions at sporting events to get people to show up. ... We're not paying people to vote. We're not buying votes. You can vote for whoever you want. We're just saying, 'Will you please participate and be involved in this university? And if you do, here's our thank you to you.'"

Gregg said that he views the concert buzz as amplifying the election process, not tainting it.

Matt Brown, manager of the data center, wrote the election software program that is currently used. According to Brown, ASEWU was having to

spend about \$3,000 per round of voting, or \$6,000 a year, on an outside provider.

Brown told them he could write a program for half that total and then they would not have the recurring expense. They hired him.

"So they've saved at least \$24,000 just in the last four years," Brown said. "Plus, we see a lot higher voter turnout with the online election than with the paper ballots because students can do it from their smartphones or the computer lab."

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Letters to the Editor

Editor’s note: These letters to the editor were submitted by EWU Spanish 305 classes. They are presented in both English and Spanish in honor of Cinco de Mayo.

Macklemore: Bribing students to vote?

I learned the other day that Macklemore is performing at Eastern in May, and students can get priority seating by voting in the ASEWU general election coming up on May 7.

The concert, proposed last winter, has the goal of increasing participation in the upcoming election. Voting is important, but I fear many students will vote only in order to get tickets without informing themselves, and that’s not the right reason why one should vote.

Up until I began writing this letter, I admit I did not know exactly what the responsibilities of student government were. I even voted in the elections last year, and for that matter I cannot say that vote was any better informed than the votes I am criticizing here. And also if not for the shame of confessing this I might not have been interested to find out.

However, even before I decided to write the letter I had decided that I was not going to miss the concert, nor was I going to let thirty seconds of clicking on the Internet keep me from better seats. In the end I informed myself, but only because I had to confess my ignorance. I fear I’m not alone by any means. Let’s hope I’m wrong, or let’s set up a confessional.

Sincerely,

Eric Brazington

Which is more important in your life for happiness: Your health, love or money? Why?

I think that love is more important than your health or money because love is a type of medicine and love is priceless.

I have been in love one time in my life and it was the best two years of my life. When you are in love, you don’t care about money and don’t need money because you have the person who understands you in every way and money would not help you be happier. I agree that your health is an important component in the pursuit of happiness but I think that you take care of yourself very well when you are in love because you are very happy. They say “love is a drug” and this phrase is the truth. When you are in love it is a indescribable feeling, and a feeling that I hope I feel again in the future.

Alex Bassett

It is important to learn a second language

I think everyone should learn to speak a second language.

Firstly, it works a different part of your brain than other subjects such as math or science. Also, being able to converse with someone who does not speak English and get to know them is a testament to the importance of learning a new language. Finally, learning a new language makes traveling around foreign countries easier.

Carson Hembree

Put yourself in another person's place

One of the topics presented in “The Most Ancient Game,” is that people should try to understand their enemies before they attempt to destroy them.

They should try to understand why these people think and act the way they do. They should put themselves into that position, that is to say, put themselves in their shoes. Perhaps this will resolve the conflict between the two parties.

Nikita Burlakov

Stop the glorification of violent criminals

It’s time to stop honoring the criminals.

When the thugs bring down buildings or set off poison in the subways or set off bombs in public places, we give them the honorifics “enemy combatants” and “terrorists.” Yes, they do cause terror. But they do not deserve titles which give them validation. It is important to catch the bad guys and it is time to call them what they are: criminals and thugs no better than the gangs of the 1930s who drove by shooting anyone in the way of their guns.

Marie Morill

Cartas al Editor

Nota del editor: Estas cartas al editor fueron presentadas por clases 305 españoles de EWU. Se presentan tanto en Inglés y Español en honor del Cinco de Mayo.

Macklemore: ¿Sobornar a los estudiantes para votar?

Supe el otro día que Macklemore se presenta en Eastern en mayo, y los estudiantes pueden conseguir asientos mejores por votar en la elección general de ASEWU que viene el 7 de mayo.

El concierto, aprobó el invierno pasado, tiene un gol de aumentar la participación en la elección que viene. Es importante votar, pero temo que muchos estudiantes vayan a votar solamente para recibir unos boletos sin informarse, y no es la razón correcta por la cual se debe votar.

Hasta que empecé a escribir esta carta, confieso que no sabía exactamente las cuales eran las responsabilidades del gobierno estudiantil. Todavía voté en las elecciones el año pasado, y por eso no puedo decirles que aquel voto era no más informado que los que estoy criticando aquí. Y también si no por la vergüenza de confesarles no me interesaría averiguar.

Sin embargo, aún antes de que decidiera escribir la carta, yo había decidido que no iba a perder el concierto, ni que iba a permitir unas treinta segundos de hacer click en Internet excluirme de los asientos mejores. Por fin me informé, pero sólo debido al hecho de mi confesión de la ignorancia. Temo que yo no sea el sólo por una gran cantidad. Esperemos que yo esté equivocado, o vamos a establecer un confesionario.

Sinceramente,

Eric Brazington

¿Cuál es más importante en tu vida para la felicidad: la salud, el amor o el dinero? ¿Por qué?

Pienso que el amor sea más importante que la salud y el dinero porque el amor es un tipo de medicina y el amor es de valor incalculable. Yo he enamorado una vez en mi vida y estaba los dos años mejores en mi vida.

Cuando estaba en amor, no te importa sobre dinero y no necesita dinero porque tiene la persona quien te comprende todo mente y dinero no podría ayudarte más contenta. Estoy de acuerdo que la salud es un componente muy importante en la persecución de la felicidad pero pienso que te cuidas muy bien cuando estás en enamorado porque estás muy feliz. Ellos dicen que “amor es una droga,” y esta frase es la verdad. Cuando estás en enamorado es un sentimiento indescriptible y un sentimiento espero que sienta otra vez en el futuro.

Alex Bassett

Es importante que aprender una segunda lengua

Creo que todos deben aprender un idioma secundaria.

Primero, trabaja una parte diferente del cerebro que otros sujetos. También, debe conversar con una persona que no habla ingles y va a conocerse es un testamento de la importancia de aprendiendo un idioma nuevo. Y finalmente, aprender un idioma nuevo lo hace viajando países extranjeros más fácil.

Carson Hembree

Ponte en el lugar de otra persona

Español Una de las temas presentadas en El Juego Más Antiguo es que gente debe de tratar a entender sus enemigos antes de destruirlos.

Debe tratar a entender por qué estas personas piensan y se portan así. Gente debe a ponerse en su posición, es decir, ponerse en sus zapatos.

Quizás éste va a resolver el conflicto entre los dos partidos.

Nikita Burlakov

Deje la glorificación de los criminales violentos

Es tiempo de dejar de honrar a los criminales.

Cuando los matones derribar edificios o partió de veneno en el metro o partió de bombas en lugares públicos, damos ellos los honorarios de combatiente enemigo y terroristas. Sí, realmente causan terror. Pero, no amitar los títulos que dan validación. Es importante tomar al chicos malos y es tiempo de llamar lo que están: criminales y matones, no mejor que las bandas del 1930s quién mataron tirando cualquiera en el camino de las armas.

Marie Morill



Through the Eagle’s Eye

Are you planning on walking when you graduate? Why or why not?

Interviews by Kyle Harding. Photos by Aaron Malmoe.



“Yeah. I think it's just mainly something for my family.”

Chris O'Bryant



“Yes. I want to walk because my family and friends would want to see me walk.”

Aryk Anderson



“Yeah, I guess. I didn't walk at [SFCC].”

Benjamin Blue



“I am. I think it's important.”

Desiree Steed



“Yes. You're walking with people you've gone to school with for four years.”

Scarlet Foster



“Yes. ... Some people think 'I put so much effort into this, might as well walk.'”

Kerstan Hanson



“Yeah. I feel like it's very important to walk. It's tradition.”

Najib Rehman



“Yeah. That's an accomplishment, you know?”

Stephanie Quintero



“I wasn't really planning to. ... It's a little bit of a hassle.”

Joel Crow

EDITORIAL

ASEWU electoral dysfunction: vote for Macklemore

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Do you care about ASEWU elections? Historically, a very small percentage of the student body has cared. In 2010 and 2011, only about 7 percent of EWU students cast a ballot. Last year, the turnout shot up to a whopping 14 percent. And why should students care, really? How much influence does the student government have over their time at Eastern? But what if you could get priority admission to a Macklemore concert? Then you would care, right? You would vote if it meant you could go to the performance by that recording artist who is so popular with the young people these days, right?

This is basically the thought process behind ASEWU bringing Macklemore to play a show at Reese Court. But don't worry guys, it's totally not bribery. How is it not bribery? Oh, yeah, because ASEWU says it's not bribery. It's a "thank you." It's just a "thank you" that happens to bear a striking resemblance to a bribe. "Maybe we did incentivize the voting. But we feel that's better than not voting at all," Travis Hughes, former elections director



Editorial cartoon by Vania Tauvela

and mastermind of the Macklemore plot, was quoted as saying in an article in The Easterner this week. Cool story. It's "better than not voting at all." Of course, nothing could be worse than not voting, as was demonstrated to us by P. Diddy's "Vote or Die" campaign. Nothing could be worse than the overwhelming majority of EWU students collectively deciding that student elections are a colossal waste of time. The 86 percent

need to be shown that student elections are important. And the way to show them how important they are is to promise them something cool if they vote. ASEWU appears to have gotten their wish. More people voted in the primary than in previous years, and ASEWU is pretty pleased with themselves over the relatively high turnout. With the Macklemore concert dangled in front of them, it is likely that the

general election will also see an increase in voter turnout. Do you really think people voting for a reward will put a lot of thought or research into who they are voting for? Bringing in droves of uninformed voters who are only doing it to get into a concert is not exactly following the spirit of democracy. Another problem is that it is just plain unethical. Since ASEWU does not seem to have a clear grasp of this concept, a good guide-

line for them could be to ask themselves if something would be considered acceptable in our state or federal elections process. If the answer is "No, it is not only not acceptable in a state or federal election, it is illegal," maybe ASEWU should not do it. There is no problem with bringing Macklemore to Cheney with student fees, if that is what the students want. But there is a problem with ASEWU using it as a vehicle of self-aggrandizement

and a means of getting students to take part in something that they otherwise would not. Of course, implicit bribery is commonplace in state and federal elections. Individuals vote for candidates who promise them things, corporations lobby for candidates who will work to get them tax deductions or other preferential treatment. Perhaps ASEWU should be commended for conducting their bribery out in the open.

Eagle Market has stinky bags

By Eric Long
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"Do you want a bag?" is a common question asked when being checked out at the Eagle Express Market, but saying "yes" has its consequence: the smell. Let's face it. The grocery bags used in the market stink really bad. The odor, to me, bears a close resemblance to cigarette smoke. It's not pleasant to the nose. I'm always afraid that by the time I get back to my dorm, whatever I bought will end up smelling like the bag. Now, it's definitely not the market workers' faults; they don't have control of what bags are used. So what company in their right mind would create and sell such a bad smelling bag? The answer is Trellis Earth Products Inc. They're the culprit. They make biodegradable, sustainable, plant-based products. I totally get the whole "being green" idea, and frankly, I support it. This world is getting warmer and we're only digging ourselves a deeper hole as we deplete our resources. I get the company's intentions. It is a hope that grocery bags made of recycled materials will make our "footprint" smaller and by doing this our world will

one day be saved from our own destruction. But why do the bags smell? Are they decomposing as I type this? Are they rotting? These are the questions that came to mind, and I wanted to get down to the bottom of it. So I did a little research on the company's website and contacted a sales representative. What I found out was quite simple. The bags are 50 percent cornstarch. The cornstarch is used in two ways. One use is as filler for polyethylene. Reducing the use of polyethylene can, over time, help our environment. The second use is food for bacteria. When the bags go to the landfill, they are eaten by bacteria and broken down. The cornstarch gives the bacteria something to munch on in their happy, yet disgusting, little world, therefore making the bags biodegradable and eco-friendly. This is a bittersweet revelation. Considering the fact that bacteria live all around us, it can be concluded, from my viewpoint, that the bags are covered in bacteria poo. It sounds disgusting, I know. But look on the bright side, the bacteria are happy and though the bags stink, EWU picked a company who cares about the earth to supply us with our grocery bags.

ASEWU makes a mockery of elections with Macklemore show

By Scott Summers
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Why does ASEWU get to perform actions that would violate federal election laws in the name of boosting voter turnout for school elections? The Macklemore and Ryan Lewis show, with guaranteed seating spots being provided for voting, is an example of behavior that would be illegal and punishable if it occurred in a real election in Washington state. Starbucks and other corporations had to dis-

continue special discounts to people who provided proof that they voted when confronted with federal election laws that prohibit gifts or consideration to people for voting, not voting or voting in a particular fashion. As a school, we need to decide if our elections are some type of farce that ignores the real world of voting or our elections are to be modeled on legal and proper state and federal election laws. Shane Hamlin, co-director of elections for Washington state, said

that for a county or state election, this would appear to be a violation. While his office holds no power over EWU elections, this would appear to violate the spirit of our laws against providing consideration for voters over non-voters. The funding of the event is not relevant to the issue at hand. Even if Macklemore and Ryan Lewis were paying EWU \$500,000 for the opportunity to perform here, under the circumstances of preferred or guaranteed seating as an incentive to

voters, it would still be an improper activity. A large helping of shame should go to ASEWU. If EWU is to consider itself as a proper and ethical school, it should conform to state and federal rules and prevent this event from occurring in a manner which provides voters with this treat for voting. I completely sympathize with wanting to increase voter turnout. However, in the effort to do so, laws and expectations of our American electoral system should not be compromised.

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Who buys venison sticks with tortellini?

Eagle Market offers convenience

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Salty, gooey, crunchy, greasy, spicy, sugary food and maybe a banana for good measure, is a common combination of products Eastern students buy daily at Eagle Express Market.

Like any convenience store, the Eagle Market is there for the reason its label describes: convenience. It must fit students that come from all walks of life including those who like the salty sweet goodness of peanuts and chocolate and those who may like the stranger combinations: perhaps a chocolate and cheese sandwich.

Zack Moncrief, the student supervisor for the market, said that the market on

campus has more variety than any convenience store in Cheney.

“Most of what we have is because we get people who request it,” he said.

There is an entire stand in the center of the store dedicated to beef jerky and deer jerky, which sells for \$5 a pack.

Potato chips also have their share of the variety. Customer Sadie Wyatt said that the Ruffles bacon and cheddar flavor was strange to her.

“And then there’s those drinks [Neuro water] that say they help you with sleep,” she said.

Neuro is a brand of water that comes in a variety of flavors, claiming they help with focus, relaxation and the mood effects resulting from vitamin D deficiency as well as other issues, according to the company’s website.

Wyatt and her friend Joa-



Photo by Jasmine Kemp
Buitoni tortellini is one of several items that students can purchased at Eagle Market.

na Ped were stocking up on food to take off campus for the weekend. Their basket was filled with everything from Milano cookies to Hawaiian kettle chips.

It is typical for students to buy a bunch of junk food combined with one or two items that are considered

healthy, according to Kris Rice, a cashier.

“We get it all the time,” he said, “You’ll get guys that come in who’ll buy a bunch of junk and then one apple and then they say, ‘Don’t judge me,’ and I can’t because we all do it.”

There is an effort to make healthy eating more acces-

sible, said Moncrief. One of the strange products that he pointed out was gluten-free frozen tortillas located in the cold case right next to Tostitos’ pizza rolls.

Next to all of the pizza options in the store’s cold case, there is an assortment of gluten free, vegetarian and organic products. Healthier products like Amy’s lasagna contrast with the not-so-healthy Foster Farm’s chicken nuggets on the opposite end of the cold case.

There is an aisle in the store dedicated to products popular in Asian food culture including rice vinegar and roasted seaweed snacks.

Alyson VanHorn said that the seaweed snacks were on her list of weird items at the store. It is something she tried, she said, and is not willing to have again.

“I think everyone has that weird thing they like,” she said.

Being a convenience store, Eagle Market also offers food more geared towards cooking a simple meal. A top-seller, according to Moncrief, is five cheese tortellini.

Eagle Market, being a convenience store, also has those convenience store prices.

Rice said he does not understand how people can buy two things that will end up being \$10.

But for students like David Hicks, who calls campus home, the market becomes a go-to spot to stock up on food.

Hicks was buying food for his off-campus trip for the weekend, picking out items to make spaghetti.

On his weird-item list, he said that Terka’s Exotic Harvest chips were the strangest food in the whole store.

“They taste as bad as they look on the packaging,” he said.

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Students who live with "The Romeo," may find themselves sleeping in the hallway.

OPINION

The nine people you meet in roommate hell

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It’s the time of year when many students are thinking of a fresh start. You’re looking a little more closely at the cracks in the walls, thinking about some more space: You’re thinking about getting a new place. And in order to afford it, you need a roommate.

Should you live on campus or off campus? In a house, at least you get the benefit of choosing the people with whom you want to live. In the residence halls, it’s basically a free-for-all. The combination of close quarters, compulsory meal plans and first-year excitement creates a perfect storm.

No matter what you choose, you need to pick your roommate carefully. You’ll be spending a lot of time around this person and their hygiene habits. Watch out for:

The Best Friend:

It seems like a great idea, doesn’t it? But beware. All their best traits will be poisoned by constancy. The happy memories of laughter and good times will slowly melt away as you realize that you hate your roommate.

The Vampire:

The Vampire keeps late hours, either because of a job or for some unknown, dark-

er reason. The only time they ask you to hang out is deep in the dark of night when sane people are sleeping. The Vampire works a graveyard shift—literally.

The Professor:

The Professor litters the house with half-opened books. They are constantly searching for the one they’re currently reading.

Although the specific location of every book is constantly changing, the number of books is never reduced. Books are a lot classier than beer cans, but it would be nice to be able to eat breakfast without accidentally sitting on Herman Hesse.

The Budding Musician:

The Budding Musician is a wonderful singer, composer and lyricist—or at least, they think so. Despite their constant desire to “know what you think,” your honest criticism is unlikely to penetrate the Budding Musician’s delusions. Prepare to be serenaded constantly in a ragged, unintentionally lilting meter. Occasionally, you will be treated to special, six-pack-fueled 2 a.m. performances of “Smoke on the Water.”

The Moocher:

Hey, do you have a dollar? Can I drink the last Pepsi? Is it all right if I borrow your bike for the afternoon? If you live with a Moocher, these questions

will quickly become familiar. Although we all appreciate a little frugality, the Moocher seems to fundamentally misunderstand the concept of money: namely, that you can buy things with it, and when you do, they’re yours.

The Romeo:

The Romeo can be of either gender. Although the Romeo seems funny and charming, you will soon grow to hate the revolving cast of lovers, significant others, on-off-yes-no clingers and just plain random strangers who are constantly parading through your house. Worse, the Romeo is always asking you to “cover for them,” which means a lot of late-night phone calls. You might want to invest in some notecards to help with names.

The Nomad:

The Nomad is your roommate, but only nominally. They seem to spend all their time going out to parties or staying with friends. You’ll be lucky if you ever see them.

The inconstancy of their home stays slowly turns their area into an immense labyrinth of clutter—and since they’re never home, it never gets cleaned. Have fun.

The Eater:

The Eater will eat all of your food. Nothing is safe. Putting your name on food

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Success clothed in first impressions

EWU staff gives fashion advice on dressing for interviews

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Students who are graduating and are trying to line up their first job outside of college may have the dreaded question of what to wear to the interview on their mind.

According to Romeal Watson, internship coordinator, what students wear has to do with first impressions.

“You communicate nonverbally long before words come out of your mouth,” said Watson. “Definitely what you wear says a lot about your taste as an individual.”

Lauren Conrad, fashion designer, in a blog post called, “Work It: 9 to 5 style,” wrote wearing inappropriate outfits on the job can lead to not being taken seriously.

“Wearing the wrong threads has the potential to distort your image as a valued employee and may even prevent you from getting ahead,” wrote Conrad.

Watson said, for men, there are different ranges of attire depending on the job. The main colors to wear are navy blue, gray and black.

“If it is fast food, it probably does not hurt to still go slacks and a button-up,” said Watson. “You can lose the tie and jacket, but the higher up you go, the more decked out you want to be. If you are working at a department store, chances are you will still get away with slacks, a button-up shirt [but] maybe add the tie on this one instead.

You can probably ditch the jacket if you wanted to. Obviously, if it was a business professional, suit all the way.”

The shirt should be lighter than the suit, while the tie should be darker than the shirt. He said to avoid highly patterned ties, such as ones with little lashes or wild designs.

“You want it to be easy on the eyes. If a tie reaches out and grabs you, chances are you don’t really want that on for the interview,” said Watson.

For shoes, Watson said men should avoid tennis shoes. Students should go for a professional dress shoe mainly in black because brown is harder to match with outfits.

Shannon Turner, career adviser, said men should buff their nice shoes. She said if students are wearing black shoes, they should wear a black belt. If they are wearing brown shoes, they should wear a brown belt.

“[Make sure the] socks match your pants,” said Turner. “You might cross your legs or make some movement in the interview and it is going to draw attention to that part of your clothing. People do look at all of you.”

For women, Turner said, wear skirts below the knee, slacks or dresses, also in blues, black, grays or earth tones. She also said to avoid tops that are too revealing or button-up tops that are so tight that they would gap and pull near the bust, revealing bare skin.

“You want to think about where [the skirt] is going to hit when you are sitting down ... to see what that looks like,” said Turner. “Are you going to be too revealing?”

Stockings or panty hose should be worn

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When it comes to dressing up or an interview, women should wear a skirt, slacks or a dress, along with a top that is not too revealing, while men should wear slacks, a button shirt and a tie.

Hill:

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items or partitioning the refrigerator seems not to have any effect. The upside to living with an Eater is that you never have to throw away moldy food, because nothing sticks around that long.

The Forgetter:

The Forgetter is good at promising to do things, but claims forgetfulness after the fact. You will quickly realize that bathroom schedules are the least of your worries. The Forgetter cannot be trusted with anything, including a key to the house. The only

way to fix a Forgetter is to continuously reduce their privileges until they learn to spend energy “remembering” things. Maybe you could “forget” to not hit their car while parking.

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POETS PERFORM AT EWU



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Katie Wirsing, an acclaimed poet, shares her life with the audience through a poetic flow.



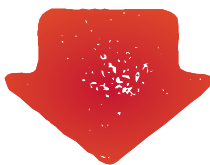
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Chas, a widely known poet from California, recites a combination of deep, personal and lighthearted poems all designed to empower and inspire.



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Activist instills family values at EWU

Wahls speaks about love, strength and family

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The atmosphere is light and friendly with banter and hugs as Zach Wahls approaches the EWU stage to discuss his life experience and position on the daunting issue of same-sex marriage.

“What people seem to forget is the phrasing of the word ‘marriage,’” said Wahls. “It’s not just gay marriage, it’s marriage. My moms are not my gay moms, they’re my moms.”

In 1991, Wahls was conceived through artificial insemination by his biological mother, Terry Wahls. Four years later, Terry Wahls met Jackie Reger, and the two held a commitment ceremony in 1996. Yet, because of the Wisconsin State law, Terry Wahls and Reger could not legally be married, even when his family moved to Iowa when he was 9 years old.

In 2011, Zach Wahls was given his chance to speak up when the Iowa Supreme Court allowed for the public to voice their feelings and concerns on same-sex marriage. Zach Wahls, a college student at the time, delivered his speech to the Supreme Court and told the story of being raised by a lesbian couple and turning out just fine.

“If people could listen to what [Zach Wahls] has to say, I think it

would destroy lots of ignorance surrounding gay rights,” said Chelsea Romani, an EWU student who attended the event.

Zach Wahls’ speech was quickly posted on Youtube where it went viral and garnered much praise and applause. The video currently has over 17 million views and was the most watched political video of 2011. This landed him interviews on most major news outlets, including MSNBC, CNN and even the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

When Zach Wahls began touring colleges across the country, he felt that the overall message that he wanted to leave students with was to “treat people the way that you want to be treated.”

He instilled this message by telling the intimate crowd of Eastern students how the debate of gay marriage has progressed, which is driven by the fear and horror of what is different, leading to people using labels to shrink terrifying movements down to size. However, these people neglect to notice that labels alienate people.

In turn, this only leads to hateful and negative discussions, which Zach Wahls believes is the opposite of what should occur.

“When we stop having positive discussion, we go backwards,” he said. “Fear and labels are holding people back. The only way to get respect is to give respect.”

Zach Wahls’ message resonated with many members of the audience, including Marissa Pamatigan,



Photo by Nic Olson
Zach Wahls speaks about his experience having two moms and how that had an impact on his life.

a veteran coordinator for the event. She said that one of her coworker’s life was changed by Zach Wahls’ words, leading Eagle Entertainment to book him to speak at Eastern during Pride Week.

“His focus on the phrasing of gay marriage being just marriage really stuck with me,” said Pamatigan. “Anyone who wasn’t here really missed out on a huge topic in today’s politics.”

Zach Wahls is currently working on a campaign to remove the ban on homosexuals within the Boy Scouts of America. While the organization has agreed to meet in May to discuss lifting the ban on gay youth, he feels that his mission is not finished until all discriminations against homosexuals has been removed from the Boy Scouts of America.

For Zach Wahls, family is the drive that influences him across the

nation to discuss these issues. In 2009, when Iowa legalized same-sex marriage, he was the best man at the wedding of his parents, where the couple walking down the aisle was accompanied by the theme of “Star Trek: Voyager.”

“I hope that one day, we’ll be able to live in a world where everyone says, ‘I don’t care who you are, I care about the content of your character,’” said Zach Wahls.

Cinco de Mayo: a celebration of two worlds with different purposes

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Nowadays, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated even out of the country, but very especially in the state of Puebla and in Mexico City. Here at home, there are military parades as a way of paying tribute to all the heroes, soldiers and civilians that gave their lives for their country. It takes months of rehearsal and preparation for marching bands to perform and compete among others to be the best. What I saw in the U.S., it is a special occasion to go and eat Mexican food, drink tequila and sing with Mariachi bands.

Food, happiness, tequila and colorful moments could describe what Cinco De Mayo means for some. But pride, honor, faith in humankind and freedom could mean everything to an entire nation. The view of this celebration in two different nations, such as the U.S. and Mexico, could be visualized on completely two different spectrums. In one, we celebrate for something we do not know, don’t understand or simply don’t feel or own. On the other, we celebrate because we feel it is right to commemorate the life of many who died so our children and ourselves could be free, could express ourselves without fear and be able to say I am American or Mexican.

Imagine Mexicans celebrating Fourth of July with whisky, hamburgers and BBQ, without understanding that there were a group of men and women who decided that enough was enough and that Americans deserved their freedom from the British empire. What Americans would feel if Mexicans would take this honorable day and make a party without understanding what was fought for and without understanding what

Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence:

“All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ... That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ... That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Well, May 5 is not Mexico’s Independence day, but absolutely it is a day where we commemorate that with passion, honor and love for the freedom of our nation General Ignacio Zaragoza led 5,000 ill-equipped Mestizo and Zapotec Indians called Zacapoaxtlas to fight a war against a bigger and better prepared French army, so a form of destructive government, in this case France, would not take away the unalienable rights that belong to Mexicans. That day, Mexico won that battle, even against the odds. Now let’s try to see this point of view from the American perspective. How difficult and even impossible that the colonies would win the independence war?

I was asked to write about my perspective regarding the celebration of Cinco de Mayo since I lived in both cultures. I would say that both nations agree with Thomas Jefferson that Life, Liberty, and the



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pursuit of Happiness could encourage women and men on this earth to fight for the freedom of their beloved ones as well as to honor the ones who died and continuously pursue that freedom. I think it is time for both sides to recognize what is actually being celebrated and what it means. I do personally appreciate that some Americans actually want to share some of my Mexican culture, but as I tell Mexicans here, before say or speak our minds regarding the culture of others, for respect and diplomacy, let’s learn, understand, and tolerate the way things are done in other parts of the world.

I hope one day my Mexican peers in both Mexico and in the U.S., start looking into understanding their roots, either if they think they are Americans, Mexicans or both. I personally feel I have both roots since, even though I am a born-Mexican, there is so much that the United States did for me; therefore, I celebrate and honor each holiday as it should. To explain this better, let me quote Markus Garvey. He said “A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.”

Pure love for a nation, I personally believed is shown when a person gets interest and passion for that said nation’s history, heroes and respect for its values, laws, citizens and everything lost to provide freedom to the people of that said land and even fight as well to keep it that way or even better.

So if we celebrate 5 de Mayo over there, at least let’s do so understanding what really means and why it is being celebrated in another part of the world. On my part, I promise I will continue preaching the values that Jefferson wrote in the declaration of Independence when July 4 arrives here in Mexico. Meanwhile, “Feliz honorable 5 de Mayo EWU”

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Macklemore:

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“There has been a formal decision on ticketing,” Hughes said.

Students who want to receive a priority admission ticket to the concert must vote in the general election May 7.

“Then you will bring your student ID card to PUB 320 between May 9 and May 27,” Hughes said. “We will have a list of all students who vote. You’ll come, swipe your ID card, you’ll sign that you picked up your ticket and we will give you a priority admission ticket that looks different from the general ones.”

From May 28 to May 30, all remaining general admission seats will be up for grabs through a similar process.

“We have a master list of all enrolled students, so you can pick those up. You’ll bring your ticket and your ID card the day of the concert to the show,” Hughes said.

Students who have the priority tickets will be able to enter Reese Court before those with general admission tickets.

Students should be advised that even if they have a ticket, that does not guarantee entry to the concert due to space constraints.

“Space is limited. The day of the concert you might want to get there as early as you can,” Hughes said. “Just because you have a ticket doesn’t mean you will get in. We’re going to go until the place is full, but we can’t put every single student in that court.”

Reese Court has a seating capacity of 6,000, but Hughes is not sure how many attendees will be allowed. “I cannot comment on how many people will be allowed to go as that is a decision to be made by those with a better understanding of safety and liability concerns,” he said.

Admission is free, but students must have a ticket and student ID to attend the concert.

“There has been a lot of confusion, so I’m excited to announce that we have a plan of action,” Huges said.

In other council news, ASEWU members voted to approve their resolution in support of the expansion of the Four Lakes-Cheney Road, formally known as state Route 904.

Guest speaker Seamus Davis spoke to the council and gallery members about the need to expand the highway, which tallies an estimated

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19,000 trips per day, according to Davis, from two lanes to five.

“More and more people are moving to Cheney and enrolling at Eastern. This means more people commuting in and out of the area every day,” he said.

Davis talked about safety issues regarding the two-lane highway, stating that since 2009 there have been 65 accidents.

He also spoke about the lack of freight mobility to and from Cheney.

“[It] discourages new businesses from moving into an area that is otherwise ripe for economic development,” he said.

He said everyone who lives and works in the Cheney area should be concerned about the state of state Route 904.

“If we can show our legislators that a broad coalition of students, professors, administrators, businessmen and women, construction workers and local officials demand improvements to the road we all use every day, we can make sure that funding for this project is included in the state’s transportation budget,” Davis said.

The resolution in support of the expansion project was approved unanimously.

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with skirts or dresses. She said to wear closed-toed heels or flats. Heels should be 1 to 2 inches high. Anything over that becomes distracting and avoid overly flashy jewelry.

Turner said to make sure one’s hair is washed and recently cut. Makeup should be

natural looking; nails should be trimmed and clean. Turner and Watson both said to avoid wearing strong perfumes, lotions or colognes.

“The reason being is you don’t know who at that interview will be allergic or sensitive to it,” said Watson.

Turner said body art and piercings should be covered up and removed before the interview.

“All in all, what I would

say is, ... ‘Avoid anything they could latch onto that would cause them to prematurely judge you,’” said Watson. “Once you have a general feel for the office culture, you can play around with it.”

“More than anything, it is about your confidence,” said Turner. “If you can feel comfortable in your own skin and what you are wearing that day, the better.”

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Police Beat



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Apr 25 - False report
A student made a report that she had been shoved down a flight of stairs in the PUB by two drunk males. The student later admitted to officers that she had made up the story. The student had injured herself while intoxicated.

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April 23 8:30 a.m. Malicious mischief
Two buckets of soapy water were found near the elevators on the third floor of Pearce Hall, set up as a prank to spill as the doors opened. Graffiti was also found on a door. There are no suspects at this time.

3 p.m.
EWU officers conducted a welfare check on a student who was behaving abnormally in Martin Hall.

April 25 11:39 a.m. Drug violation
Two male students in Louise Anderson Hall were reported for possibly having marijuana. The students consented to a search and officers found a bag containing less than 40 grams of marijuana. One male was cited and released.

2 p.m. False report
A student made a report that several days prior she had been assaulted and shoved down a flight of stairs in the PUB by two drunk males. The student later admitted to officers that she had made up the story and had injured herself while intoxicated.

2:30 p.m. Theft
A blue and grey 22-inch Diamondback brand bicycle was stolen from the bike rack in Dryden Hall. The bike is estimated to be worth approximately \$400. There are no suspects at this time.

April 26 3:10 p.m. Malicious mischief
A pool table in the PUB was vandalized. Part of a corner pocket was broken and some of the pool balls were stolen.

6:01 p.m. Hit and run
A student reported that their car had been hit while

parked in lot 5. The driver's side door of the vehicle was damaged and white paint transfer was left behind by the other car. There are no suspects at this time.

April 27 9:30 a.m. Suspicious package
Employees at Owl Pharmacy reported that a suspicious bag had been left near their front steps sometime during the previous night. The bag appeared to contain a gas can. The bomb squad was called in and disposed of the item.

April 28 Drug violation
A student in Dressler Hall was reported after someone noticed the strong odor of marijuana. The student produced a medical marijuana card when officers found a cigar package that contained marijuana, but he was still cited by police.

Exhibition:

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Mielcarek, a ceramics major, will be showing five ceramic pieces and one painting in the showcase.

She described her work as, “sculptural, kind of minimalist ... abstract,” and said it deals with motion or movement.

Mielcarek said the two pieces she is most proud of are her newest work, “Night,” and “Wu Li,” both of which will be showcased.

“It’s been really fun, a great learning experience,” she said.

She plans to pursue a professional career as an artist, get her master’s degree in fine arts and possibly teach at a college level after graduation from EWU.

Ilich, who is majoring in studio art with a focus on alternative media, will be showcasing her piece “Fashion Quest,” as well as drawings.

Ilich described “Fashion Quest” as a video of a video game in which the main character, Inga, collects fashion. She described it as ironic, the idea behind it being to show “way too much consumerism.”

She said she feels influenced by media and consumerism. She said that while she enjoys things like cosmetics and clothes, she is concerned about the repercussions of purchasing and using them.

“I love all this stuff, but at the same time I’m really concerned about it because it is destroying the planet — our habits for over-consumption and greed and materialism,” she said. “I read a fact somewhere that if everyone lived like an American, we would need to have six planets, six earths, to sustain everybody, so it’s destroying the world.”

“When I’m going to school here I can show a different light on it, rather than just giving people just a pleasant product.”

Ilich said the name of the show was inspired by paint chips, an idea reflected in the showcase flier.

“They had these pretty silly names that were pretty evocative. One was called dive and another was called sprinkler. One was even called gherkin, which was really weird,” she said.

According to Ilich, the group voted on what paint

chip name they would choose if they had their own.

Ilich said the group selected “Cable TV Heated Pool” because of its duality. She said that the name evokes the feeling of luxury, but also a sense of seediness and disillusionment, motifs she says are present in some of the pieces being showcased.

“Everybody’s working with completely different work and working on completely different concepts,” Ilich said.

She said creating her art for the showcase felt like a ritual project in which she could go into the fantasy world she had created and collect all of the fashion and consumer goods she desired. Afterward, Ilich said she felt as though she no longer needed to actually consume these items because the experience of her piece was overwhelming.

“It’s sort of fun to mess with your head and see how it makes you feel and how it satisfies,” Ilich said. “It’s about trying to express your view on the world and maybe your view on the world isn’t so simple that you can say it in words.”

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Golf team wraps up spring season

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This season has been pretty successful for Eagles golf, according to sophomore Caitilin Rice.

“We finished sixth at conference, which was a big start for us because we were predicted to get ninth out of [eleven],” Rice said. “We definitely showed that we were competitive when a lot of people didn’t think we were.”

In the beginning of the season, the Eagles played in the Oregon State Invitational and finished in 15th place. In the Washington State University Cougar Cup the team finished 14th, and in the Rose City Collegiate the team finished in 10th place.

As the season went on, the team gradually improved their placing in some of the events. In February, the team played in the Lumberjack event at the Ocotillo Golf Resort and finished in eighth out of 11 teams. The team also finished eighth out of 21 teams at the Red Rocks Invitational.

Late into the season, the team finished second out of 13 teams in the Jackrabbit Invitational. Although they gradually played better, the team finished the regular season off in 15th place at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic.

At the Big Sky Conference Championship, the team finished in sixth place. During the first day of the

event, the team finished with a score of 301. On the second day, the team finished with a score of 312 and on the final day the team finished with a score of 298. The overall score for the Eagles at the Big Sky Championship was 911, good enough for sixth place.

Freshman Marissa Borja was satisfied with her performance at the Big Sky Championship. “I know I could’ve done a little bit better. But overall, I was pretty happy with how I did,” Borja said. Borja ended up tying for 18th out of 55 players in the conference championship. She had a total score of 228.

Throughout the season, the team worked on certain techniques such as target specifics. Also, the team did lots of putting drills and short game drills.

Some opponents that were tough to compete against for the Eagles were the Montana schools and Weber State University. “The teams always beat the same teams. Montana, Montana State, and Weber [State] are the ones that, if we can beat them, it’ll bump us up a few. They’re kind of like our rival schools,” said senior Jayme Carbon.

Taking sixth place, Eastern Washington went ahead of most of those schools in the conference. Northern Arizona University was also a tough opponent that the team went up against this season. “[Northern Arizona University] was ob-

viously our goal to beat them and they’re the ones who won conference. They were definitely the strongest looking team,” Rice said.

In a long season that started in September, the team had a lot of highlights that stuck out to them. The most memorable part of the season for Borja was when she made a hole-in-one during a practice round. “That was like my first hole-in-one I’ve ever made, so that was pretty exciting,” Borja said.

The most memorable part of the season for Carbon was the performance the team had at the Big Sky Conference Championships. “Our team had an all-time best finish for a conference tournament. Sixth place was the lowest. I remembered we finished about eighth [previously]. Also individually both me and Morgan [Lee] are the two seniors and we had our career lows on our last rounds, so that was pretty fun,” said Carbon.

With EWU golf over for this school year, there were a few lessons learned. “I learned a lot about teamwork. In high school I was kind of like by myself carrying the team a bit. In collegiate golf, I felt like our team was really put together, we really fed off of each other,” Borja said.

“I think this year the main thing that we learned was that we can go out there and show people what we’re made of,” Rice said.

Eagles win championship

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The Eastern women’s volleyball club battled through a variety of larger schools around the country to emerge as Division II National Club Volleyball Champions.

The women fundraised for the trip to Dallas all throughout the year, where they hosted volleyball tournaments, sold Krispy Kreme doughnuts and gained a sponsorship from The Basement in Cheney.

Though the women struggled to make ends meet to get to Dallas, they succeeded in raising the nearly \$10,000 required to fly the team out to compete.

“We kept getting papers confused, so we went through a lot of hassle to go there, but once we finally got there it was just one of those things where it was like, ‘We’re here. Finally, we get to let go,’” senior outside hitter Reese Dever said. “It was just like weight lifted off your shoulders. We were all so thankful that we were able to do that.”

Once the team got off the plane, it was all business. They spent five days in Dallas and spent the time playing against club



Photo courtesy of Jamie Palmer
The women's volleyball club poses with their head coaches.

teams from Texas A&M, Marquette, Michigan State, Purdue, Indiana and Massachusetts. According to Dever, it was a big confidence boost knowing the Eagles stacked up against larger schools.

“It’s almost inspiring watching other teams and then seeing your team do so well,” she said. “It was really fun.”

According to Kasey Swanson, junior and president of the volleyball club, the women missed out on competing in the tourna-

ment last year. She wanted to make sure the team got to experience the big stage.

“It was a really great way to end our season especially because most of our team is graduating this year,” Swanson said. “It was a really good way for a lot of the girls to end.”

Seeded fourth in their respective pool, Eastern beat UC Santa Barbara, 25-19, 25-19. Their game against Michigan State was not as easy, as it went into three sets. The Eagles prevailed, 25-16, 16-25, 15-10.

The season almost ended before the team made it to the final game. In the semifinal game against Indiana, the Eagles found themselves down 8-20 in the second set. They found a way to rally, however, winning the set 28-26 and giving them a chance to play for the championship against Marquette.

According to senior Jamie Palmer, the team was able to capitalize on the shot of energy that propelled them into the championship game.

“I think that momentum totally took us into the finals,” Palmer said. “We were pretty pumped up.”

In the final game against Marquette, the Eagles won two close sets, 25-21, 25-17, to capture the championship.

“I do remember after it ended and we finally won and everybodys excitement,” Palmer said. “We came out on top of quite a bit of teams.”

The season ended in spectacular fashion for the Eagles, and according to Swanson, she would not have had it any other way.

“It was a really good way to go out because we worked really hard and we played the best that we had,” Swanson said. “If I were a senior, that’s the way I would want to go out.”

World Cup kicks off for diversity

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Campus Recreation will host the second annual World Cup Soccer Tournament on May 22.

It will be free and played six on six, with a maximum of eight players on each team.

The countries represented last year were Germany, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, Spain, Ethiopia, USA, Mexico and Colombia, according to Campus Recreation.

The event is part of Eastern’s Diversity Week, which has events throughout campus from May 20 to the 23.

Those who join the World Cup will get to represent a country or culture of their choice, get a free T-shirt and enjoy music and food with their fellow Eagles, according to Director of Campus Recreation Mike Campitelli.

The tournament will mirror the FIFA World Cup. Teams will be paired against each other by the luck of the draw.

Intramural soccer is the fastest growing sport in the

last five years, and it has more diverse players than any of the other intramural sports, according to Campitelli.

“We are not turning teams away,” said Campitelli. According to campus programs adviser Berto Cerrillo, students can sign up the day of the event as well.

The tournament requires that at least a minimum of two women or two men are on the field at all times. Teams also have an option to have one faculty or staff member on a team.

Currently at Eastern, there are over 500 international students, according to international student adviser Kara LaSota. Campitelli encourages all students to join the tournament, international or not.

According to junior and secondary education math major Eduardo Renteria Jr., last year’s teams represented whatever country they wanted to represent. For example, Asia University America Program students represented Japan and Renteria’s team represented Spain.

“It was a fun experience. It was cool to get a lot of people out [playing soccer] at the same time,” said alumnus Nick Patrick, whose team represented Kenya last year.

Students can sign up online as a team, but if a student needs a team they can contact Campitelli. Any student that wants to play can play.

“[Campus Recreation] did a good job of involving every single person who showed up with cleats that day. No one felt left out, everyone got to play and have a good time,” said Patrick.

According to Patrick, some players wore jerseys from the countries they were representing.

“Soccer is truly the world sport. [In] most of the countries other than the U.S., soccer is their biggest sport,” said Campetelli.

“[Soccer means to me] tradition, custom. I was raised with soccer. I’ve been playing since I was a kid with my aunts, uncles [and] my dad. It’s kind of in my blood. It’s always been with me. It’s competition, it’s fun, everything

combined,” said Renteria.

The tournament is geared for students to show pride for their home countries, according to Cerrillo.

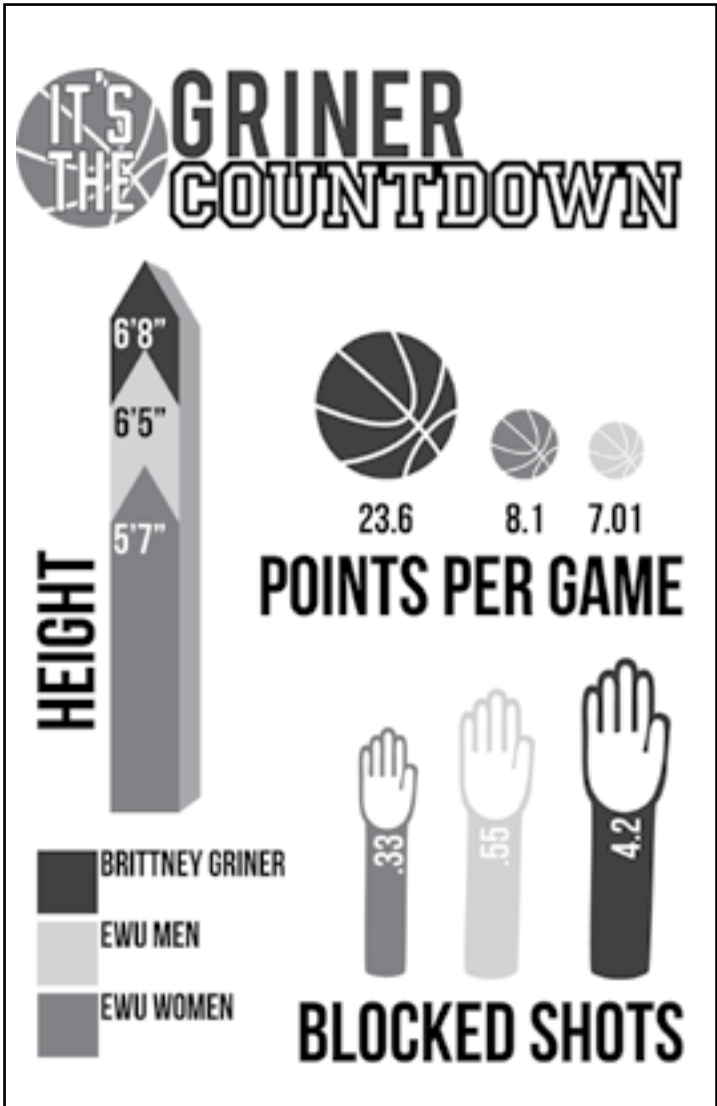
“Our whole thing is about having fun, giving students a chance to represent their country of origin or nationality,” said Campetelli.

Renteria’s favorite memory was winning and going undefeated with his teammates that had not all played together before. “It just goes to show that people can put aside their differences and do something good. It was fun,” said Renteria.

Patrick’s favorite memory of the game was playing good soccer. “When you get a lot of good soccer players, it’s fun to get a game like that. That’s what I enjoyed the most.”

The goal is to have a high-energy, fun atmosphere with music and food. “Whether people win or lose, for us, we just want the students to enjoy each other and hopefully on some level get to know each other better,” said Cerrillo.

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OPINION

Baylor's Griner a looming legend

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As it is, Brittney Griner is almost 2 feet taller than Kylie Huerta, EWU’s starting point guard. She is 1 foot and 3 inches taller than Eastern’s star shooting guard, Lexie Nelson, and she is 8 inches taller center from last year, Carrie Ojeda. Griner is 6-feet-8-inches, an international icon in women’s basketball, representing a change in our sport.

Griner is the second woman in NCAA history to dunk a basketball in a collegiate game. She is the record holder for most shots blocked in a college career. There are so many awards listed on her website that it’s worthless to count them. Griner is a legend. However, I find myself wondering if her success comes from being one of the best basketball players the NCAA has ever seen, or if it’s because she is almost seven feet tall?

As a post player myself, I know what it’s like to play against the 6-foot-5-inch girls from Gonzaga and the University of California Berkeley, and even Eastern’s own Hanna Mack, who is 6-feet-4-inches. Let me tell you, for being a supposedly tall girl at 6-feet, guarding these girls is no walk in the park. The last time I tried, I received an elbow to the face simply because my head was at their elbow level. Ouch. This being said, I cannot even fathom guarding someone who is 6-feet-8-inches. That game would be over in about two minutes.

So, considering this, it was a surprise to me when Baylor crashed and burned in the Sweet Sixteen this year in the NCAA tournament. With a height advantage like that, I thought that Baylor would sail into the championship game and take the title, no sweat. To supplement my thinking, I calculated some stats that show just how tall Griner is compared to us other mere 6-footers.

Remember that Griner is 6-feet-8-inches. The average height of the Eastern women’s basketball team is 5-feet-7-inches. Simple math tells us that it’s a height difference of 1 foot, 1 inch. Now, just for kicks, compare this to the

average height of the EWU men’s basketball team, who stand at 6-feet-5-inches. It’s a height difference of 3 inches. In fact, according to my research, EWU men have a relatively tall team, with their average height equaling the same as Louisville and Michigan, the two contenders in the NCAA championship this year. This means that Griner is most likely taller than the average male collegiate basketball player.

What does this tell us? Griner is a vertical phenomenon, but we already knew that. What it seems to me is that Griner had all the advantage in the world, even compared to men’s basketball, and yet her team couldn’t pull out a NCAA title her senior year.

Honestly, all I want to do is call Griner out for not taking advantage of her height, because surely a woman that tall could set more records than just in the blocked shots category. Also, I want to call her out because I’m a little peeved from guarding super tall girls who shoot over me all day. But one look at her stats from this year proved to me that this girl worked hard all season long, averaging 23.6 points and 4.2 blocked shots per game. Each EWU woman separately averaged 8.1 points and .39 blocked shots per game this year. Each EWU man separately averaged 7.01 points and .55 blocked shots per game. Looking at this tells me that Griner averaged about three times as many points as the average EWU basketball player, and about eight times as many blocks as us, per game.

Stats don’t lie. I have to hand it to Griner, the number one WNBA draft pick of 2013 headed to the Phoenix Mercury. Her team may not have won the NCAA title this year. She may not be the best women’s basketball player of all time. But she puts up some astonishing stats. That, and she brings excitement to women’s basketball by dunking and throwing the occasional punch, things fans love to see. It’s about time we saw some positive change in women’s basketball, and if it took an almost 7-footer to do it, then so be it.

What some might call an unfair advantage, I call history in the making.

Sports in brief:

The Eagle men's tennis team lost their first match of the Big Sky Tournament against Montana, 4-2. The third-seeded Grizzlies jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but sophomores Joseph Cohen and Stefan Farrar won their respective matches to cut Montana's edge to 3-2. Senior Kyle Koetje lost his match in a hard-fought battle at the No. 3 spot, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. Cohen ended his season with 12 consecutive wins at the No. 1 position. He had an overall record of 14-3 and a perfect 8-0 record in the Big Sky Conference.

Eastern athletes Cora Kellerman and Jordan Arakawa were named Big Sky field athletes of the week after their performances at the Duane Hartman Invitational on April 26 and 27 in Spokane. Kellerman threw a personal best of 170-0 in the javelin, which vaulted her to second all-time at Eastern and 10th in the NCAA Division I. This is Kellerman's first year with the track and field team after having a standout career on the Eastern volleyball team. Arakawa nabbed his third accolade this season after throwing a personal best 213-8 in the hammer throw. He sits at 15th in NCAA Division I.

Both the Eastern men's basketball team and volleyball team have made strides in recruiting for their upcoming respective seasons. The volleyball team recently signed three Serbians to come to Eastern, Stanka Panic and Milica Nisavic from Casper College in Wyoming and Sofija Ivanovic from Laraine County Community College in Wyoming. The men's basketball team has signed junior college point guard Drew Brandon and Ognjen Miljoovic, a 6-foot-7-inch forward from Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrence, Calif.

Upcoming:

The track and field team will compete in the Vandal Jamboree on May 4 at Moscow, Idaho. This is the last meet before the Big Sky Conference Combined Events and the Big Sky Outdoor Championships in Forest Grove, Ore., on May 8 through 11.

Offense explodes in spring game

Quarterbacks hit stride in full-contact scrimmage

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The hard work is starting to pay dividends for the Eagles' offensive skill-position players. EWU's offense ran at a smooth pace during the Red-White spring game, totaling 361 yards on 76 plays and scoring five touchdowns. Quarterbacks Vernon Adams and Jordan West each threw for two scores, while fellow signal caller Anthony Vitto ran one in on an 8-yard scamper. Playing in his first game action since November 2011, redshirt freshman wide receiver Cooper Kupp racked up 119 yards on eight catches, along with two touchdowns — one from Adams and one from West. "We're putting in extra work," Kupp said. "All the quarterbacks and receivers get together, and we know that we need to be on our game all the time. "Two Novembers ago was my last game, and that game didn't end up so well. It was definitely nice to be able to come out and compete with this new team and new guys that are my family for the next four or five years," Kupp said. Entering his sixth season as the Eagles head football coach, Beau Baldwin was pleased with the strides the offense has made since the beginning of spring practices on April 4. "They're starting to think less and just get it and know, and then you're able to play faster," he said. Baldwin's offense, clad in white jerseys, ran a variety



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Wide receiver Cory Mitchell wrestles away from defensive back Ronald Baines during the spring game.

of plays out of the pistol formation, a different look from last season. In the pistol, the quarterback lines up approximately four yards behind the center — as opposed to seven yards in the shotgun — with the running back directly behind. Speaking to the pistol's advantages, Baldwin said, "The defense can't set a front based on where the back is, yet you still involve the [quarterback] in the running game. It's fun stuff." The White got the scoring started at the end of the first quarter when Adams found

wide receiver Cory Mitchell in the left corner of the endzone for a 22-yard score. The scrimmage technically consisted of four quarters of football, but no clock was kept nor score recorded. Adams threw up a 50-50 ball, and Mitchell, a redshirt junior, out-jumped cornerback T.J. Lee III to haul in the impressive catch. "Vernon [Adams] did a good job testing me," said Lee, a red-shirt senior. "We always talk about it and argue. He threw a go-get-it ball — a 50-50 ball — and the offense happened to pull it down."

The defense, wearing red jerseys, shut down the White [team's] running game, limiting ballcarriers to a 3.0 yard per carry average on 35 attempts. Junior running back Quincy Forte got the bulk of the carries and made the most of it, rushing for 49 yards on 10 touches. Redshirt senior cornerback Ronald Baines forced the game's only turnover, intercepting Adams in the third quarter. "We maybe don't want to throw that pick, but that's a great play by Ronald Baines," Baldwin said. "I

know you want the defense to break up that first touchdown, but that's a great play by Cory Mitchell." Baldwin added: "When there's plays being made, I can live with that and move on to the next snap. What I want to cut down on again is still just some of the sloppy unforced errors." The Eagles' spring training culminates with their final practice on May 2. "We probably won't add a bunch in the last three days," Baldwin said. "But we just want to get sharper at what we're doing."

Arakawa swings for the Big Sky

Redshirt sophomore track and field star lays down the hammer and throws it too

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Sophomore thrower Jordan Arakawa has his sights set on the Olympics. The track and field athlete hopes to eventually compete in the Olympic trials, saying it is one of his ultimate goals after he graduates. For the time being, Arakawa is working on steadily improving his performance in the hammer throw, and he has felt confident in his performances so far. "I've felt good because I redshirted last year, so I came out and started seeing all these big improvements," he said. "My biggest improvement is probably my technique as far as maturing and understanding that what I do in practice I can simulate in the meet and not let my adrenaline take over." Head throwing coach Marcia Mecklenburg said Arakawa's redshirt year made a significant difference in his current level of play. "His strength has improved. Technically, he's a little more sound, and he's de-

veloping things more consistently. That's what we look for when you're redshirting: that the kids have that year to get more technically sound in their event and gain more strength," she said. "That redshirt year really worked for Jordan [Arakawa]." Because he is still new to college level competition, Arakawa is admittedly very nervous before competition, especially during the bigger meets with more on the line. His method of combating his nerves involves drinking a Powerade during a meet. "It doesn't necessarily calm me, but it reassures me because I had a really good meet when I drank that," he said. When Arakawa's Powerade superstition is not enough, he turns to another method for calming himself. "I just have to take a deep breath and remind myself that I've been practicing this whole time, so I just have to go out and do what I've been training to do," he said. Despite being a sophomore, Arakawa has a strong background in his event. Unlike many college athletes,

Arakawa started throwing the hammer in high school. He considers this advantage to be his greatest strength because it gave him a head start over his competition. According to his biography on goeags.com, Arakawa placed third in the State 3A Championships for both discus and hammer throw. Arakawa attended Capitol High School in Olympia, Wash. His personal best in the hammer throw for his high school career was 218-3, but his college best is currently a 208-1. This mark ranks him at second place in school history. The current record is 226-2 and is held by David Paul. Arakawa also holds the second best record in the weight throw, with a toss of 65-4. Mecklenburg said her long-term goal for Arakawa was for him to obtain both the school record and the Big Sky Conference record. Both of these records are also currently held by Paul, who set the Eastern weight throw record in 2007 with a throw of 68-8 1/2. Currently, Arakawa considers his age to be his biggest

weakness because he is competing against older and more experienced athletes. He said his older teammates, junior Jon Buchanan and senior Marlyn Anderson, are role models and leaders in his athletic life. "They've already had the rough experiences of having a bad meet, so they can always cheer me up and tell me it happens to all of us," Arakawa said. Mecklenburg agreed but added that Arakawa will only continue to improve. "As he continues to work on the hammer, he'll automatically start to get better because he's getting older. His strength has already improved," she said.



Photo by Anna Mills

Men's rugby falls to Vikings in championship game

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Their regular season may have just come to a close, but the EWU men's rugby club is already looking ahead to next season. This year, the club gained a new head coach, David Ratcliff. Ratcliff joined the team and completely changed the way they had been playing up to that point. "Rugby here in America has [a] kind of loutish reputation, whereas where I come from in England, it's a gentleman's game," Ratcliff said. Ratcliff proceeded to change the team's conditioning and practice schedule. He also helped them de-

velop a more professional attitude off the field by promoting fundraisers for the club. Eric Populus played with the rugby club for five years before graduating this winter quarter. Now he plans to start coaching for the club in order to help them develop a stronger coaching team. "I think we're on a good path with what David [Ratcliff] taught us this year with using our whole team and relying on what we can put in as a team rather than our individual efforts," Populus said. Ratcliff said that he has seen improvements in the athletes over the course of the season. "This has been good because these guys had a lot of raw poten-

tial, but they didn't have a lot of technique. They didn't have a lot of thought about where they were going to go next," he said. "In a very short span, we were able to turn them around. They're much better rugby players now." Initially, Populus said it was difficult to make the transition to a new coach coming in and changing the way the team operated. "[Ratcliff] came in and kind of changed up our whole game plan, and it was hard to adjust. But he definitely gave us more interest in the game and more drive to do better, which is what our team was lacking," he said. This drive led them to the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Con-

ference Grand Final match on April 13 against Western Washington University. Eastern was a major underdog entering this match, and Ratcliff said that Western had already printed championship T-shirts before the match had even begun. EWU started the match with momentum and scored the first points, but Western ended up winning in the end by a score of 38-14. This match determined which team would qualify for the National Sweet Sixteen in Texas on March 16. Ratcliff plans to bounce back from this loss and build a superior team next season by developing a fuller coaching team and a recruiting program.

"That is kind of a new thing because recruiting takes money," Populus said. "I personally have started recruiting early this year, and hopefully we can see some good players coming to Eastern, but I think it's going to take a few years before we see serious recruiting efforts." The club plans to offer clinics in the fall and a flag rugby tournament for athletes of any skill level to come out and try the sport. They also hope to coordinate better with the women's team to develop fundraising opportunities for the sport. Their next fundraiser will be an alumni game, which will be held on June 1.



OPINION

Stay humble, Mr. Kaufman

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A mere week before Brandon Kaufman was acquired as an undrafted free agent by the Buffalo Bills, he fried up teriyaki noodles at Rokko’s in Cheney.

As he splashed copious amounts of hot sauce into customers’ dishes and scattered chunks of chicken around in a pan, Kaufman chatted nonchalantly about which professional football teams were in contact with him. His NFL future days away, the 6-foot-5-inch wideout stood in the kitchen wearing a culinary hat and a black Rokko’s T-shirt, his biggest worry making sure he didn’t burn someone’s yakisoba.

He certainly didn’t look like someone about to earn his living playing a game.

While Kaufman will go down as one of the most dynamic receivers to don an Eastern football uniform, perhaps his legacy will be cemented as a humble playmaker who truly appreciated the university that gave the once injured high school senior a chance. After Kaufman made the decision to forgo his senior season at Eastern and declare for the NFL draft, he expressed his gratitude toward the coaching staff who saw the player beyond the injury.

“This is the best place I’ve ever been,” he said. “Every single thing was a joy, and I can’t ask for anything more. I’m sure I could still give back to [the coaches] in more ways than I have so far.

At Heritage High School in Littleton, Colo., Kaufman earned All-State honors as a junior, and he was selected to the All-Continental League team twice. A future in football looked propitious for Kaufman, and he was beginning to field offers from multiple universities. But a torn ACL sustained at a football summer camp before his senior year forced him to sit out the entire season and silenced the calls and letters from once interested college football programs.

Eastern was one of the only schools in the country to continue to pursue the receiver despite his health concern. Instead of seeing Kaufman’s risk and potential liability, they saw his promise as someone who could take the top off the defense and snatch a football out of the sky at its highest point.

While Kaufman battled various health-related detriments throughout his collegiate career, when he was on the field, he was considered a top receiver in the Football Championship Subdivision.

A headache to gameplan around for opposing defensive coordinators, Kaufman had the ability to outleap virtually any defensive back. He used his large frame to split double coverages and utilized his gridiron acuity to find holes in zone schemes. He possessed soft hands and solid field-vision after he made a catch.

Kaufman found whole different gear throughout the 2012 FCS playoffs. He accounted for 174, 191 and 215 receiving yards against Wagner, Illinois State and Sam Houston State, respectively. He caught three touchdown passes in each of those final two games. His total of 600 postseason receiving yards was only 36 yards shy of NFL great Randy Moss’s FCS playoff record of 636. Had Eastern gone to the national championship, Kaufman probably would have blown that record away.

Despite numerous accolades and records, what may be just as impressive to NFL teams is the character he displayed while at Eastern. Character is a trait that may not be seen as glamorous as 40-yard dash times, bench press reps or vertical leaps, but it is something professional coaches value just as much — a badge of integrity.

Kaufman certainly has plenty of it, and if he stays true to the disposition he epitomized during his glory days as an Eagle, he should be just fine in the NFL.

Kaufman undrafted, Buffalo acquires him

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More than 250 collegiate football players had their name called at the 2013 NFL Draft, but Brandon Kaufman did not.

The Eagles record-breaking wide receiver, who left school a year early to declare his NFL eligibility, instead signed as an undrafted free agent with the Buffalo Bills immediately following the draft. He will be joined in Buffalo by WSU quarterback Jeff Tuel, who also went undrafted. In all, 254 players were drafted in the three-day event from April 25 to 27.

The Bills selected two receivers at the annual NFL Player Selection Meeting and signed three more as free agents, including Kaufman. University of Southern California’s Robert Woods was selected in the second round, and Texas’s Marquise Goodwin went a round later. Da’Rick Rogers from Tennessee Tech and Stony Brook’s Kevin Norrell rounded out the free agent signings. Along with Kaufman, Rogers was thought to be one of the most highly-rated receivers from the Football Championship Subdivision. Norrell started his career at Washington State in 2008 but

was kicked off the team a year later following an arrest for driving under the influence.

Measuring in at 6 feet 5 inches and 216 pounds, Kaufman’s measurables impressed the Bills’ scouting department. “[He’s] Big, strong and [has] deceptive speed where he gets on top of people and gets downfield,” Bills scout Brad Forsyth said. “He uses his height, length and strong hands to make a lot of plays downfield for them.”

Kaufman forwent a senior year at EWU after a 2012 season in which he amassed an FCS-record 1,850 yards along with 93 catches and 16 touchdowns.

Other EWU players who signed NFL free-agent contracts include fellow receivers Greg Herd and Nicholas Edwards, who signed with the Dallas Cowboys and Minnesota Vikings, respectively. Also, quarterback Kyle Padron signed with the Oakland Raiders, and offensive lineman Will Post signed with the Atlanta Falcons.

With the recent signings, EWU football has now produced 69 players that have either been drafted or signed free-agent contracts with the NFL or Canadian Football League.

will always have a special place in my heart. Eastern Washington has given me so much over the last four years: some of my best friends, an education, a national championship and, most importantly, a fiancée. Because of this, I am eternally grateful to Eastern Washington for taking a chance on me.

I also want to thank the training staff and, specifically Kacey Hoob, Brian Norton and Nate Brookerson for helping me with all of my rehabilitation and helping me get to where I am today. A special thanks to Coach Baldwin, Coach Adams and Coach Sawyer for their mentoring and guidance over the past four years. I appreciate you three going above and beyond your duties as coaches to help me through some of my most difficult times. Your advice has been invaluable and has helped mold me into the player and man I am today.

Finally, I want to thank all of my teammates over the past four years. You guys are my best friends and we have gone through so many highs and lows together. We ran out of time in our last game against Sam Houston State, but I fully expect you guys to repeat as Big Sky Conference champions and to finish the job we started by winning a national championship.

Go Eagles!
Sincerely,

Brandon Kaufman, #1

CAREER STATS	RECEPTIONS	221
	YARDS	3,731
	TOUCHDOWNS	33

A letter from Kaufman

To my Eastern Washington family:

I want to thank my Eastern Washington coaches, trainers, teammates, fellow students, teachers and fans for their support over the past four years.

The last four years have been the best of my life and I am so thankful to Eastern Washington for giving me this opportunity.

Before my senior year of high school, I tore my anterior cruciate ligament in a summer football camp at the University of Colorado. At that point, I was being recruited by several BCS teams, but everyone stopped calling after I got hurt. Eastern Washington was one of the only schools to offer me a scholarship, and I am so thankful they did. I truly believe that my knee injury happened for a reason, and that reason was so I could go to Eastern Washington.

Deciding to leave school early was not an easy decision and not one that I took lightly. It was an extremely long process, and I spent several weeks talking it over with my close friends and family. In the end, I decided that I was ready for the challenge of competing against the best athletes in the world in the NFL.

Regardless of where I end up, I will always be an Eastern Washington Eagle and Cheney



Kaufman

Kaufman Twitter timeline on draft day

- The Easterner @EasternerOnline
- Which #NFL team do you think will draft #EWU player Brandon Kaufman? #GoEags
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- I'd guess the Broncos. RT @EasternerOnline: Which #NFL team do you think will draft #EWU player Brandon Kaufman? #GoEags
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- We're into the 4th round of the #NFLDraft now. Rounds 4-7 today. Brandon Kaufman should go off the board at some point. #EWU #GoEags
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- According to the NFL.com draft grades, Brandon Kaufman is the seventh best WR still on the board. 5th round coming up #EWU
- G. Marcielo @gmr1369
- WR Brandon Kaufman could be sleeper pick for #Jets -- this kid has major potential
- Peter Gibson @peteygibson
- @kcchiefs need to pick up WR Brandon Kaufman.
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- @Friesen_Joshua would like that. RT @peteygibson: @kcchiefs need to pick up WR Brandon Kaufman.
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- Two punters have gone ahead of Brandon Kaufman?? #NFLDraft
- The Easterner @EasternerOnline
- Round 6 and Brandon Kaufman still has not been drafted #NFL.
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- 38 potential landing spots in sixth round. #nfldraft RT @EasternerOnline: Round 6 and Brandon Kaufman still has not been drafted #NFL
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- Raiders have four picks in the sixth round. Light on receivers. Potential landing spot for Brandon Kaufman. #ewu #nfldraft
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- 11 picks left in the sixth round of the 2013 #nfldraft. No Brandon Kaufman...yet. #ewu #goeags
- Peter Sowards @PeterSowards
- Packers have three 7th round picks. Haven't taken a receiver yet. Would love to see Brandon Kaufman end up there. #ewu #GoEags
- Tom Brady @NicoPerez96
- @nfi @irrelevantweek Maybe Brandon Kaufman, WR from Eastern Washington #MrIrrelevant.
- Brennan McIntire @BTMcIntire
- Sad to see that Brandon Kaufman wasn't drafted. Kind of funny that Tyler Bray wasn't. #NFLDRAFT
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- Just got a text from #EWU WR Brandon Kaufman that he has signed with the Buffalo Bills as an undrafted free agent.
- Joe Baker @CidEnginBaker
- Great pick up. Will make squad"@NFLDraftBible: Eastern Washington wide receiver Brandon Kaufman has signed with the Buffalo Bills as UDFA."
- Christian Hardy @CHardySports
- #Bills signed UDFA Eastern Washington WR Brandon Kaufman. Best pick up thus far.
- EasternerSports @EasternerSports
- According to @billsequipment, Brandon Kaufman will wear the number 14. #ewu #goeags

Come back next week for a full recap on the NFL futures of quarterback Kyle Padron, offensive lineman Will Post and receivers Nicholas Edwards and Greg Herd.