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A DIFFERENT KIND OF BALL



Eagles quarterback Vernon Adams, wearing The Easterner's GoPro camera, strikes a pose before a paintball match on May 3.

Campus asbestos contained

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Bob Bossard, head of the EWU Insulation and Hazardous Material Abatement Office, said that all of the buildings on campus have some degree of a presence of asbestos.

However, Director of Facilities Maintenance Joe Swinyard said that the presence of asbestos does not necessarily imply the presence of danger or a need for concern. "There isn't a problem," said Bossard.

Asbestos is common in buildings constructed before the late 1970s, but EWU's aging infrastructure continues to hold strong due to diligent maintenance and abatement teams led by Bossard and Swinyard.

The concern was sparked due to a community adviser in Dressler stating in an introductory meeting with new hall residents that residents should not touch the ceiling of their dorm rooms, as it is made with the toxic, naturally occurring silicate mineral asbestos. Indeed, the popcorn ceilings in Dressler and Pearce Halls do contain asbestos. The halls were built in the mid-1960s, a time of great

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Nearing the year's end, **EWU celebrates second** ASEWU assesses goals **annual Diversity Week**

By Lorna Hartman and Deanna Hammack FOR THE EASTERNER

ASEWU, led by then-President Kaleb Hoffer, worked during the summer of 2012 to develop five primary goals for this school year, according to the ASEWU website.

What advancements have been achieved, and what challenges have been met, in carrying out these goals for 2012-2013?

Rebecca Harrell, the former vice president of ASEWU who replaced Hoffer as president partway into the school year, said that ASEWU leaders used a team approach to set goals.

"The list of goals on the ASEWU site was developed by the ASEWU work group in spring 2012 at our ASEWU spring retreat for the incoming ASEWU team," said Harrell. "We believed that all [five] of our goals were very important to student success."

article early this school year, Hoffer and Harrell outlined five broad areas in which ASEWU set goals for the year: exposure, facilities, students, the Riverpoint campus and student representation.

"We have faced roadblocks in attempting to accome these roadblocks," Harrell said.

Ideas for exposure included a table on the campus mall on the first day of school, a free smartphone app to provide students with a calendar of EWU's events, increased use of social media overall and an EWU studentto-student textbook market site.

Plans for facilities included continued support for the Learning Commons project and longer open hours at the library. ASEWU has followed through on these plans, according to Harrell.

ASEWU's primary student-related goal for 2012-13 was to support a diverse student body in being more inclusive by having more open forums and being more accessible to students, according to Hoffer in the earlier Easterner article.

ASEWU's goals for the According to an Easterner Riverpoint campus were comprised of making a recreational facility available for Riverpoint students through contracting with a Spokane gym, providing child care and having more events at Riverpoint for EWU students.

"We have been able to complish our goals but have work very hard to outreach

worked together to over- to our Riverpoint students this year," said Harrell. "This is largely due to the great relationship our graduate affairs position has made with ASWSU-Spokane. We have also been able to get students to become more engaged on our campus and we have seen this through increased numbers of voter turnout in our Primary Election as well as increased numbers of students coming to sign up for our ASEWU committees."

> In the student representation area, Harrell and ASEWU members continued to fight higher education budget cuts to EWU at the state level by traveling to Olympia to lobby on students' behalf.

> Former Gov. Chris Gregoire, as she prepared to leave office, had proposed freezing the higher education budget, neither cutting it nor increasing it, and making no provision for rising costs. The actual budget adopted by current Gov. Jay Inslee instead assumes maintenance funding, which means that rising costs are covered but that there is no increase in higher education funding.

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By Kate Daniel STAFF WRITER

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EWU faculty, students and staff will come together to celebrate diversity with food, music, games and conversation at the second annual Diversity Week May 20 to 23.

Diversity Week is coordinated by EWU staff and students including the ASEWU and the president's committee on diversity. This year's events will include guest speaker Caprice Hollins, who will give a presentation on the diverse and changing population of America. The band Down North from Seattle will perform on May 23.

Other events will include diversity lessons, food, contests and displays.

The final event of the week will be the EWU World Cup soccer tournament.

Gayla Wright, chair of the president's committee on diversity, said the idea of Diversity Week started when she and a few other faculty members decided that Eastern required an event that could bring together the various campus groups in a way that would promote diversity and unity. Gayla said last year's ASEWU diversity outreach representative Regina Steele

was a "key player" in cultivating the first Diversity Week. The diversity lessons

will cover topics such as age and ageism, intersections of diversity, religion and faith, American world perspective, socioeconomic differences and disabilities. The subject of the diversity contests this year will be culture, gender or gender expression. Each contestant will be allotted five minutes to present.

The committee is still accepting applications for diversity lessons, contests and displays, Wright said. Students can register for these or for the soccer tournament through the web site, http:// bit.ly/10ooTmO. For events such as the diversity contests and soccer tournament, prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Wright said she would describe the event as a representation of the transformation that could take place on campus with everyone's participation. She said EWU is fortunate to have such a diverse population.

'To bring together a week like this at Eastern just to get everyone out together and talking and enjoying each other's company and great food, hopefully this is something that will continue every year," she said. "This is our second

annual [Diversity Week], so we're hoping this one will be even bigger than the last one."

Wright said she encourages everyone to attend the events including the lecture by Hollins whom she described as an engaging and powerful speaker.

This year, most events will take place in the PUB multipurpose room in order to enhance convenience for students passing through, Wright said. Two diversity lessons will also take place at the Riverpoint Campus in Spokane.

"It's all free, so you can't beat the opportunity to come out and experience good conversation and have great food and just enjoy each other," Wright said.

"I really hope this year that a lot of the fraternities and sororities and other clubs and [organizations] come out," Wright said. "I think we all have the same common goal, and that's to promote diversity and inclusivity and inclusion, so I think it would be awesome if we could have more of those folks participate this year."

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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: May 16 and June 16.

Books2Eat returns to JFK Library on May 22. Voting at 1 p.m. and the event goes until 4 p.m. For more information, call (509) 359-2264.

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

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



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All percentages are based on the total vote count of 3,515. Write-in votes were not forwarded to The Easterner.

PRESIDENT



D.J. JIGRE

2.225 VOTES **63 PERCENT**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



CASSIE BRATTON

1.792 VOTES 51 PERCENT

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



Kelsy Watson



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FRANK NAVARRO



ATHLETIC AFFAIRS



Kyle Dodson

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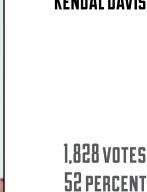
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STUDENT ACTIVITIES



KENDAL DAVIS



FINANCE VICE PRESIDENT



1.874 VOTES **53 PERCENT**

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DIVERSITY OUTREACH



1.642 votes 47 PERCENT

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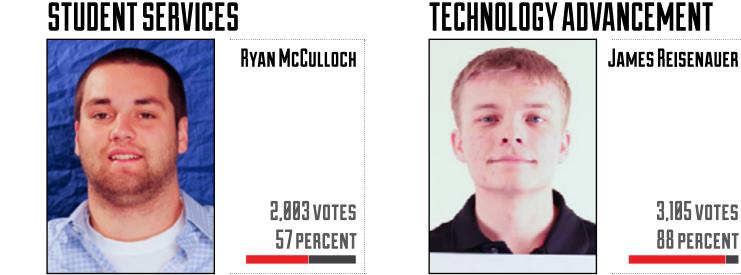
GRADUATE AFFAIRS



SAMANTHA FRANK

3.042 VOTES 86 PERCENT

STUDENT SERVICES



Election board holds back-to-back grievance hearings

By Linsey Garrison STAFF WRITER garrisonlinsey@gmail.com

Over 50 students crowded into the election board's courtroom on May 6, the day before general elections, to watch three back-to-back bylaw violation hearings for ASEWU candidates.

Two grievances were filed against presidential candi-date D.J. Jigre: one by current vice president Justin Filla for allegedly speaking at a rally without proper notification to ASEWU and another filed by his opponent, Aly Morgan, for speaking with a club without proper notification of the ASEWU.

Jigre was found responsible for his actions while speaking at the rally but not for speaking on campus to a club.

Filla said he filed the grievance because, while attending an immigration reform march in downtown Spokane on May 1, he witnessed Jigre's campaign mentioned twice to the crowd. Mecha, a recognized EWU club, organized the rally.

"Knowing that Mecha kind

of was the main organizer for the event, I just felt that it was my responsibility to [file a grievance] ... even though it was off campus," said Filla.

EWU professor Martin Meraz-Garcia introduced Jigre to the crowd as an ASEWU presidential candidate. Filla said that while Jigre was speaking about immigration, he mentioned his campaign.

"Upholding the integrity of ASEWU elections is of the utmost importance to me. ... The sad irony is that Justin [Filla] never came to me and spoke regarding this griev-ance," said Jigre. "As I would have told him and will tell everyone today and save us all the energy and time for conducting this hearing, ... on April 30, ... I had indeed made ... Connor Gregg, the ASEWU elections director, [aware of] the Mecha reform march."

The elections board ruled that Jigre was still in violation because he had not informed the elections director a full 48 hours in advance as is required, and that it was Jigre's responsibility to inform the

person introducing him at the rally of any rules regarding the campaign.

As of May 7, Jigre was no longer allowed to distribute campaign materials.

Morgan filed the second grievance against Jigre, her opponent, because the week prior, her running mate, Caleb Morgan, had filed against Jigre's running mate Francisco Navarro.

"After going to the grievance hearing where one candidate was brought to the board for this occurrence I just thought that it was fair that the other candidate, who was also there, also be brought forward to keep the integrity of the elections," said Morgan.

Jigre and Navarro allegedly both attended a meeting of the Compassionate Interfaith Society on April 25 and spoke to club members about their campaign without notifying ASEWU.

During his statement, Jigre said that when Ayesha Malik, the president of the Compassionate Interfaith Society, invited him to help with an event, he assumed his opponent had also been invited.

"When I didn't see Aly Morgan, I assumed that we had been given separate times to speak," said Jigre, "I believe as a candidate that is not in my scope of responsibilities, therefore Ayesha Malik has apologized to me for this mistake ... and has also taken full blame for this incident."

"With all due respect, I believe this is very distasteful and frustrating. With respect to the process and integrity of a fair election, I would rather be spending time and energy advocating for my student body than be involved in a petty grievance," Jigre said, after noting that the similar grievance had already been filed.

"My hope is that my opposition and I can leave this decision making in the hands of the students, and let the students vote," said Jigre.

Despite Navarro being found guilty, Jigre was found not in violation for the same offense. The elections board cited multiple interpretations of the subsection.

didate Madison Azim also filed a grievance against her opponent, Kendal Davis. Davis was found in violation of ASEWU bylaws for not properly re-stamping her campaign posters.

Elections poster policies state that candidates must take down individual posters when each one expires.

"I had to remove all my posters and get them re-stamped, so they were down for a day or so, so it kind of bothered me that [Davis' posters] were up five days past the [expira-tion] dates," said Azim. Azim submitted photos of five expired posters.

Davis said she was not given clear information about dating campaign posters, and when she received the first grievance filed against her, she double-checked the dates on her posters. Davis said all of her posters were stamped at the same time and so she assumed they all had the same expiration date.

A second grievance filed Student Activities can- for the same reason prompted her to check all of the posters and remove one that was out of date.

"It was just a mix-up. ... I assumed if I got all my signs stamped at the same time, ... they would be all the same date," said Davis. "It was my definitely my mistake. ... I'm not sure how that happened. ... I should have checked all of the signs and dates."

The election board stated that, though Davis was in violation of the bylaw, evidence against her was found to be lacking. "We'd like to state to anyone: If you'd like to file a grievance, we're going to need clear pictures and your case put together more professionally," said election board member Kathleen Ruddles.

The election board opted to give Davis a verbal warning for the violation.

Ruddles said after the hearings that this amount of activity is unusual for the elections board with the average number of cases filed per election season being closer to zero. This year, the board has heard a total of six cases.

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Symposium conference offers opportunities for participants

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While the name does not exactly roll off the tongue, the Student Research and Creative Works Symposium is filled with research and art on topics that most students might never have thought about.

The Student Research and Creative Works Symposium is a campus-wide annual two-day conference at which students can showcase and present research and art with the support of faculty mentors

"Prepare to be intrigued," said assistant symposium coordinator Lindsey Porter.

"Show up with an open mind," said coordinator and graduate student Nikki Graham-Brown

Last year, 485 students and 128 faculty mentors presented at the conference, according to the symposium website.

EWU's 16th annual symposium is scheduled for May 14 and 15. Dr. Scott Finney of the Africana eduyear's keynote speaker.

According to the annual symposium programs posted on the symposium website, there have been some unusual presentations each year. Chris McLenegan presented a short film called "Zombie Milk" in 2009, for example, and Adam Attwood presented "Walla Walla County Collections Cases and What They Indicated about the Credit System" that same year.

Shawn Pattison's presentation in 2008 was titled "Professors Terms of Address" while Megan Peluso presented on the topic of "Coca Relations between the United States and Bolivia."

In 2004, student Jose Montoya made a presentation many might find interesting today called "Wealth and Its Effects on Democracy."

Each year, Eastern hosts the free Intercollegiate Human Paper-Powered Vehicle Competition for colleges in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, according to the EWU website. Teams

cation department is this must build a human-powered vehicle made of at least 90 percent paper by weight.

> According to the Symposium website, the results of this competition are presented with video footage each year at the symposium.

> "I would say that it's a good opportunity for [students] to see research in action," said Graham-Brown. "It's a chance for them to see how their peers are doing in their research studies or creative work projects."

> According to Graham-Brown, presenting at the symposium is a good way for students to add experience to their résumés, and it can act as a steppingstone to presentations at larger conferences with higher stakes outside of Eastern.

> "This is an opportunity for those who are not presenting to see what it's like to present from the outside," said Graham-Brown. "They get an idea of how a conference situation runs and what it involves. They come and support their peers, and they can learn about different disciplines. But it also

gives them an idea of what they could do next year."

Dr. Amani El-Alayli has mentored students on symposium projects since about 2004. "I always offer the opportunity to present research at the symposium or other conferences," she said.

This year, El-Alayli is mentoring student Nicole Sestrap. Sestrap first presented as a sophomore with El-Alayli mentoring. "She's been very ambitious," said El-Alayli. "She's wanted to present a lot. This might be her fifth [presentation]."

"This year I'm doing it by myself because I have more confidence now," said Sestrap. "I'm doing a talk for psychology on differences between morning and night people and how sometimes morning people have it a little easier because the world's set up that way."

"From my experience, students have always loved it. Even the most nervous students have loved doing their

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EWU agreement allows absences

By Jake Kershinar

professors to be there.

Just as the university ex-

It seems every quarter a

pects students to attend class,

the university also expects its

professor misses at least one

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as it is approved by their department.

The collective bargaining agreement recognizes a leave of absence for medical, professional, and personal reasons or a grievance procedure.

The most common leave for professors is usually personal leave and the collective bargaining agreement addresses the absence without pay in article 11, section 6.

The article states that: "Faculty members may request, through their chair and dean, personal leave without pay for periods of one quarter or more."

It is noted that such leaves will not be granted for more than one year at a time and that each leave will be detailed with the specific conditions in writing for approval by the dean in consultation and is sent to be approved by the chief academic adviser.

Professors also have been known to take extended time off for professional leave when they wish to take time

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Get prepared before interview

By Romeal Watson

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When you have been selected as a candidate for a position, the interview process can be very intimidating. The best way to prepare is to "PREpare," which means becoming comfortable with expressing your own achievements and how they are useful to the position. This takes lots of selfreflection, and if you do not periodically take time out of each academic quarter to assess your professional learning, it will be more difficult to remember when preparing for the interview. The more you

Be aware of the policy on relatives working for the organization. This can affect your answer even though they asked about friends, not relatives. Be careful to mention a friend only if they are well thought of.

Are you a team player?

You are, of course, a team player. Be sure to have examples ready. Specifics that show you often perform for the good of the team rather than for yourself are good evidence of your team attitude. Do not brag, just say it in a matter-offact tone. This is a key point.

Explain how you would be an asset to this organization.

You should be anticipating this question. It gives you a chance to highlight your best points as they relate to the position being discussed. Give a little advance thought to this relationship.

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ASEWU candidate debates were held in the PUB May 1 and 2 to give nominees one last opportunity to make their stances known on issues important to fellow students.

E.B. Vodde, ASEWU legislative liaison, and Lauren Reyes, ASEWU executive assistant, moderated the debates.

Candidates were asked a series of questions. One candidate would have one minute to respond to a question, after which the second candidate had 30 seconds for a rebuttal. These roles then switched for each question.

have both candidates present most important and which is for the debate. If only one candidate was present, he or she was given the allotted time to

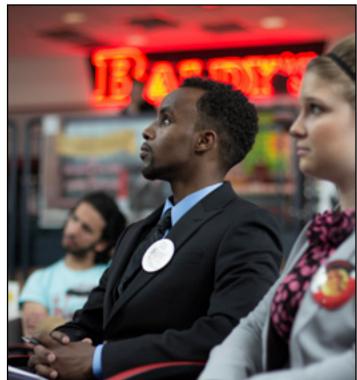
to student activities that we have here. I definitely want to establish the best relationship possible."

The remaining seven positions in the legislative branch had either no candidates or only one candidate show up.

Executive position de-bates, held May 2, had all candidates in attendance.

Finance vice president candidates debated on the topics of budget, clubs and organizations and accounting.

When asked to distinguish between areas where spending should and should not occur, candidate Saleh Alfayez replied, "The priority will [be] which one will benefit the students first. From this process I can go further and balance the Many positions did not expense between ... which is



reflect and practice, the more comfortable you will feel about the answers you provide at the interview. Here are some common interview questions and how you can approach them. Tell me about yourself.

This is the most asked question in interviews. You need to have a short statement prepared in your mind. Be careful that it does not sound rehearsed, and limit it to workrelated items unless instructed otherwise. Talk about things you have done and jobs you have held that relate to the position you are interviewing for. Start with the experience farthest back and work up to the present, but stay relevant. What experience do you have

in this field?

Speak about specifics that relate to the position you are applying for. If you do not have specific experience, get as close as you can.

What do you know about this organization?

Do some research on the organization before the interview. Find out where they have been and where they are going. What are the current issues and who are the major players?

What have you done to improve your knowledge in the last year?

Try to include improvement activities that relate to the job. A wide variety of activities can be mentioned as positive self-improvement. This can be anything from books, lectures or even volunteer experience that created a learning opportunity.

Why do you want to work for this organization?

This may take some thought and certainly should be based on the research you have done on the organization. Sincerity is extremely important here and will easily be sensed. Relate it to your longterm career goals.

Do you know anyone who works for us?

Why should we hire you?

Point out how your assets meet what the organization needs. Do not make a comparison to other candidates. Think about their job description and how you meet those requirements.

What is a suggestion you have made that created an improvement on the job?

Have a good one ready. Be sure and use a suggestion that has worked before and was then considered successful. One related to the type of work applied for is a real plus.

What is your greatest strength or weakness?

Numerous answers are good. Just stay positive. A few good examples of strengths are your ability to prioritize, your problem-solving skills, your ability to work under pressure, your ability to focus on projects, your professional expertise, your leadership skills or your positive attitude. For a weakness, always explain what you are doing to overcome that weakness.

Why do you think you would do well at this job?

Give several reasons and include skills, experience and interest. What would your previ-

ous supervisor say your strongest point is?

There are numerous good possibilities: loyalty, energy, positive attitude, leadership, team player, expertise, initiative, patience, hard work, creativity, problem solver. If you can provide examples, this is the perfect time to do so.

Tell me about a problem you had with a supervisor, and how did you resolve it.

This is the biggest trap of all. This is a test to see if you

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speak freely. The legislative positions kicked off May 1 with a debate between legislative affairs candidates Jeffrey DeGon and Kelsy Watson.

When asked how she would increase student voter turnout, Watson said word of mouth is key.

"I think one of the biggest things we can do is put voter drives in high traffic areas," she said. "We also have the web and social media, that kind of stuff."

DeGon said he agreed with Watson and added, "I think if we get them talking about the topic of tuition that can spark interest and have a massive impact on elections."

Student activities candidates were asked questions regarding Eagle Entertainment, club funding, residence halls and leadership development.

On the topic of Eagle Entertainment, candidate Madison Azim responded, "If I were elected, I feel that it is very key to work hand in hand with Eagle Entertainment to make things happen. I would need a good team at Eagle Entertainment to make these activities happen," she said. "I'm very excited to start establishing that relationship upon being elected as student activities representative."

Her opponent, Kendal Da-vis, said, "I think Eagle Entertainment is definitely very key

less important.

His opponent, Samson Hatton, said he would take student needs into consideration. "If the students get something out of what we're spending, then it's going to be worth it. If the students aren't getting something out of what we're spending, there's no point in doing it."

Executive vice president candidates Caleb Morgan and Frank Navarro were asked questions on a variety of topics, including how to best receive student input on the impending PUB remodel.

Morgan said focus groups about what students want to see in the new PUB are something he wants to implement if elected.

"[The] biggest thing we need to start working on is getting students to come to the focus groups and say what they want in the PUB, what kind of services they'd like to see," he said.

"When it comes to disagreements and what students want, I always believe compromise is the best answer. What's going to benefit one student might not benefit the other, but we're a student body as a whole, and we need to make sure we're benefitting the most students possible," Morgan said.

Navarro argued that while focus groups are important, they do not reach out to enough students.

"We need to have campus-wide, collective prog-



Photo by Jaime Williams Candidates Aly Morgan and D.J. Jigre were both in the run for ASEWU President.

ress where we can come together to make decisions on what this place should look like," he said.

If elected, he would plan on "putting out a survey on the internet or in The Easterner, or printing out surveys so students can really vote on the different changes that need to be made."

Presidential candidates debated on the topics of administration, university experience and the board of trustees, among other topics.

When asked how he would make sure to represent the student body as a whole, D.J. Jigre said talking to students firsthand is most important.

"I am representing you here, I am advocating for

you guys," he said. "So I'm going to ask you guys questions. What are your concerns? What are your needs? What can I do for you? That's what we want to make sure at of ASEWU."

His opponent, Aly Morgan, said working to have student support is important to her.

"As my opponent said, it's very important to have the students' backing on every decision ever made. It is my responsibility as president to take those decisions that are made by the students and the representatives that they elect to the board of trustees," Morgan said. "From there it is my position to advocate for that as strongly as possible and to the best of my ability."

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Author speaks about diversity in community Students participated in interactive workshop, discussing key words on topics

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On April 29, Chris Stedman, an assistant humanist chaplain from Harvard University, author, writer and queer, discussed interfaith, atheism, agnosticism, acceptance and how diversity is important to every community.

In his book, "Faithiest," which rhymes with atheist, Stedman explains that he has a desire to challenge and change. He read an excerpt from his book that said, "I believe that meaning and purpose are not gifted from a divine source, but are instead collectively assembled by humans learning to live alongside and love others, all others, is perhaps our greatest task."

The Compassionate Interfaith Society hosted Chris Stedman's events. "I think it's amazing that [Compassionate Interfaith Society] is blooming and growing and that it will continue to grow amazing scholars. I was especially interested in [Stedman] because the atheist voice is a really important voice," said philosophy lecturer and original faculty adviser of Compassionate Interfaith Society Kathryn Julyan. Being a humanist, Stedman can relate to the struggle of in-

terfaith people, minorities and the gay community, according to management information systems major Nawaf Alshammari. "It's interesting and inspiring.'

People of all different backgrounds asked Stedman questions about what the challenges are of building a better community and safer space.

Listening to how people see the world differently and conversing on topics of atheism and faith is a very important topic, according to Presbyterian Reverend Paul Rodkey of United Ministries.

"I don't care what faith tradition you have, there's not one monolithic way of thinking. We got to have conversations where we're confident enough and comfortable enough to listen to other perspectives, so we can look on our own and maybe deepen it and make it more powerful," said Rodkey.

In the fight for gay marriage and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights, there has been a need for religious allies to help facilitate conversations in their own communities, according to Stedman.



Chris Stedman came to campus April 29 and discussed atheism, interfaith, agnosticism, diversity and acceptance. Stedman also talked about his book, "Fathiest."

Later in the afternoon, Stedman read excerpts from his book "Faithiest." "I wrote this book because I want to live in a world where love is more commonplace and the way I am trying to do that is by working to advance the conversation on how atheists and the religious relate to one another. Sharing my experience is the best way I know how to do that," as quoted from "Faithiest."

Stedman's third event was an interactive workshop,

which started with introductions from each participant listing their name, religion and major or occupation.

At the workshop everyone sat in a big circle to discuss key words surrounding the topics of religion, atheism and agnosticism. Stedman stressed that it was a safe space meant for open discussion.

The word atheist brought about key words such as hostile, isolated, angry, intellectual, challenging, overwhelming,

secular, logic and free. While the word agnostic brought about keywords and phrases such as indecisive, spiritual, neutral, "got to see it to believe it," objective, self-reliant, open and quiet.

"I took a class here where it was very biased on religion. It made me curious what others thought and what it would be like if everyone understood each other and worked together instead of always to try to prove each other wrong," said sophomore Shelbey Johnson.

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Stedman explained his newfound relationship as an atheist with his former pastor. After rekindling their friendship, they forged an interfaith coalition to fight a common issue, hunger, in Boston.

"More than a billion people on the planet don't have enough food, including one in six Americans. It will take more than just atheists and more than just Christians to solve this problem," said Stedman.

Combating hunger in Boston with Stedman's former pastor made him wonder what the world would be like if it was more willing to forge unconventional alliances.

"What would happen if atheists and Christians and people of all faiths and beliefs started seeing one another as necessary partners in making the world a better place?" Stedman opened the door to questions about how we live our lives and how we live with one another.

Stedman hopes that in coming to Eastern, his talks would spark more conversations on campus.

Board determines candidate guilty

By Linsey Garrison STAFF WRITER

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A hearing was held on May 2 to review an election grievance that was filed by candidate Caleb Morgan against his opponent Francisco Navarro for allegedly speaking to a student organization about his campaign without properly notifying the ASEWU

The election board determined that Navarro was responsible for his actions and had violated the bylaw.

Morgan said in his statement that on April 25 he was notified by Ayesha Malik, president of the Compassionate Interfaith Society, that Navarro may have broken a bylaw by speaking to the club at an open meeting that day without properly informing the ASEWU director of elections.

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.

Malik's statement was read aloud, in which she said that both Navarro and presidential candidate D.J. Jigre attended the meeting and talked about the importance of interfaith action at EWU, and how they would like to have the group's vote. She indicated that they are also now members of the Compassionate Interfaith Society.

Malik told Navarro and Ji-

206, section 7 indicates that Navarro had spoken to the group.

"Êven though I was invited after the fact, it's still not the same as being there and hearing what your opponent has to say," said Morgan.

"It's just very important in, my opinion, that bylaws ... are followed. I think this is a very clear-cut bylaw. ... There was no 48 hours notice given. I think this needs to be addressed because this is a clear violation of that bylaw," said Morgan.

Navarro argued that Compassionate Interfaith Society is not currently an ASEWU recognized club due to an issue with registration and club requirements. Navarro said he decided to visit the group as a

paign which prompted him to

overlap due to the close

quarters, Martin said it

would take "some coordi-

nation from both sides,"

card-swiping system fea-

tured only in the Fitness

Center. And that is where

tivity is the biggest issue for

us," said Martin. "Towards

the end of quarters we usu-

ally see fast fitness students

come into the Fitness Cen-

ter, check out a ball and sit,

doing nothing, in the gym.

That results in a loss of a

visit and we really want to

fast fitness and one of the

responsibilities of the URC

fitness staff is to prevent it

as much as possible. This,

however, is not a duty of the

Arena staff and is one of the

many overlaps that would

Inactivity is not a part of

avoid situations like that."

'Tracking student ac-

the problem lies.

explain his platform as well.

"I just wanted to apologize, there is a very thin line to walk when you meet with a group of students. ... I surely have campaigned or talked to students about my platform ... but the issue is they are not recognized and that's the statement I was trying to make," said Navarro.

The election board stated that after some research they had decided Compassionate Interfaith Society was still considered a club and therefore Navarro had violated the bylaw.

Navarro indicated at the end of the hearing that he would seek to appeal to the election board's decision.

A public letter was posted outside the ASEWU office on May 3 that stated Navarro was

responsible for his actions and

that the election board decid-

ed that the appropriate sanc-

tion was a verbal publicized

Free parking in designated areas

By Jake Kershinar STAFF WRITER jgkersh@gmail.com

As the school year moves further along through spring quarter, many have begun riding their motorcycles to campus.

During spring quarter, the number of motorcycles on campus increases, according to Director of Parking Services Greg Dempsey, and parking for motorcycles is free in designated areas.

"If someone is [riding a motorcycle] and they already have a car permit, then it's just \$2 for the motorcycle permit to cover the cost of the permit itself," Dempsey said. "What we do sometimes, as a courtesy to motorcycle users, is allow them to park in dead spaces where we can't really put a car; and those areas would be free." Because most motorcycle users will park in the designated areas, not many motorcycle permits are sold. Dempsey said that only about four or five permits had been distributed this quarter, but that the number usually picks up in the summer. He also said that people with car permits who sometimes ride motorcycles to campus will purchase permit stickers that allow them to park in whatever lot they have a permit for. Dempsey said that the alternative permits allow riders to park their motorcycles where they regularly park their cars rather than being limited to motorcycle parking. He added that the permits cost the same because the full-sized vehicle space is still being filled. However, riders are guaranteed a parking spot. Because permits cost approximately \$170 a year, according to the parking services office, those who decide against a parking pass for the warmer quarters end up saving themselves approximately \$60 a quarter.

ployees at parking services let those who ask for motorcycle permits know that they may not need them.

"People will come in here to buy a permit and then we share that information with them that there is free parking for motorcycles," he said.

Dempsey also noted that the same rules for the motorcycles apply to motorized scooters and mo-peds.

Junior Trevor Walker is one of the few students riding a motorcycle daily to school and has been taking advantage of the free spots.

"I don't have a permit because I just park in the designated spots," Walker said. This is my only mode of transportation. My car is in the shop right now, so [riding my motorcycle] has been saving me money.' Walker said that during the winter, when he could not ride his motorcycle, he would either take the bus or get friends to give him rides in their cars, which has proven to be an economic benefit. EWU mail carrier Greg Sanders drives his 2004 Honda Goldwing to campus about three times a week and has a parking permit for his car along with a \$2 motorcycle permit sticker. "I got the sticker because that bike is worth \$20,000 to \$23,000 and I don't like parking three blocks away," said Sanders. "I normally park in [the] Hargraves [lot]. If my girlfriend is not on campus with the car and I'm on the bike then I can park in any slot." While Sanders is not thinking about saving on permit money, he said riding his motorcycle to campus saved money on gas, compared to his car. "You're talking 40 to 45 [miles per gallon] on a motorcycle versus 18 to 22 on the car," Sanders said. "So it saves almost half [on the bill]. That [motorcycle] is my toy, so whenever I can I'm going for a ride."

ASEWU bylaw section

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popularity for the versatile building material.

Asbestos is only dangerous if exposed and disrupted. It is a friable substance, meaning it turns to a powder with little effort. Swinyard estimates that Pearce and Dressler's ceilings have seen over 20 coats of paint over the decades, completely encapsulating the asbestos and neutralizing any danger for students.

"Is there a danger? No more than walking down the street," Swinyard said.

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Morgan said that the Compassionate Interfaith Society invited him to speak after

> All projects that disrupt a building's structure, interior or exterior all start with a test for hazardous materials, including asbestos.

> A student who has disrupted the ceiling of a residence hall in Pearce or Dressler to the point of exposing the original ceiling material, especially if part of the ceiling has broken off in any way, can take one of two routes to get the issue mitigated.

Swinyard recommends discussing the incident directly with your hall resident adviser immediately. Depending on the seriousness of the damage, Swinyard said it could be a simple ately," said Ashcroft.

cleanup that takes an hour or so, or a complete abatement process with special machines. You may even need to move out of the room temporarily if the damage is serious enough to require abatement.

warning.

Chief Housing Officer Josh Ashcroft recommends a different approach. Ashcroft suggests filling out a work order form at your hall's front desk. Asbestos issues are given priority over other less dangerous problems. "Health and safety issues rise right to the top [of the work order list] and we work to get those addressed immedi-

Spring fizzles fitness participants

By Galen Rock STAFF WRITER galen.rock@gmail.com

Every spring, the URC Arena undergoes a transformation from an ice skating rink into two fullsized basketball courts open to the public.

Many students, however, are finding it frustrating that they cannot earn fast fitness points in the arena.

Every quarter, nearly 2,600 students enroll in fast fitness, a two-credit class that requires students to check-in and exercise exclusively at the URC Fitness Center no less than 10 hours or 20 visits a quarter in order to pass, and 40 visits to get a 4.0. But it is only during the spring when staff at the Fitness Center see an uptick in negative feedback in regard to fast fitness and its relationship with the activities that are offered in the lower levels of the URC.

"It's frustrating when like the installation of a you're playing some really competitive basketball in the lower arena and aren't earning any fast fitness visits," said senior Jairus Wood. "It seems like it would be an easy fix."

The only problem is that the fix is not as easy as many, not just Wood, think it is.

According to Matt Martin, supervisor of marketing and events in the URC, what many students do not seem to understand is that the URC Fitness Center and the URC Arena operate largely as two separate entities with separate staff and different managers.

While there is some have to be addressed. Fast fitness is about the fitness Center.

> manager, offered the comparison of a math classroom in Kingston Hall. "If your class is in Kingston 107, for example, you cannot wake up one morning and decide that you feel like reporting to Kingston 105. It doesn't work that way and fast fitness is the same way. The Fitness Center is the classroom, and you have to show up there in order to get the

> So, as frustrating as it may be for students like Wood, who feel like time is being wasted, there are not many easy or efficient solutions to this issue. Until one presents itself, neither Martin nor Gwinn see the policy changing anytime soon.

Dempsey said that the em-

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Harrell said, "What I am most proud of is the number of engaged students we had come out to vote in the primary election. We had the largest recorded amount in ASEWU history, and I couldn't be more proud to represent a student body with so many engaged students."

To next year's incoming ASEWU officers, Harrell said,

"Remember that 12,000 students are counting on you to make decisions that are best for them. Being elected into these ASEWU positions means that you are the voice of the students and all decisions you make should reflect what is best for them."

She recommended ASEWU involvement to everyone. "I would love to see our campus continue to be engaged and getting involved in any way possible," Harrell said.

Jamie Gwinn, URC credits," said Gwinn.

OPINION —

EDITORIAL ASEWU lacking transparency

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In order to effectively govern the students, the ASEWU must operate in an open manner.

In January, The Easterner sent a formal request to the ASEWU that it be informed of all open meetings. We have explained to the student government that one of our purposes is to serve the students by informing the EWU community of how they are being governed.

In a recent case involving an election board grievance, reporter Linsey Garrison covered the hearing. She was told that the exact sanctions against the candidate would be declared within five business days.

The grievance hearing was Thursday, April 18, the primaries were Tuesday, April 23, and we printed on Wednesday, April 24. Prior to publishing the story on EasternerOnline.com on Sunday, April 21, our news editor, Jane Martin, called the ASEWU public relations specialist, Frank McNeilly. She asked whether the sanctions had been decided or if there was a press release about the grievance sanctions. He said he had no information.

On Wednesday morning, the candidate in question told us that the appeal findings had been posted since Friday. Apparently, "posted" means "posted outside of the ASEWU office" rather than posted to the ASEWU website, Facebook page or anywhere else where a large population of students might see it.

In the course of covering another grievance hearing, Garrison was refused a copy of a press release by Director of Elections Connor Gregg. Garrison was told she could look at it in the glass case outside of the ASEWU's office, but not have a copy because they were confidential. We learned later that the findings posted outside the ASEWU offices were letters to the candidates and not classified as press releases. Apparently, they were confidential findings from an open meeting, a meeting that had been announced on the ASEWU's Facebook page.

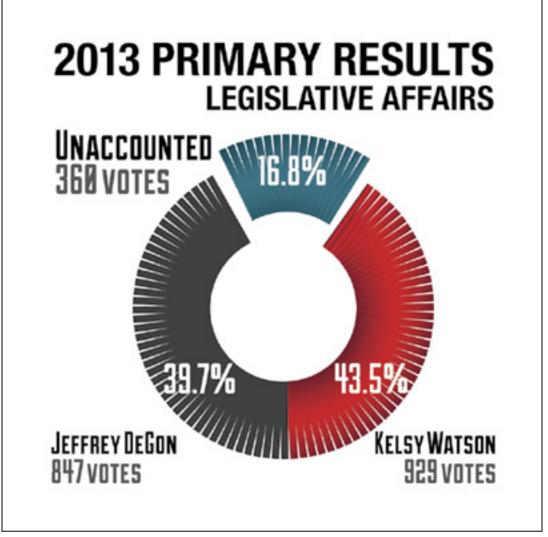
Confidential findings and open meetings are contradictory. When findings clear a candidate of charges, then the same methods of casting doubt should be used to clear the candidate's name. When a publicized verbal warning is the sanction against a candidate found guilty of a grievance, then, by definition, that should not be confidential.

Contrary to Gregg's withholding of information, McNeilly forwarded us letters outlining grievance findings to The Easterner prior to the printing of this issue.

Furthermore, when we asked the ASEWU for the primary election results, we were initially told to check the results posted to the ASEWU website. Because verification is important, we asked for the independent findings. Seeking original documents and sources is standard procedure to ensure the most accurate information.

Gregg emailed us the findings several minutes later. The only results included in the Excel file were of candidates that had filed. There was no write-in candidate count. We immediately wrote back to the director of elections and asked for the unedited file, but he has yet to return our correspondence.

We sent the file to Matt Brown, the independent contractor who compiles the electronic results. He said that the file wasn't exactly the same, since the writeins were missing, but he added that making that information public was at the ASEWU's discretion, not his.



What is the purpose of having a write-in option on a ballot if those options are not taken seriously enough to be reported?

According to the edited election results we received, out of the 2,136 voters reported, 929 votes went to one candidate for legislative affairs and 847 went to the other. We are left to guess that 360 votes went to writeins. If 16.8 percent were designated to a writein campaign during the primary, the students wouldn't know. If students weren't taking the election seriously and all the write-in votes were

for Macklemore, the students wouldn't know. The information was not shared with the students.

While seeking written descriptions of sanctions against candidates, we found numbers about write-in votes in the glass case outside the ASEWU office. The candidates were listed in no apparent order, and all write-in votes were designated to "other." Those numbers were lower than expected in reference to the reported total number of votes, but we have no way to verify the information presented because the file that we received from the ASEWU had been edited. **Easterner Graphics**

New ASEWU, take note: The Easterner is a primary mode of relaying campus news to students. The Easterner and the ASEWU both exist to assist students. Our goals are parallel in many ways. However, it seems the ASEWU wishes to prevent information from coming to light, and that is where we come into conflict. Secrecy has never been an effective form of government. More effective communication with The Easterner, as well as the student body at large, is crucial if the ASEWU is to be a transparent organization.

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Letter to the Editor

More graduate assistants needed to teach classes

There are more than 10,000 students at Eastern Washington University, a relatively small number compared to many universities.

Still, having adequate staff to meet teaching needs of each student is a challenge. Eastern Washington University currently employs enough professors to maintain a 21 to 1 student-faculty ratio. In certain departments, like the math, this ratio is more like 30 to 1.

To make up for this, the school brings in graduate students to assist or teach a class. The amount of work a graduate student has outside of class hinder their ability to effectively teach and assist a class of more than 25 students. Enrollment continues to rise and the school cannot help increased class size. Eastern still has an obligation to every student. The quality of education does not have to decrease.

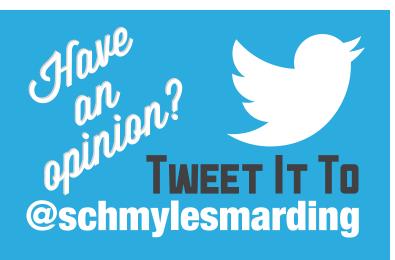
To address this issue, we propose that classes with more than 30 students have a graduate student associate in the classroom to help the professor.

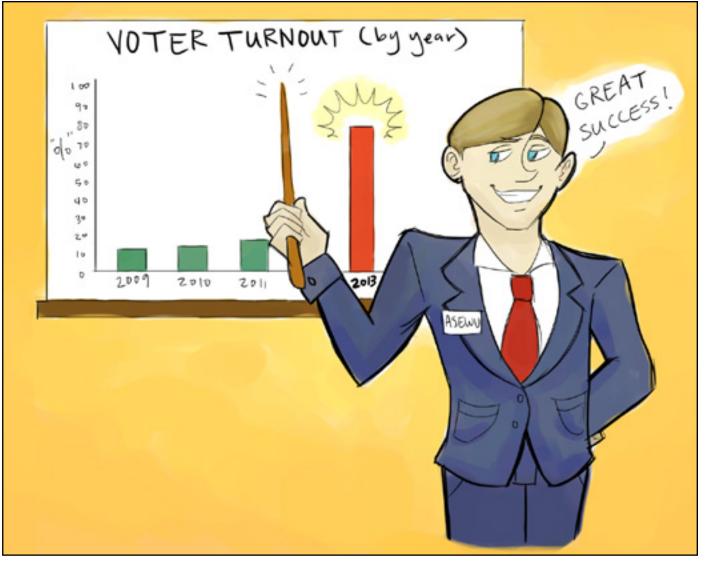
Along with this, there should be additional associates for every 10 additional students. We also suggest associates have their own offices so they could be an additional resource for students. It may be hard to find quality graduate students that are available when students need them. And there would be some increase in spending, but the positives outweigh the negatives.

Having more graduate students in a classroom means that students will have a better opportunity to learn the material. Students will ask questions rather that settling on an average grade. Graduate students will receive more job recognition. Students will have a higher pass rate, feel at ease and be more prepared for class.

Sincerely,

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Students capture beauty crowns

Almon, Dunn and Badeaux to is where she is from. Be- doors for me and future compete for Miss Washington



By Haley Lewis STAFF WRITER haleybug818@msn.com

Students may be surprised to hear that rovalty is among the student body at Eastern.

Reina Almon, Kailee Dunn and Kahlani Badeaux were crowned Miss Evergreen, Miss Northwest and Miss Inland Empire, respectively, on April 7. This pageant was the official preliminary to move onto becoming Miss Washington, which is under the umbrella of the Miss America Organization. Whoever wins the Miss Washington pageant held in July will move onto the Miss America pageant in September.

Almon, a pre-law major, got into pageants after seeing her cousin compete in a local pageant and thought it was the "coolest thing ever." She has competed in pageants since she was 13 years old. At age 15, she started to compete in the and Miss Yakima, which

Miss America Organization.

"I didn't really know anything about it, but at the time just having a crown looked fun," said Almon. "Now I know that it is a whole lot more than that."

Dunn, a communications major, got into pageants after watching a friend compete in the Miss America Organization, and it opened her "eves to the possibilities that could come from it."

Badeaux, a special education major, got into the organization after learning about it from some representatives at her high school in her hometown of Auburn, Wash., and thought it would be "something fun to do."

Badeaux and Dunn have been competing for two years in the organization. In her first competition, Dunn won the title of Miss Tri-Cities in her hometown of Kennewick, Wash., in 2012. In the past, Almon was crowned Miss Teen Washington

ing crowned Miss Inland Empire is the first win for Badeaux.

Part of what intrigued Dunn was that the organization is more than it seems.

"So many people don't know that it's not just a beauty pageant. It's a scholarship organization. So no matter win or lose, you win scholarship money," said Dunn. "You also work with a platform, [which is] something you are passionate about."

The Miss America Organization, according to their website, is the "leading provider of scholarships for young women in the world." Each year the organization provides more than \$40 million dollars in scholarship assistance.

Both Dunn and Almon said the money they won from the pageants has helped pay for their time at Eastern. Dunn was even able to pay for an entire year at Eastern last year and has no student loans yet.

"Lots of contestants are completely loan free because of this organization," said Dunn.

Almon said one of her favorite things about pageants is the connections she has made with the girls. Dunn said she has made connections with the businesses she has worked with.

"It's opened so many

prospects in working," said Dunn.

Badeaux said she thinks there is just a general misunderstanding of what Miss America pageants are about.

"People have this idea that it is all about your appearance," said Badeaux. "It isn't. There are five areas that you are judged on throughout this experience: private interview where you are asked questions about yourself, your platform, current events and anything under the stars that the judges may come up with to throw you off. Onstage question, where the judges ask you two random questions and you are allotted 30 seconds to come up with a well thought out and supported answer; evening wear, bathing suit and talent. You really do have to have a solid grasp on every component to even have a chance of winning."

Almon agreed and said it helps to look nice on stage, but that appearance is not really the point anymore.

"Being a pageant girl in the Miss America Organization is just about being a well rounded individual," said Almon. "You have to be good at everything and I like that. It makes you constantly have to better yourself in all aspects of life."

EAGLE LIFE

Photo contributed by Reina Almon

EWU students Reina Almon and Kailee Dunn were crowned Miss Evergreen and Miss Northwest, respectively, April 7 at a pageant that was the official preliminaries to move onto becoming Miss Washington. The pageant is a part of the Miss America Organization.

Professor angling for solutions to fish problem

EWU plays role in salmon research

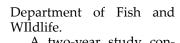
By Jasmine Kemp STAFF REPORTER jasmine.ari.kemp@gmail.com

Professor Al Scholz sits in his office surrounded by the books he wrote and his students' theses, concentrating



ille Administration because Scholz the Spokane

[tribe] subcontracts us," Scholz said.



A two-year study conducted by Scholz and the graduate students found that these invasive species ate half the kokanee and rainbow trout populations combined. It forced, according to Scholz, the recommended lift of restrictions on walleve angling, effectively

own thesis project. was 'Hey, like, this is way

better than nursing,"' he said. Another aspect about

the program Stroud said he liked was how he and the other graduates can be more hands-on because Eastern is a small school.

Stroud

To visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website, go to: wdfw.wa.gov.

"There's a wide variety more than 100 students he everyone gets to help."

According to Paluch, sional setting.

of projects people are work- has trained and put out into ing on," Paluch said. "And the workforce that he now gets to work with in a profes-

on what he can recommend to save the salmon.

Scholz, a professor of biology, heads the fish research facility at EWU. He, along with a small staff of graduate students, works on a variety of projects developing methods of controlling the salmon ecosystems in the Northwest.

In the 1980s, according to Scholz, American Indian tribes in the Inland Northwest were starting to become more involved with fish restoration and con-

Projects involving Eastern have gone through trial and error. One example, as Scholz said, involves the Lake Roosevelt project. It first revolved around trying to get kokanee population levels to grow using egg collection and migration, but when that was employed, another problem arose: invasive species that are not native to the region.

Fish like walleye and smallmouth bass are not native Washington fish, according to the Washington starting a removal program.

Graduate students, like Aaron Stroud, work on different projects like focusing on how rainbow trout are able to go back to their birthplace.

"We put transmitters on them and track their positions," said Stroud.

Stroud was a former nursing student at Washington State University. He first gained an interest in fishing populations when he went out on field studies with his wife for her

"I feel like I couldn't do this at a larger school because there would be more people working on the same thing," he said.

Mark Paluch, another graduate student, works on a bulltrout project, trying to relocate them so their populations can thrive.

Bulltrout are listed as endangered species by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

there is a close-knit dynamic with the research group. "If you're going to go on

field studies in bad weather

or during the night, you got

Scholz started working at

Eastern, he said that there

was not much of a fish re-

search industry up in the In-

land Northwest. There were

about three different jobs

dedicated to salmon popula-

tions and since that time that

He said he is proud of the

number has grown.

"I had to give a presentation and there were 12 people in the room and five of them were my former students," he said. to get along," he said. Since 1980, the time

Job creation for the region is just one aspect that Scholz said he impacted as well as the support for graduate students on the whole. Over the time he has spent at Eastern, he said he accumulated over \$10.6 million in grants for graduate students' payrolls.

"Al [Scholz] gives us a lot of opportunities," Paluch said.



EAGLE LIFE— MAY 8, 2013 Stand up act brings laughs to EWU

K-von shares comedic history with audience

By Paul Sell STAFF REPORTER p.robert.sell@gmail.com

When standup comedian K-von stepped up to the microphone and asked the audience how they were feeling, he was met with a timid and grumbling response from select members of the crowd.

This only served as ammunition for him.

K-von, former host of the MTV show "Disaster Date," took this opportunity to mimic the response as well as ask an audience member about her recent talent show performance and if she received similar crowd results. After that, the crowd of EWU students was roaring with laughter.

"I came in tonight not knowing what to expect," said K-von. "The audience gave me a hard time in the beginning, and I love that. It's a good place to start from."

This led the comedian into participating with the audience, including members who sat further away from the main crowd. He also joked about the proper pronunciation of Cheney.

For student Ahmed Abdirizak, what stood out from K-von's performance was how the comedian used his humor as a way to remove tensions and stress in the community.

"Comedy is a good platform



K-von entertained the EWU audience with jokes. He also shared the influences that inspired him to go into comedy.

to take down all kinds of dis- would have welcomed him home crimination and not get upset about it," said Abdirizak. "He hit a lot of different stereotypes and it was great to hear him joke about them.'

With his father hailing from Iran and his mother being Scottish, K-von used this to show his unique heritage by giving himself the nickname, "Harry Pottish."

"You [got to] hate me for who I am," said K-von.

Though he wishes his mother

from school with a warm plate of cookies while sounding a bit more like "Braveheart," K-von used his heritage as a way to joke about himself.

"If I can joke about myself, I feel the audience can do the same," said K-von. "Comedy gives you a chance to laugh at yourself.'

K-von's inspiration to become a standup comedian mostly came from working in sales during the

day and needing something to do during the night besides drinking and partying. He ultimately decided to be "in control of the night" by supplying laughs on stage.

When asked what has been the best piece of advice he received, Kvon said, "Some people are born lucky. You weren't, so you're going to have to work hard to be successful."

For Megan Larsen, another attendee who skipped out on dinner to attend the event "on a whim,"

the comedy act served as a stress reliever and allowed her to get away from being proper for a short while.

"This really helped to be able to go somewhere and not be offended," said Larsen. "To just get away from all the political correctness right now."

Near the end of his act, K-von talked about how amazing it was to do standup and for the audience to be able to leave their offended feelings at the door and just come to laugh for a while.

Yet during a different college visit, K-von mentioned an encounter with a Caucasian woman who wrote down every time she was offended by something he said, with each time being about an entirely different race than her own.

When she spoke up to talk about why it offended her, several African-Americans told her to be quiet. This moment stuck out to the comedian.

"We're ending stereotypes through comedy," said K-von.

As the event came to a close, K-von offered up a brief slideshow of comedic images that influenced him to pursue his standup career, including one with a tiny Mr. T, who he dubbed "Mr. t."

"I really wish every Eastern student could have attended this event," said Abdirizak. "These events really give us a better sense of community and helps bring us closer together."

OPINION You have no chance to plan, make your time

By Davis Hill STAFF REPORTER dhill.easterner@gmail.com

Did you know the EWU Research and Creative Works Symposium is in less than a week? Are you ready? Do you have your presentation prepared?

No? I'm not surprised. Many students find themelse. Don't try to create the entire presentation all in one sitting – it's inefficient. Instead, work from the bottom up: Choose your key words and phrases first, then flesh them out with topics and paragraphs later. This way, you don't get bogged down in picky details like content and organization. Or .

. . wait. Maybe I have that backwards.

about your peers; you can't do that if you're outside playing softball during the rest of the session.

Plus, if you attend your peers' presentations, you get to secretly criticize them on the comment forms afterwards. Whip out those pencils and let them have it.

Practice your presentation It's easy to focus on the

Diversity:

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She said the committee will be in the PUB May 15 to 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., handing out flyers with a complete list of events.

Michael Campitelli, director of campus recreation programs and one of the organizers of the EWU World Cup soccer tournament said the game, and Diversity Week as a whole, offers students a great opportunity to enjoy one another's company through fun and education.

Campitelli said diversity is something that must be practiced, not just talked about. He said the EWU soccer tournament will provide the perfect opportunity for students to do so.

"This is just one activity in Diversity Week, and we should all take the time to see how things work in other cultures and groups," he said. "The world would truly be a better place if we understood each other better."

"I'm from southern California and grew up in a really diverse community. Though EWU still has a ways to go, I've been here over 20 years and it gets better each year. There's always more we can do," said Campitelli. "Festivals that bring things like food, music, arts, sports, philosophies, history and religions into the mainstream all help and should be supported. ... These are our kids and they're from all over the world. We should embrace that."

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prep time:



More big words are more better

We all know the old saving, "Honey attracts more flies than vinegar." In an academic setting, big words attract way more flies than honey ever could. Beef up your language so that it sounds extremely learned. Remember, more syllables are better. The most successful presentations have a plenitude of multi-syllabic structures that best facilitate blithe circumlocution.

Attract an audience

Be sure to invite all of your friends and teachers. Also think about bribing a few extra people to come. Nothing's more of a letdown than having an audience of one-especially when it's the adjudicator, who is required to be there. Remember, the symposium is all about looking good in front of the maximum number of people.

Attend other presentations within your major

Nothing screams "closeminded" like giving a psychology presentation and then skipping out on the latest brain research. The Symposium is a great time to network and learn more

nuts and bolts: the poster, the PowerPoint, the note cards. But if you don't practice, you're sunk. If you're giving an oral presentation, for example, you've only got 10 minutes. After that time, the adjudicator will cut you off, even if you're in the middle of a profound comparison between Homeric women and toasters, which has never happened to me. Be sure to spend some time rehearsing, even if it means your notes are a little rough.

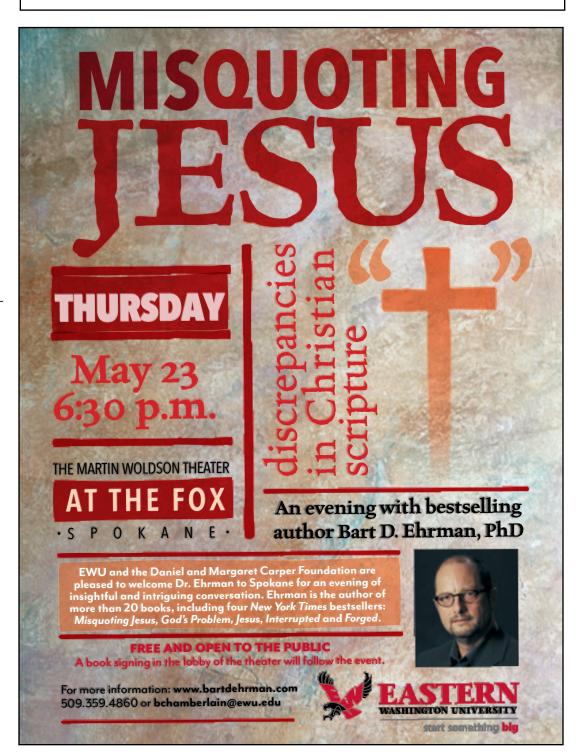
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As soon as you enter the room, establish dominance over the entire group. Give a deep, low growl as you set up your PowerPoint. Think about mussing up your hair or dirtying your face before entering. During question time, alternate between rage and catatonia.

If you follow these guidelines, you'll be sure to have a good Symposium experience. And by the way, I don't think all Homeric women are like toasters. Most of them more closely resemble furniture.

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Mama needs a dollar store necklace

Stores have cheap solutions for gifts

By Cori Olson

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Mother's Day is just around the corner, and students are scrambling to find this year's perfect Mother's Day gift.

Although it is tempting to buy her the latest iPhone, tablet or a kitten from the pet store, it might be cheaper and more meaningful to get her something that is priceless to her.

Starting off, here are four things students need to know:

1. Discount stores like the Dollar Tree is a student's best friend for buying cheap gifts.

2. If it can be made, do not buy it.

brother, sister or dad is not against the rules.

4. It really is the thought that counts the most.

The Dollar Tree is filled with supplies and crafts to make just about anything one can think of. Fill a decorated basket with Mom's favorite candy, or make her a poster out of a 50 cent paper board with pictures of her and the people she loves. With a little hodge-podge, the glass of a picture frame can be made unique to fit her liking. Gifts like these are one of a kind and can give the gift more meaning than a Nikon digital camera can. All of these ideas cost no more than \$10 to compose.

While at the dollar store, keep in mind the endless amount of supplies available to work with. Cards at 3. Going "halfsies" with regular stores can be from



Photo illustration by Al Stover Students who are low on cash can buy cards for Mother's Day.

\$3 to \$10. Here, students can get two cards for a dollar or make their own for even less. Mothers will always like the things their children make for them, even if they're in college.

Ayla DeLaat found a creative way to make something for her mom this Mother's Day.

"[My mom] typically likes cobalt blue glass," said DeLaat. "But this year,

I'm actually making her a way or even a local small wooden block where I'm business florist like Chet's going to transfer a picture onto it.'

——EAGLE LIFE

Other students, like Katie Fox, already have their Mother's Day gifts bought and wrapped to give out on May 12.

"My mom likes to garden, so stuff for her garden or puzzle books are what I like to get her," she said. "I actually already got her a little stone [decoration] for her garden.'

Fox suggested taking mom out for dinner or buying her some of her favorite flowers if other gifts are unaffordable. In many cases, flowers can be less expensive than other gifts and can hold the same thoughtful meaning.

A bouquet can be bought from \$5 to \$20 at almost any Fred Meyer, SafeFlowers in Cheney. Flowers can be ideal for those last minute gifts students can pick up on the way over to see their mother.

Plan ahead and make reservations at one of her favorite restaurants. Spend the day getting her around people she loves the most - you and her family. Do not put a monetary value on things that make mom happy. For students who do not have a lot of money, the bill can be split with the family.

"I feel like you don't really have to get your mom an actual gift," said DeLaat. "It might be hard for college students when they're not with their mom all the time. There are a lot more simple things you can do for her."

Greek Week is 'All That' and a bag of chips

Community to raise money for Cheney girl

By Al Stover

EAGLE LIFE EDITOR easterner.eaglelife@gmail.com

Marissa Sturm stands on stage with her Alpha Phi sisters as the lights go down and the group's lip sync begins.

Sturm will be one of several members of EWU's Greek Community who will participate in EWU's annual Greek Week, May 15 to 21.

Similar to last year's Greek Week, fraternity and sorority members will participate in events on campus.

According to Samantha Armstrong, the adviser for leadership education, students, faculty and staff are welcome to come watch the events. Fraternities and sororities will also be participating in community service projects throughout the week.

"Last year, we only had 30 students volunteer and they did a great project at Fish Lake," Armstrong said. "This year, they are going back to Fish Lake, but they have upped it to 100 students volunteering."

In the previous year, the Greek

In addition to the money raised, fraternities and sororities also raised over 3,000 pounds of canned food for the Cheney Food Bank by building structures out of canned food. Last year's theme was Marvel's "The Avengers." This year's theme will revolve around the 1990s and TV shows that have aired on Nickelodeon.

Michael Rultedge, director for the Interfraternities Council, said the goal is to surpass the amount of food and money that was collected from last year.

'One of the goals is to raise over \$6,000 for a local Cheney girl named Sierra," Rultedge said. "She has bone cancer and a brain tumor. We're working in correlation with Brewster Hall and their [community adviser] Richard Arquette. He came to us, ... and we're working together to raise funds for her, just to help the cost of treatment."

In an effort to gain more involvement from the Greek Community, fraternity and sorority members had the opportunity to apply for Greek Week Co-Chair and Planning Committee positions. According to the EWU website, committee members will not compete in the events they are assigned

event is more emphasis on bringing everyone together.

"I like the change to a more lighthearted celebration, instead of a [focus on] competition," Sturm said.

One of the other changes to this year's Greek Week include an opening ceremony at Roos Field, which takes place after Greek Community members walk from the pillars to the field. There will also be a social justice speaker coming to the event to talk about human trafficking in the JFK Library, April 16.

"We built that in as an educational component for Greek Week," Armstrong said. "Part of being in a fraternity or a sorority is engaging in issues of education and social justice and trying to make out how you can make a difference."

One of the ways money is raised during Greek Week is the annual Lip Sync, May 21. Fraternities and sororities perform a song and dance routine. According to Rultedge, admission for audience members, as well as anyone participating in the Lip Sync, will cost \$5.

"We're going to advertise a lot more [before the event]," Rultedge said. "Upon entrance we will be en-

Greek Week events

May 15

Greek Pillar Walk at the pillars, at 4 p.m. Greek Week Opening Ceremony and Field Day from 5 to 7 p.m.

May 16

Social Justice Education Program in the JFK Library at noon. Men's Dodgeball at the Phase rooms 264 and 265, from 5 to 6 p.m. Women's 3-on-3 Basketball at Reese Court from 6 to 9 p.m.

May 17

Women's Volleyball at the Phase Gym rooms 264 and 265 from 3 to 5 p.m. Men's Football at the Intramural Fields from 6 to 10 p.m.

May 18

Greek Service Projects from 8:30 a.m. to noon Paintball at the Intramural Fields from noon to 2 p.m. Women's Football at the Intramural Fields from 3 to 5 p.m. Men's Football Championship Game at Roos Field at 6 p.m. Women's Football Championship Game at Roos Field at 7 p.m.

May 19

GreekStruction at the JFK Library at 10 a.m. Kickball at Intramural Fields from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

May 20

LipSync Practice (chapters will receive notification of scheduled time) Men's 3-on-3 Basketball at Reese Court from 6 to 9 p.m.

May 21

community raised \$3,000 to support underprivileged youth to get free swimming passes for the summer.

to be in charge of. A change Sturm has noticed from

Now Accepting Applications

last year's Greek Week to this year's

couraging community members

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LipSync at Showalter Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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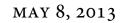
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Eastern's own Carl Combs, Dave Millet, Jeff Rahn, Jeff Corkill and Grant Smith have won the Corporate Cup Competition 17 years in a row.

EWU-RED WINS BLOOMSDAY 2013

By Grant Smith

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Bloomsday Corporate Cup Competition was won again this year by Eastern's team, EWU-Red. This makes 17 years in a row. The Corporate Cup Competition began in 1982, and Eastern has won 22 of 32 years.

A total of 350 teams consisting of five runners each

team member is scored by ley, Rachel Toor and Sally dividing his or her time into the winning time of her or his age group and multiplying by 1,000.

Carl Combs, Jeff Corkill and Grant Smith each scored a perfect 1,000 points, while Dave Millet and Jeffery Rahn were within a few seconds of perfect scores. EWU-Women, consisting of Kendra Kelley, competed this year, and each Carri Kreider, Laurie Mor-

Winkle, came in second in the women's division.

Bloomsday is a very inclusive event, and to emphasize this spirit of inclusiveness, seven other teams from Eastern included many walkers as well as its speedy runners carrying the EWU logo on their backs. Eastern also sponsored a booth at the Bloomsday trade show.

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to study and research subjects in their personal field.

In article 5 of section 1, the collective bargaining agreement can allow a professor a full year off if they have been a full-time employee for three years or more, but must be approved by the board of trustees and cannot leave to work on an advanced degree.

Section 11.5.1 states that professional leave may be taken to pursue: "Research. Scholarly and Creative activity, including the scholarship of teaching."

Whenever professors violate these rules they can be disciplined for their actions.

While the discipline section in article 13 does not specifically address wrongdoings, the article gives details about the disciplinary procedures and begins the article with a statement that explains that no faculty member can be disci-

The collective bargaining agreement states that "the University shall apply principles of progressive discipline. which include: verbal warning, written warning, suspension without pay and, finally, discharge."

The collective bargaining agreement also gives faculty members the opportunity to respond to complaints that could lead to discipline.

Rodgers said that medical leave is taken care of the same way many businesses take care of medical needs.

"If a teacher is going away on medical leave, then they have to have permission to do so from their doctor," Rodgers said. "We treat that situation just like any business would do with an employee. If a doctor says they can't work, then that's that and there's nothing that can be done as far as having that professor here until they are cleared to work again."

comes to finding a substitute, it website in the human re-

that particular professor is in to find a substitute for that period he or she is gone.

"We always want to have [substitutes] available," Rodgers said. "Kids are paying for their education, so they need to get educated."

Dr. Logan Greene, who is the chair of the english department, has overseen many professors' application process and says that they are held to the same standard of being in the classroom as the students.

"I don't think teachers should be allowed to leave in less it is an emergency," said Greene. "But I have never been in any place where the teachers are not committed to the students, the students are central here. If a teacher is gone, we are quick to find a sub so the student does not miss on their education experience."

The rest of Eastern's collective bargaining agreement She also said that when it can be found on the schools

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Apr 30 - Classroom disruption

It was reported that a student began repetitively lighting paper on fire with a lighter in a classroom building. Witnesses are being contacted and officers are investigating the situation.

By Linsey Garrison STAFF WRITER garrisonlinsey@gmail.com

April 28 2:50 a.m.

Intoxication

A female student visiting from Whitworth University was found highly intoxicated and vomiting in the women's restroom on the second floor of Dressler Hall. She was transported to Deaconess Hospital.

2 p.m.

Harassment A female student in Louise Anderson Hall reported a former boyfriend for harassment.

5 p.m.

Malicious mischief

Two students reported that their cars had been keyed while parked in a parking lot near Brewster Hall. There are currently suspects under investigation.

April 29

11:19 p.m. Suspicious person

A female student in Louise Anderson Hall reported that a former boyfriend was hanging around her room. Police warned the male student and asked him to leave.

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Classroom disruption

A student repetitively lighting paper on fire with a lighter in a classroom building was reported. Officers are investigating and contacting witnesses.

Greek week:

this campus." This [event] not only highlights what Greek life can do, how fun it can be and what difference fraternity and sorority students can make, but also engages the rest of the campus," Armstrong said.

May 1 4:15 a.m. **Domestic violence**

Officers were called to an apartment complex in Cheney for reports of yelling at a residence. A married pair of students were fighting. One male was arrested and booked into jail for fourth degree assault. Alcohol was involved.

12 p.m. Theft

A student reported they had left a textbook worth approximately \$50 on a table in the PUB and returned later to find it was no longer there.

May 2

2 a.m. **Reckless endangerment**

A student was arrested for an MIP and reckless endangerment for throwing beer bottles from the ninth floor fire escape in Pearce Hall.

May 3

7:20 p.m. Harassment

A faculty member reported a student who disagreed with a grade. It was determined

no crime was committed. 8 a.m.

Trespass

Janitors found a student sleeping in the University Theatre Building after hours.

Tip of the Week:

Don't steal, don't lie and don't cheat. Period.

strong said that the event would not be possible without the "amazing partnership of

plined without just cause.

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to donate more than the \$5. Whatever they see that they can afford."

Although Greek Week is mainly celebrated by the fraternities and sororities, Arm-

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presentations. I've never seen any negative reaction to students who have presented. They're proud of themselves," said Êl-Alayli.

Sestrap recommends that nervous students select the poster presentation option rather than the oral presentation because poster presenters merely need to stand

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will speak ill of your boss. If you fall for it and talk about a problem with a former boss, you might blow the interview right there. Stay positive and develop a poor memory about any trouble with a supervisor. Take ownership of the situation and rather than saying "he or she did this," rephrase it to say "one of the things I had a challenge with." Be sure to answer the second part of the question.

Tell me about your ability to work under pressure.

Give an example of a certain type of pressure that relates to the type of position you applied for.

What motivates you to do your best on the job?

This is a personal trait that only you can say, but good examples are challenge, achievement and recognition.

How would you know you were successful on this job?

Stating several ways are good measures: You set high standards for yourself and meet them. Your outcomes are by the poster, answer questions and talk with visitors about their topic.

As a mentor, El-Alayli helps students analyze data and figure out the results. She gives student presenters feedback on their abstract before they submit it for the symposium and meets with them to give them an opportunity to practice their presentation. Finally, she always attends the symposium to see her students' work.

"I love it. It's one of my favorite days of the school year," said El-Alayli. "Just seeing the students be professional for the first time ... I really enjoy it."

Sestrap said, "It's mindblowing to realize that all this research going on. Having all this research under your belt, it's a great thing to have on your résumé or your vita. So I think it's a really worthwhile experience."

a success. Your boss tells you that you are successful.

Describe your management style.

Try to avoid labels. Some of the more common labels, like progressive, salesman or consensus, can have several meanings or descriptions depending on which management expert you listen to. The situational style is safe, because it says you will manage according to the situation, instead of one size fits all.

Have you learned from your mistakes on the job?

Here you have to come up with something or you strain credibility. Make it a small, well intentioned mistake with a positive lesson learned. An example would be working too far ahead of colleagues on a project and thus throwing coordination off.

What qualities do you look for in a boss?

Be generic and positive. Safe qualities are knowledgeable, a sense of humor, fair, loyal to subordinates and holder of high standards. All bosses think they have these traits.

Tell me about a time when you helped resolve a dispute between others.

Pick a specific incident. Concentrate on your problem solving technique and not the dispute you settled.

If you were on a team project, what role do you prefer on the project and why?

Be honest. If you are comfortable in different roles, point that out.

Describe your work ethic.

Emphasize benefits to the organization. Things like determination to get the job done and work hard but enjoy your work are good.

What has been your biggest professional disappointment?

Be sure that you refer to something that was beyond your control. Show acceptance and no negative feelings

Do you have any questions for me?

Always have some questions prepared. Questions prepared where you will be an asset to the organization are good. Some examples could be, "What is the office culture like?" and "Any upcoming projects that I will be able to assist on?" and "Are there things I can do to help support you in this position?"

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Men's tennis places sixth in the Big Sky Joseph Cohen undefeated in Big Sky Conference

By Elohino Theodore STAFF WRITER theodoreelohino@gmail.com

The EWU men's tennis team saw their season come to an end on April 26 as they fell to Montana,

4-2. The Eagles, who were seeded at sixth place for the Big Sky Tournament, finished their season with a record of 9-13. One victory for Eastern came from No. 1 singles player sophomore Joseph Cohen. Another victory came from No. 6 singles player sophomore Stefan Farrar.

Montana won the No. 3, 4 and 5 singles matches against Eastern. The Eagles also lost in doubles. According to Farrar, the team had a positive mindset both before and during the tournament.

"I think, coming into the tournament, we had high hopes. At the start of the season, we weren't playing very well. But as the season progressed, we started to play a lot better. I think we were pretty positive and optimistic going into [the

Haworth also thought his team did a good job of staying calm and conment. "I think the guys did a great job of keeping a winning mentality. I think the guys felt truly that they were a contender to win it, and it showed in how they competed against Montana," Haworth said.

Before the tournament, the team worked on a few things to get them prepared to compete in Sac-ramento, Calif. "We just did a lot of hitting [and] a lot of sets. We did a lot of fitness like doing stairs, doing sprints, stuff like that. I think we were in really good physical condition for the tournament," Farrar said.

No. 2 singles player Eduardo Martinez did not compete in the tournament due to a season-ending knee injury. Haworth had to find a way to fill the No. 2 spot for the tournament.

'Tomas Aranguiz had stepped up from the No. 3 spot into the [No.] 2 spot tournament]," Farrar said. and did a phenomenal

Head coach Darren job. He was competing great against some of the best players in the conference, and for a freshfident during the tourna- man to come in and do been through this season," that was really awesome," Haworth said.

> No. 2 doubles player freshman Aaron Lince felt like Haworth did a good job addressing the problem for the No. 2 singles position.

"We needed someone consistent. [Martinez] fought hard in every match. So we needed someone to fill that [position] in, and [Haworth] chose [Aranguiz], which I thought was a good fit," Lince said.

the match During against Montana, the Eagles were behind 3-0 at one point. But the wins from Cohen and Farrar helped the team come close to tying Montana by a single victory. However, the Eagles couldn't hold on to turn the match around.

'It was one of the most competitive matches we've had in the tournament in the last couple of times. It came down to the last two matches. Our guys battled to get better at tennis."

really hard, and I was really proud of the way the guys competed with all the adversity that we've Haworth said.

No. 3 singles player Kyle Koetje finished off his senior season with a career total of 30 singles matches won and another 31 wins in doubles matches. Cohen finished off the year by winning twelve straight singles matches with an 8-0 record in the Big Sky conference at No. 1.

After the tournament, Lince is looking forward to competing again next season. "I'd say the goal for next year is getting there to the conference tournament again and doing better. I see us going far next year," Lince said.

Haworth is also optimistic about the work ethic and the future of the team.

"The guys just, I know, are going to work hard this summer and the offseason. We've got a bunch of young guys that I know are eager to come back and continue



SPORTS

Photo by Anna Mills Freshman Tomas Aranguiz serves the ball during practice.



Women's tennis finishes short of postseason berth

By Josh Friesen SPORTS EDITOR easterner.sports@gmail.com

While women's interim tennis coach Dustin Hinson may not have next year's job locked up yet, he certainly made a case for himself after leading the Eagles to their best record since 2009-2010 and helping sophomore Moira Hedberg tie Eastern's record for most wins in a season. Although the Eagles missed the postseason by tying for seventh place, one short of the postseason requirement, Hinson still saw the season as a success. "I was super proud of them and happy with the way the season went," Hinson said. "I know

they got a few more wins than they did Eastern's last season."

The year started rough for the Eagles. Rarely playing on their home court until the last stretch of the season, the team lost their first five matches while only recording ity." two points total.

Her 14 wins tied all-time season record.

"I think it's just kind of the intangible thing you can't really measure," Hinson said. "It's just digging down deep and believing in her abilbelieves he connects well with the players.

"Dustin [Hinson] was great," she said. "He'd calm us down and pump us up. He really had a way with communicating."

Hinson also believes his rapport with the play-According to Hin- ers makes him a It did not help son, nothing is set strong candidate to be named the head

Photo by Dylan Paulus Sophomore Chrissy Uriarte ended the season with wins in singles and doubles matches.

that they played only in stone as far as the three of their first 18 hiring of a permagames on the road.

Something changed after their fifth loss againstWashington State where they were shut out, 7-0.

The Eagles rattled off four consecutive wins, all on the road.

It also marked a turnaround for Hedberg as she went on to win her remaining conference matches, each at the No. 1 position.

coach. nent coach.

"I just know that there's likely going to be an opening for the tennis position," he said. "I'll definitely be applying for

Chrissy Uriarte, who spent most of the time playing at the No. 2 position for the Eagles, said she would like to see Hinson back as coach next year. She

that."

He believes he has found the balance between being an authoritative coaching figure and being someone who can support and motivate the team.

"I've gotten a lot of good feedback from the players," Hinson said. "I've found that [balance], and [I have] a good coach-player relationship all the girls."

Phi Delta Theta fraternities race to raise money

By Amye Ellsworth SENIOR REPORTER amyeellsworth@gmail.com

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity recently ran a 170-mile relay from Eastern's campus to the Iron Horse Monument in Vantage, Wash.

Phi Delta Theta's chapter adviser originally provided the idea for this event about a year ago, according to member Kyle Bondo.

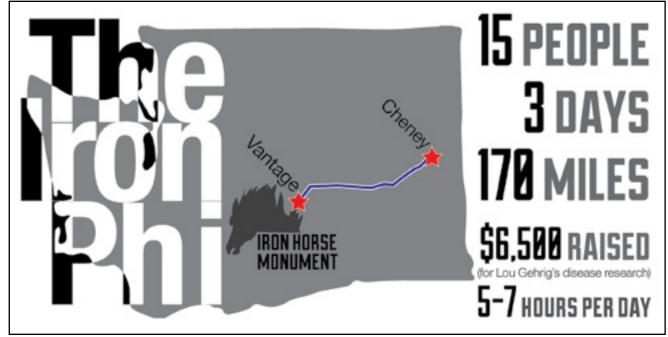
After that, Bondo met with the chapter adviser a couple of times before calling the fraternity's general headquarters to ask for resources. Bondo said that the idea flourished from that point forward.

According to Nick Sweeney, president of the EWU Interfraternity Council, the fraternity was able to garner support from alumni.

Various camping spots along the course provided the fraternity members with free camping as well.

This relay raised money for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's Disease, research.

Sweeney explained that the run was significant because Lou Gehrig was a Phi Delta Theta member and was also called the Iron Horse.



Chapters of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity across Washington state completed a relay as part of their philanthropy.

Currently, the EWU chapter has raised \$6,500 for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research from this run.

Sweeney took the weekend shift for the relay and ended up having to run eight consecutive miles.

"It was 34 degrees and pouring rain on these dirt roads for eight miles. It was definitely the hardest physical challenge I've ever done," Sweeney said. "I'm definitely not a runner, but I knew I wanted to do my part and contribute."

Bondo wished he had prepared more for the relay by running longer distances, but he said that the terrain he had to run on proved to be the most difficult aspect of the event.

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"We didn't take I-90. We took the back roads all the way across the state through winding roads and miles of farmland," Bondo said. "We did get lost a couple of times, which was difficult to correct when you're out of cell service in the middle of nowhere."

Both Bondo and Sweeney stated that they had not done much, if any, training to prepare for the run.

'Since we were only running one mile before switching to the next person, I figured that I would have enough time to rest in between cycles," Bondo said.

This event was part of Phi Delta Theta's efforts to become an Iron Phi Chapter.

According to Sweeney, a chapter must raise \$10,000 over the course of the year in order to gain this title.

An individual member can also become an Iron Phi by raising \$1,000 on their own. Sweeney hopes to achieve this goal and become the fourth Iron Phi at Eastern.

"I am personally at [\$500], and I'm really trying to make that push to become an Iron Phi," Sweeney said.

Bondo is already looking ahead to next year. He said he plans to do the event again, and he hopes that the fraternity will be able to double their philanthropic efforts by getting more chapters involved.

"I personally found it rewarding to see my men in my fraternity so excited and happy to do something that is beneficial to other people," Bondo said.

SPORTS Spring weather allows for outdoor activities

EPIC rents out outdoor gear for students to rent

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The sun is out, and Experiential Programs Inspiring Confidence Adventures, or EPIC, has a lot to offer students who want to take advantage of being in the outdoors.

There are weekend and day trips offered this quarter, and as soon as trips are advertised, students can sign up.

EPIC offers rental equipment for camping, cooking and river rafting. They have over 70 items to choose from. Items can be reserved weeks in advance to guarantee the item will be there.

Communication studies major and junior Saki Murakami would recommend other students to use EPIC. "They have good deals. You don't have to pay much money to rent the equipment. It's cheaper than renting at other places."

For a weekend trip, students are suggested to sign up two months in advance because trips fill up quickly.

"Sometimes, if waitlists gets big enough, we'll make another trip happen,' said Outdoor Program Director John Fair.

If a group of friends want to go on a trip together, EPIC can help schedule a trip.

Day trips are posted on Facebook and are open with lots of available spots. "If someone wants to go and try paddle boarding for a day, try rock climbing, we have lots of spots available for those," said Fair.

All rafting trips and most rock climbing trips are open to people of any skill level. "We cater to beginners. We really cater to people trying it for the first time," said Fair.

Surf clinics are offered during the summer with stand-up paddleboards on river waves. "So far, nine out of 10 people have surfed on their first day. We did it in four hours," said Fair.

Rafting trips are popular, and in the summertime the most popular rental items are rafts. "White water rafting is the best in spring quarter because that's when the most water is in the river," said Fair.

Mountaineering trips are only offered in the spring and summer at EPIC. The main difference between hiking and mountaineering is snow and steepness. "It's basically hiking with some technical components. We take ropes and ice axes with us," said Fair.

Last summer, government and com-

[are] helpful. For example, when we were going on that trip they were there and they were being that figure to make sure we didn't do anything silly but they were also laid back," said Thompson.

Thompson went with his coworkers as a break from three weeks of training and staff bonding for community advisers in the residence halls.

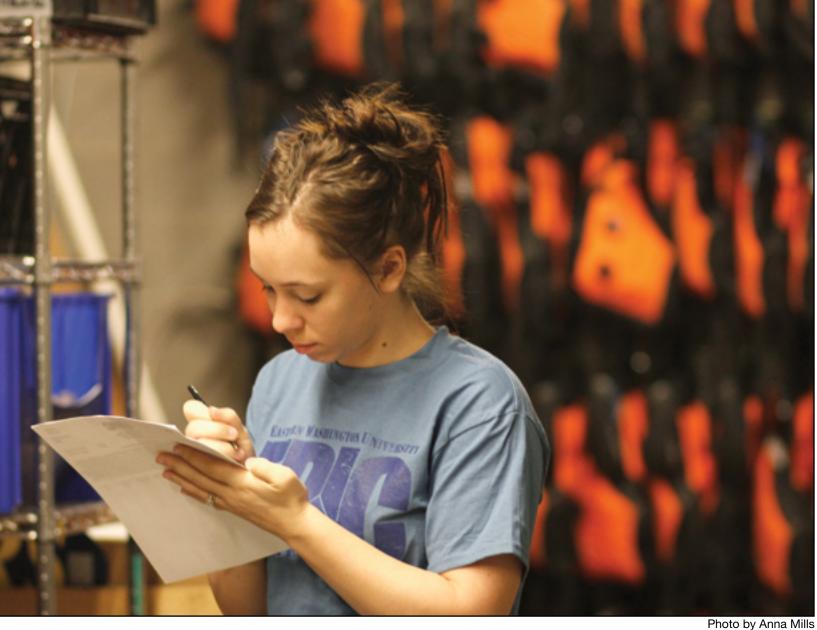
"It's good to let people know [about EPIC]. It's a resource that they have that they're not really taking advantage of," said Thompson.

"I want to do something in the water. When it's this weather, it's so nice. I definitely recommend people use EPIC when it's nicer out. I feel like it's a good time when it's sunny, you get to be outdoors and not be cold," said Thompson.

munication studies major and senior Cody Students interested in any upcoming trips are encouraged to sign up immedi-Thompson went with EPIC on a day trip of ately because time is running out, accordrock climbing, paddle boating and ziplining. The people that work there are very ing to Fair. For upcoming events, check hands-on. They get really involved and out EPIC's Facebook page.

SOME OF THE ITEMS AT EPIC FOR RENT		Rental (daily)	RENTAL [extra day]
	BACKPACK, 90L	\$6	\$3
	SLEEPING BAG, REGULAR AND LONG	\$6	\$4
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	COMMERCIAL STOVE	\$3	\$2
CILD	CANDE	\$12	\$8
0	KAYAK, TOURING, SINGLE DR TANDEM	\$12	\$8

Moran Lentini checks off items for a weekend adventure. Students can rent various equipment such as climbing shoes, tents and sleeping bags.



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Eastern athletes copy flight patterns of past Eagles

Alumni influence their EWU family

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Some of Eastern's athletes choose to follow in the footsteps of family members, whether by coming to play at EWU or simply playing the same sport.

Sophomore Parker Kelly attended Gonzaga Prep before coming to play basketball at Eastern. Kelly's father had his No. 44 basketball jersey retired by Gonzaga Prep. According to goeags.com, Kelly's father then went on to play at Washington State University, where he led the team to the NCAA tournament in 1980.

"They have his jersey retired at [Gonzaga] Prep, so I'd walk by that everyday, and it's motivation," Kelly said. "It's a great honor to have a father like that."

Kelly said that it was his father who first got him started with sports. The first sport Kelly started was golf, which he played, along with basketball, until his freshman year of high school.

"There came to be a point where I had to choose which sport I wanted to play full-time, and that came at my freshman year of high school," Kelly said. "I felt like my passion was for basketball."

Since then, Kelly said his father has been a big supportive influence on his basketball career. According to Kelly, his father motivates him to do his best and does not put any unnecessary pressure on his performance.

"If I'm struggling with something that's a part of my game and I feel like it's not really working out the way I saw it, then I can go to him and I can ask him, 'What did you do in this situation? How did you handle this?' He will explain



Photo by Anna Mills

Sophomore Parker Kelly gets boxed in by Seattle University defenders in a game on Dec. 10, 2012. Kelly's father was an influence on his decision to play basketball.

to me, and I will take his words of advice and use it to my advantage," Kelly said.

Senior football player Drew Revnolds also looks up to a family member in the same way as Kelly. Drew Reynolds' older brother, Levi Reynolds, also played football at EWU. The two brothers were able to play on the same team for a couple of years.

"He played defense and I play offense, so we even got to go against each other sometimes. I usually beat him," Drew Reynolds said.

Although Drew Reynolds enjoyed playing with his brother, he mainly looks up to Levi Reynolds because of his academic success. Levi Reynolds graduated with a cumulative 3.8 GPA in a biology major. "I'm not the greatest student, but he just thrives at that, and that's something I look up to," Drew Reynolds said.

Like Drew Reynolds, sopho-

more distance runner Nathan Fall also has siblings at EWU. Fall is a quadruplet and also has two younger identical twin sisters.

All six Fall children attend Eastern, but Fall is the only one involved in athletics. Before this current generation of Eagles, Fall's mom, two aunts and three uncles also attended EWU.

"My parents were open to [me] going anywhere to college, but it just happened to be Eastern since I

know I wanted to stay close to home for free room and board," Fall said.

Although Fall has five siblings on campus, he said he rarely ever sees them unless they all happen to be home together at the same time. He also said they are very encouraging to him in his athletic pursuits.

"My parents and my siblings come and watch me at my races sometimes. It's nice to have that family support and to have them cheer me on," Fall said.

-SPORTS

Sports in brief:

Eastern quarterback Vernon Adams has been put on the watch list for the annual College Football Performance Awards Quarterback Award. There are a total of 32 guarterbacks on the initial watch list. Adams had a breakout season in 2012 for the Eagles, where he combined with quarterback Kyle Padron to throw for 4,469 yards, breaking the previous single-season Eastern record of 4,102 set in 2005. Adams, who threw for 1,961 yards and 20 touchdowns, ranked fourth in the Football Championship Subdivision in passing efficiency with 160.8. The fleetfooted quarterback also ran for 342 yards.

The Eastern track and field team will send 25 men and 25 women to the Big Sky Outdoor Championships on May 8 through 11 in Forest Grove, Ore. The men's team was predicted to finish seventh and the women were predicted to finish ninth. In last year's outdoor championship, the men finished sixth and the women finished eighth. The men's decathlon and women's heptathlon will begin the event on May 8 and 9, and the rest of the events will take place on May 10 and 11.

Seniors Brad Wall and Michelle Coombs were named EWU Scholar-Athletes for the month of May. Wall, a sprinter on the track and field team, holds a 3.54 GPA and is majoring in journalism. Coombs, a javelin thrower, holds a 3.53 GPA and is a psychology major. Both will represent Eastern at the Big Sky Outdoor Championships.





Greg Herd (top), Will Post (left), Nicholas Edwards (middle) and Kyle Padron (bottom) all garnered interest from various teams around the NFL.

Four EWU stars try their luck in the professional ranks

By Peter Sowards

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Sophomores Joseph Cohen and Moira Hedberg were the recipients of postseason accolades for their play on the men's and women's tennis respectively. teams, Cohen and Hedberg earned All-Big Sky Conference honors, and Cohen was named co-MVP of the conference. Cohen was a perfect 8-0 in the Big Sky and was 14-3 overall. Hedberg finished the season 14-8 and 9-1 in the conference. Cohen shared the MVP award with Sacramento State's Marek Marksoo. Senior Kelsey Knight of the women's tennis team also earned a postseason award. Knight earned honorable mention recognition for the women's team. She finished the season 7-11 overall and 4-5 in Big Sky play.

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Greg Herd spent the morning of April 28 at the YMCA in the Spokane Valley teaching kids about the importance of living healthy lives for his senior capstone class.

That afternoon, he returned to Cheney and watched from the sidelines as his former teammates competed in the annual Red-White spring game at Roos Field.

By day's end, his lifelong dream had come true - he had made it to the NFL.

During the scrimmage, Herd's cell phone was buzzing, literally and figuratively. He received free-agent offers from the Oakland Raiders, Baltimore Ravens and the Dallas Cowboys. The former Eagles wide receiver viewed Dallas as the best fit and agreed to a freeagent contract. "I feel like that's a good place where I could fit in and earn a job on the active roster," Herd said.

A Tacoma, Wash., native, Herd reunites with former Eagles safety Matt Johnson, a 2012 fourth-round selection of "America's Team." "He's like ed to," Herd said. "I just texted him ,'Cowboys Nation,' ... and we've been talking every day since then."

Undrafted free agents have a history of tremendous success with the Cowboys. Quarterback Tony Romo went undrafted out of Eastern Illinois in 2003 and recently earned himself a contract worth \$55 million, guaranteed. Wide receiver Miles Austin, a graduate of Monmouth University, earned a roster spot in 2006 by playing special teams but has since solidified himself as one of the better receivers in the league.

Herd leaves for Dallas on May 9 with the rookie minicamp running May 10 to 12.

Former quarterback Kyle Padron will also join a former Eagles great — running back Taiwan Jones, a 2011 fourthround pick by the Oakland Raiders. Like Herd, Padron drew interest from the Ravens but saw a better fit with the Raiders. "They know I can play," Padron said. "They know I throw the ball, but they just want to see me go out there and compete with [2013 fourth-round pick] Tyler [Wil-

him just because he was a draft pick.

A dauntless attitude led Padron to leave school early and declare his eligibility after his junior season. "I told them that I was confident," he said. "And that's one of the reasons I came out this year is because I didn't see a guy out there that was better than me, in my opinion."

Padron joins Wilson, Matt Flynn and Terrelle Pryor as the only quarterbacks on the roster. With only three combined NFL starts between the four signal callers, Padron sees the potential for an eventful battle. "I'm looking forward to getting out there and throwing the ball with those guys and trying to pick up as much as I can and also push them and make us all better," he said.

A high-level player at two different programs, much advice has come Padron's way in recent weeks from players who have been in his shoes. "They're just telling me to keep doing what I've been doing: trust my talent, trust my ability and that I'm there for a reason," he said. "There's no flukes, and you just go out there and have fun. That's the biggest thing –

on yourself to make the moment bigger than it already is. Just go out there and have fun and sling the rock a little bit."

Former Eagles offensive tackle Will Post is getting a week head start on Herd and Padron. Post was invited to the Atlanta Falcons rookie minicamp, one of the nine camps that ran from May 3 to

"I was expecting a call from my agent or a team after the draft, but I didn't get one," Post said. "And then I got a call from my agent saying that I wasn't going to sign a free-agent [contract] anywhere, and then he said, 'We're working on getting you a tryout.' That's when he told me I was headed to Atlanta."

Post signed an injury waiver as opposed to a freeagent deal, and he hopes to earn a contract offer with his play. If not, Post said he will try to attend one of the 23 rookie minicamps that run from May 10 to 12 or look into the Canadian Football League. "I'm honestly just trying to take it one step at a time, and the first goal right now is to just be able to sign a contract with the Falcons."

After returning from his tryout, Post said the minicamp went very well, and he is currently waiting for a call to see if he is going back.

Former wide receiver Nicholas Edwards signed a contract with the Minnesota Vikings and participated in their minicamp from May 3 to 5. He was assigned to wear No. 19.

On May 6, the Vikings released Edwards and punter Chris Kluwe after signing two players who participated in the team's rookie minicamp on a tryout basis.

Volleyball team lands junior college Serbian trio

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By way of Serbia to Wyoming, the Eagles volleyball team upgraded its roster with a heavy dosage of international talent.

Stanka Panic, Milica Nisavic and Sofija Ivanovic signed letters of intent and will become the first players recruited to EWU since Wade Benson's return as head coach. "This recruiting class was a late recruiting class for us because we were coming in as a new staff in January," Benson said. "We feel that with our time allotment we hit a home run with these recruits. We went the junior-

college route for one of the first times [in my career].'

Nisavic, a junior from Novi Sad, Serbia, has played volleyball since she was eight years old. She tried her hand at basketball, but volleyball was her true calling.

"I am a setter, and I have played that position all my life," Nisavic said. "On the other side, I am a bad hitter, but I really can pass the ball very well. What I like about myself as a volleyball player is that I am mentally strong.

Benson likes Nisavic's versatility and knowledge of the game. "Milica [Nisavic] locates the ball very well, and she understands tempo," Benson said. "We think she is going to run a very fast offense for us. She is I [haven't known] Sofija [Ivanovic] also a surprisingly good blocker in the front row."

Nisavic came to the United States two years ago to play volleyball at Casper College in Wyoming. There she played with Stanka Panic, who earned All-American honors as a sophomore and also transferred to EWÛ. "Stanka [Panic] is a very consistent player," Nisavic said. "What I most appreciate about her is her responsibility, passion and the fact that she is a really hard worker on the volleyball court.

"It is really exciting for me. Stanka [Panic] is my lifelong friend, and I am happy we can play together for two more years. On the other side,

very long, but I am excited for three Serbians on our team next year."

Nisavic and Panic each graduated from Svetozar Markovic High School and have played volleyball together for five years. "Stanka [Panic] is an undersized outside hitter," Benson said. "But she has a lot of pop to her attack. She brings the ability to move the ball around well, and she is a superior ball-control player.

Whether she plays front row or back row for us will be determined in the fall, but I would not bet against her winning a front row position."

Ivanovic, born in Belgrade, Ser-

bia, also played junior-college volleyball in Wyoming. She earned National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region honors at Laramie Community College as a freshman and a sophomore and she was coached at Laramie by current associate head coach Darren Buckner.

In high school, Ivanovic played for the Serbian national team, finishing second in Europe in her age group. "Sofija [Ivanovic] is a strong outside hitter who can also play on the right side," Benson said. "She is a five-tool player, meaning she can play all the way around for us. I think she is going to add some great experience for us having played internationally."