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STATE RULES NIPPING SPOKANE'S BUD



Numerous marijuana stores in Spokane are struggling to stay open due to high demand (pun intended) and little supply.

Illustration by Nicole Ruse

Cannabis regulations for growers causing many shop setbacks

By **KATIE DUNN**
staff writer

After Washington state recreational marijuana stores opened their doors on July 8, they had setback after setback.

Only six of the 24 authorized stores sold products on the first day of legal sales because of high demand of the plant and little supply from the growers, The Associated Press reported. Over three months later, there are still stores struggling to open.

The applicants were randomly selected by the Liquor Control

Board through a lottery, The Seattle Times reported.

While applicants were not chosen because of ethics, business or financial smarts, there were other qualifying factors.

The LCB recreational marijuana rules state that applicants must be 21 or older, have lived in Washington for three months prior to turning in the application and have the means to purchase property in an approved location for selling marijuana under state law.

Not all the winners of the lottery were prepared to start a business.

The LCB requires shops to have

an approved floor plan, security plan, a financial investigation of all those involved, a criminal investigation, a traceability software compliance, a buffer check and an inspection. Then shop owners pay \$1,000 for the actual license.

According to The Seattle Times, failure to meet any of the LCB's standards results in a failed application. The board then moves on to the next lottery winner. If a lottery winner does not advance towards receiving their license, the LCB warns them that they have 60 days to continue the licensing process or they will be skipped.

The Washington state Liquor

Control Board posted their amended administrative code on edible products, effective on May 31. Now marijuana processor licensees have to gain approval from the board for all products containing marijuana and their labeling and packaging.

Adam Orens, a researcher for the Colorado Department of Revenue, told the Seattle Times that edibles in Colorado are more popular than expected.

"It has appeal for casual users," said Orens. "An easy way to consume marijuana."

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Lady Eagles golf team sets new cleats on the green

By **MIKE HANTHO**
staff writer

The Eastern Eagles' golf team has introduced three new players to the team and performed well after fighting two tournaments against difficult schools; however, the team has more than its fair share of challenges to face this season.

The first was at Corvallis, Oregon for the opening season tournament and the second at Pullman, Washington for the Washington State University Cougar Cup Tournament.

At Corvallis, the team finished in 10th place with a total score of 940. At Pullman, the team finished in ninth place with a team score of 929, all scores according to goeags.com.

Brenda Howe, the head

coach of Eastern's golf team, stated that the team and its new additions had an excellent start to their season.

The team acquired three new athletes; one is incoming freshman Annie Leete of Oak Harbor High School in Oak Harbor, Washington. The second is freshman Kimberlie Miyamoto of Baldwin High School in Kahului, Hawaii. Finally, the third is junior Brooklyn Kraakman of Deroche, British Columbia, and a transfer from Alabama State.

"I can say that we've had some new players that have come in and have played well right away. There is usually a little bit of a transition period, but I feel like we've added depth and some experience to where the transition might

be minimal," said Howe.

This ease of transition is also reflected in the attitudes of the more experienced golfers on the team.

Maddie Dodge, a junior, also expressed excitement for the new season and the new players. Having been on the starting lineup for EWU last fall and spring, Dodge has a good amount of experience in teamwork.

"I think that having more players this year is making us work even harder and to be a more competitive team. Our performances so far this year have been really exciting. It's very encouraging to see your teammates working so hard and wanting to reach that next level," said Dodge. "Having three new players this year has



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Maddie Dodge

Jr. Player

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Gonzaga bomb threat sets off questions

Threat at Spokane university ignites concerns about preparedness at Eastern

By **NATHAN PETERS**
managing editor

The Spokane Police Department (SPD) received a bomb threat for Gonzaga University (GU) around 7 a.m. on Sept. 25. Regardless of new and returning students on campus, EWU Deputy Chief Gary Gasseling said Eastern is absolutely prepared for such an incident to occur.

The university has a variety of resources to quickly communicate vital information pertaining to danger for students: the EWU Alerts System, campus computer screens and social media accounts. If the incident is at a specific location, campus police will respond in-person by announcing the threat and proper protocol over the building's intercom system or with their personal bullhorns.

SPD's officers, its Explosives Disposal Unit and GU Security scoured the campus with no suspicious evidence

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Trustees, ASEWU talk retention, remodel of PUB

By **RONNI TAYLOR**
staff writer

EWU Board of Trustees held their first open session meeting on Sept. 26, 2014.

The meeting centralized around recent achievements and future goals for the university with each trustee highlighting various accomplishments.

Trustee Jim Murphy talked about one of the most recent accomplishments in which ESPN broadcasted the football game against Sam Houston State.

He said this was an achievement not only for the team, but also for recognizing the school itself. Trustee Robert Whaley said 15 million viewers watched the game.

This type of recognition is something that all the board members are hoping to see more of.

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Upcoming Events:

October

Oct. 1: EWU Libraries presents **Pizza on the Porch** - Free pizza (Yes, free pizza) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with library tours.

Oct. 4: **Terry Fator**, ventriloquist and winner of "America's Got Talent," will be performing at Northern Quest Resort and Casino at 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 4-5: The 2nd Annual **Spokane Zombie Crawl** is taking over Spokane, starting at 6 p.m. Zombie hunters, be prepared.

Oct. 5: Pop sensation **Aaron Carter** is performing at the Knitting Factory in downtown Spokane. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are still available.

Oct. 9: **How to Network at Any Stage in Your Career** - The art behind networking and keeping your career thriving, sponsored by the EWU Young Professionals Network and STCU. For more information, email EWUAlum@ewu.edu.



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OPINION: Obama and ISIL

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Seattle-based church finds potential refuge in Spokane

Controversial megachurch obtains location during months of financial challenges

By NICOLE RUSE
editor-in-chief

Mars Hill Church, a controversial multi-church group based in Seattle, is “planting” a church in Spokane after months of controversies, low membership and financial woes. Membership is declining at numerous Mars Hill churches due to recent allegations toward the lead pastor, Mark Driscoll, who was accused multiple times of bullying members, lying and abusing power within the business side of Mars Hill, such as mismanaging church funds. “Storm clouds seem to be whirling around

me more than ever in recent months, and I have given much thought and sought much counsel as to why that is and what to do about it,” said Driscoll in a update posted on the Mars Hill website on Aug. 24, 2014. “Some have challenged various aspects of my personality and leadership style, and while some of these challenges seem unfair, I have no problem admitting I am deserving of some of these criticisms based on my own past actions that I am sorry for.” Mars Hill, founded in 1996 by Driscoll and Mike Gunn, began as a Bible study group committed to spreading the word of Jesus. The duo then saw a potential for growth in the mainstream and social media limelight. Mars Hill Church has over 900 videos of church sermons and music videos on YouTube. Their top six videos alone total over 880,000 views, a feat uncommon among many megachurch groups.

In addition to their online presence, they previously held sermons at Century Link Field in Seattle and opened churches from Portland, Oregon to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Tens of thousands of members attend their Sunday services in person, as well as online—maintaining their presence in the United States, as well as globally via the Internet. At the end of August, leaders at Mars Hill announced that attendance and church donations are plummeting, forcing them to close numerous churches in Seattle and cut their staff by as much as 40 percent. At Mars Hill Church in Spokane, however, pre-planning stages are in full swing. Pastor Miles Rohde of Mars Hill Spokane said that since last fall, Mars Hill has been working toward building a core group of Christians to launch the church. “Currently we have just over 120 adults, and their nearly 40 children who

make up our core group,” said Rohde in an email. “We spent the entire summer going through membership classes, Community Group leader training and providing training for various volunteer positions we need to fill prior to launching as Mars Hill Spokane.” Pastor Rob Bryceson of First Covenant Church in downtown Spokane decided to auction off their church building on Division Street in 2013 due to financial issues. Bryceson confirmed in a phone interview that Mars Hill church offered to purchase the building in a lease to agreement in October 2013. According to an article in the Inlander, Bryceson said the church was going to sell its building to Mars Hill Church for \$1.25 million. When asked for confirmation of the amount, Bryceson refused to comment, saying it was “private information.” Rohde did not comment on the figure by deadline.



Photo by Nicole Ruse
Mars Hill Church markets their potential location on Division.


University mental health services available to students on campus

By AARON BOCOOK
staff writer

It is no secret that university life comes with stress. For many students, it is the initial stress of being away from family that comes with moving to campus. For others, it is the competition for acceptance into highly competitive programs like nursing and engineering. For some students though, the stress and anxiety caused by the rigors of university life can develop into a serious problem: mental health issues. This is where Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) can be a valuable resource for students. According to Robert Henry, D.O., consulting psychiatrist for CAPS, the point of the service is for students to maintain adequate mental health while they are at EWU so they can achieve the goals they set for their education, their careers and their lives. “Ultimately, we want to have any student come to Eastern Washington University to be successful,” Henry said. “That’s what our mission is.” Henry is starting his eighth year at Eastern this fall and said he personally sees anywhere from 20 to 30 students per year with problems ranging from anxiety and depression, to mood disorders, to schizophrenia psychosis. Though it is often thought of as a free service, CAPS is actually part of Eastern’s comprehensive health and wellness program. Each student enrolled in six or more credits is charged a mandatory fee of \$87.94 per quarter, the most expensive of EWU’s mandatory fees, which are outlined on Eastern’s website, and also include STA transportation, student technology and use of the recreation center. Recently, due to an increase in demand for the services CAPS provides, a limit has been placed on the number of visits a student can make in a given time period. But, Henry said if there is a special need from a student, there are ways to continue with counseling and treat-

CAPS hours
M-F 8:00 a.m.
to 5:00 p.m.

Walk Ins
M-F 1:00 p.m.
to 4:00 p.m.



Graphic by Tanner Streicher

ment beyond that limit. “Access is the most important thing,” Henry said. “There should be no barriers for them to come in and get the help that they need to help maintain their status as a student here at the university.” Henry said this type of access is not available across the board at universities in the U.S., or even in the Spokane and Cheney area. He said he started a psychiatry clinic at Gonzaga University in 2000, when GU had a psychiatry residency in Spokane, but said that it is no longer active and he

does not know what Gonzaga does now. Whitworth offers six counseling sessions per term for full-time students, but Henry said he does not believe the sessions are with a psychiatrist. Ease of access is why EWU senior John Kephart said he started using CAPS in fall quarter 2013, when he noticed behavioral changes in himself that he did not like. After an outburst in an American literature class, he said he felt depressed and upset with the way he had acted and decided it was time to seek help. “I was very upset about it,” Kephart said. “I voiced my opinion in a very aggressive and angry manner ... and it didn’t benefit anybody. I had spoken to one of my professors, who recommended that I go see the people at CAPS.” Kephart said the service being included in the cost of his education benefited him greatly at a time when he was uninsured and could not have otherwise afforded it. Holly Jeanneret, also a senior at EWU, said she was in the same situation when she started using CAPS. She describes herself as a “serial dropout”: she dropped out of high school, art school, Evergreen State College and even dropped out of Eastern twice. She said she initially sought help from CAPS as a freshman when her father died but started going regularly as a way to simply stay in school. Having suffered from a range of mental health issues since she was 17, Jeanneret said CAPS was the first service in her life that has truly helped her to achieve her goals. “It was like, ‘I don’t want to drop out this time, so I’m going to go to counseling.’ And it worked.” Jeanneret said a big part of the reason she dropped out so many times is that she has severe anxiety disorder. Just the thought of going to school made her physically ill. She said she had bad experiences with Group Health counselors and at Spokane Mental Health, where she was prescribed medications that did not help. The medicine caused side effects ranging from weight gain, to hallucinations, to sleep paralysis.

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Cheney Police consider using body cameras

By ALEX MILLER
staff writer

Police departments around the country have started implementing the use of body cameras for police officers to wear while they are on duty, but students and residents of Cheney alike will not see Cheney police officers wearing them - at least not yet. Police Chief John D. Hensley of Cheney would like to see all of his officers wearing body cameras but funding is the biggest issue in making that happen. “I think they should be mandated for every law enforcement agency in the country to purchase them, or quite frankly, the federal government provide grants so departments like Cheney, who can’t afford them right now, can get them,” according to Hensley. Hensley said he talks to legislators about funding for the body cameras every time he meets with them, saying “Find a way to allow me to ask for a grant so that I can purchase this technology and get these cameras on my guys.” “I think body cameras have evolved to the point now where they’re essential pieces of equipment, we just got to find a way to buy them.” People in certain areas of the country are demanding their local officers begin wearing body cameras in wake of Michael Brown’s controversial death at the hands of a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, according to the Chicago Tribune. Michael Brown, 18, an African-American

man who graduated from high school in June 2014 and was ready to attend college in the fall, was fatally shot during an encounter with a police officer. Protesters allege the police officer used excessive force against Brown because of his race according to an article in the Washington Times. Not everyone shares enthusiasm for body cameras, though. EWU student Shaq Hill said, “I don’t think that’s necessary. They can do whatever they want with a body camera, like cut something out.” According to Hensley, body cameras will not bring an abrupt end to law enforcement conflicts with the community, but they will reduce the number of problems, saying, “It will reduce them, and provide some clarity, but we’re always going to have issues between law enforcement and certain people that we contact.” “We’re gonna still have people get through the cracks that shouldn’t be in this business, and so we’re still going to have issues, but that technology will help us get to the bottom of these encounters and provide another element that we don’t currently possess.” There are students who feel that wearing body cameras is a great step forward in policing. EWU student Saul Ruiz said, “I think they should [wear body cameras] because that way people can see they’re doing their job right, they’re not being unfair for certain reasons, and if anything would happen, police can’t really make up an excuse.”

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The New York Times reported that so far this year, nine Colorado children were taken to the state's largest pediatric emergency center after consuming marijuana.

"The products cannot be especially appealing to children," said Washington's Liquor Control Board spokesperson Mikhail Carpenter to USA Today.

An article in The Spokesman-Review said in Washington, marijuana is not allowed to be put into anything that a child might find appealing and want to eat, limiting product options.

The Washington administrative code on marijuana processor licenses has a list of items not approved by the board including candy, stand-alone dairy products, pies that contain egg, fruit or vegetable juices, dried or cured meats and any foods altered to increase shelf life.

Despite state laws, some cities are cracking down on vendors. Fife, a suburb of Tacoma, is one of them.

In July, the Fife City Council adopted an ordinance banning the production, processing and sale of recreational and medical marijuana.

The Spokesman-Review reported that the ordinance was challenged in the Pierce County Superior Court. The court ruled that while the city cannot impose penalties that are not stated by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, they are allowed to make laws that penalize violations under their city code.

The Uniform Controlled Substances Act states that, on top of the usual criminal penalties, law enforcement agencies have the authority to seize property and money affiliated with the production, selling and buying of illicit drugs.

According to the Spokane Valley City Council, they adopted ordinance 14-008 in late July, adding new zoning restrictions and making it illegal for marijuana to be sold within 1,000 feet of the Centennial Trail, anywhere near City Hall or other city-owned property, as well as any land identified for future schools, parks and libraries.

It is federal law, under the Controlled Substances Act, that marijuana is illegal. Eastern Washington University, on their Washington state drug laws webpage, states that marijuana is not allowed on campus.

EWU is federally funded so the university follows federal laws.

Washington state made marijuana legal with initiative 502, so as long as EWU students are 21 and older, they are allowed to purchase and consume marijuana in state-approved locations away

Student-employee opportunities and training available through Eastern Dining Services

Eastern food services provide experience and hands-on skills for future jobs

By Aaron Bocook
staff writer

On a shoulder-high grey metal shelf in Tawanka 101, a black, two-inch-thick three-ring binder sits, marked with a rainbow of numbered plastic tabs and scribbled-on Post-it notes.

"This is pretty much our backbone," Dave McKay, EWU Director of Dining Services, said. "And university policies are wired into this."

McKay has been at Eastern since October 1989, and said over the last couple of years, he has seen his staff work hard on improving their training program. The task is a big undertaking; Dining Services is the largest employer of student staff on campus. In the next payroll cycle this October, McKay said they will have over 300 students on their payroll.

Giuseppe Basta, EWU alumnus, said he was a Dining Services employee on and off during his time as a student at EWU between 2003 and 2008 and worked a variety of positions such as preparing food, grilling sandwiches and even occasionally ca-



Photo by Tanner Streicher

Baldy's is one of several dining options on the EWU campus.

tering on campus.

"I think the training was adequate," Basta said. "Much of it was common sense. Over the years I've found you can't train stupid no matter how hard you try."

McKay said his department is always trying to develop new training and constantly looking for the weak spots in service to improve both student employment and customer satisfaction.

"For a lot of our students, it's their first job. So

the work environment is fairly new to them," McKay said. "There is a lot of training and development that goes on, especially in the first quarter of someone working for us."

Basta said initially getting the job was pretty easy; willingness to show up on time and work is held in high esteem. He said it paid off for him, and one of the best aspects of having a job with Dining Services is getting built-in raises.

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prescribed medications that did not help. The medicine caused side effects ranging from weight gain, to hallucinations, to sleep paralysis.

Henry said that he tends discourage the use of medication, unless absolutely necessary. Often students come to him already on medications he finds inappropriate for their condition, and it is then his goal to either get them off medication completely or find something that works for them.

He said that the benefit of medication is that it can be looked at as a tool, a bridge to a better place, but that they are not curative.

If somebody has anxiety or depression, medication can help stabilize that condition for long enough for the patient to get into a meaningful therapy process that can actually be curative, or at least give them skills to allow them to cope with whatever disorder they might have.

In Jeanneret's experience, she said the side effects from being on the wrong medications were just too much for her.

She began reading

about user experiences for different drugs online, until she found a medication that seemed perfect for her. When she brought her findings to CAPS, the providers there were able to work with her needs, and she got on a medication that worked.

"It's been a long series of failures. [I] get more control in CAPS, I think, than I have had anywhere else," she said. "They actually respect you. I'm less afraid. My anxiety is a little bit less. I still have problems, but I'm not in danger of completely losing [it]."

After his experience at CAPS, Kephart said he was able to get insurance through the Affordable Care Act and found a medication that was right for his problems with depression. He said that the counseling he got from CAPS gave him the push he needed seek additional help.

One of the main goals of CAPS, according to Henry, is to help erase the stigma associated with mental health. He said a lot of research has been put into this and that at one point in their lives, almost half the population of America has suffered from some sort of mental health issue.

"I understand people having fear of other students seeing them in here, and feeling like they need help," Henry said. "But actually, in the long run, it is a position of strength for someone to seek assistance if they need help with something, not a position of weakness."

From being a "serial dropout," to graduating this year, Jeanneret said she thinks working with CAPS has helped her achieve her goals.

"I know part of it is that I have a support system on campus. It helps. It really helps."

"In the long run, it is a position of strength for someone to seek assistance if they need help with something, not a position of weakness."

Dr. Robert Henry

Consulting Psychiatrist

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Both Chairman Paul Tanaka and President Cullinan repeated the three main goals throughout the meeting that the board has for Eastern students this year, including student success, innovation and community involvement.

Introducing herself, Cullinan noted that she had "been here for about 57 days" and it has so far felt like a "whirlwind." She referenced herself from the first issue of The Easterner saying she "still felt like a freshman."

She spoke positively about the recent accomplishments of EWU including the Strategic Planning Initiative, the Vet Center and the new EWU anchor building at the Spokane Riverpoint campus.

Cullinan presented an idea about mentorships where a student and teacher would team up. This mentorship would potentially provide students with more workplace experience with the hopes that by graduation students have a résumé that would aid them in their endeavors of finding a career.

She said she hopes that EWU will soon be nationally recognized for student success and seeing how the school is already turning heads in the athletics department, this seems like a feasible goal.

The board members said they hope to see further movement in innovation at EWU.

Cullinan and the other board members spoke about working towards being a "greener campus" and continuing working on new sustainability projects such as the "Snow Melt System" put in place

students who are interested in building their professional resume, Dining Services offers student lead, student supervisor and student manager positions for promotion and development.

McKay said those positions play a key role for Dining Services and are critical to everything students and staff see in dining operations at Eastern.

From time to time, like any job, there are problems. The number one issue, according to McKay, is peer-to-peer conflict, often between customers and employees facing off on opposite sides of the counter. He said his staff spent a lot of time this summer developing a new student customer service training program, and starting in October, all new and existing student employees will have to go through this training.

According to Basta, he had both good and bad experiences as a Dining Services employee. He said though food service is sometimes considered a low-skill trade, it is still hard work.

But being a mostly EWU student-provided service, Basta said to expect a brighter-than-average employee to be serving customers.

during the construction of Patterson Hall.

The Snow Melt System is way to recycle excess heat from the building and divert it under the sidewalks that lead to the entrances. According to the EWU website, this process will also "eliminate the need for de-icing chemicals and traction sands keeping floors inside cleaner, dryer, and lasting longer with less maintenance."

Several speakers presented reports on student and faculty success.

President Dahir "D.J." Jigre presented a report that detailed the goals of ASEWU.

This year the student government hopes to extend library hours and focus on the PUB remodel.

Last year the PUB remodel was put on hold and Jigre said he wants to show the student body the importance of the remodel this year.

Community involvement was another key point of discussion during the board meeting.

The members said they hope to see a continued outreach from the students to their community. EWU has already proved their worth when giving to charity. Eastern's summer food drive brought in over \$5,000 in student money, alone.

The final emphasis of the meeting was on the availability of scholarships. Trustee Uriel Iniguez noted the recent success of receiving several hundred dollars worth of grants and scholarship money, some of which came from the military.

Jo Ann Kauffman also commended the recent scholarships that are now available for future American-Indian students.

The board said they hope to see an increase in money coming in to help students reach their graduation goals.

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Big plans, bigger future for Eastern



Photo of PUB redesign renderings contributed by Perkins+Will

The Pence Union Building rendering, portraying the west side entrance facing Pearce residence hall, will be modeled around student and visitor ease of access.

ASEWU goals set standard for student success, from PUB to pride

By KATIE DUNN
staff writer

The ASEWU members spent their summer training session brainstorming ideas for the new school year and building bonds with members from the Office of Community Engagement, Eagle Entertainment and Eagle Sound Production.

The goal of this training was working together as student leaders and collaborating on how they, as a team, can help the university.

ASEWU 2014 As a result of the training they came up with three objectives for the year, one for each quarter: remodeling the PUB, extending library hours and inspiring school pride.

Executive Vice President Brendan Hargrave said that instead of pushing multiple ideas all at once, they are going to focus on one project as a group and pursue their individual goals.

For fall quarter, ASEWU will focus on the PUB remodel.

According to the PUB redesign steering committee, the Pence Union Building was built in 1970 with an addition made in 1995.

The committee believes that the PUB has an outdated style in architecture and a complex floor plan.

Included in the new design for the PUB are bigger windows, a larger student lounge and improved dining services. The estimated cost is \$30 million and would be paid for by student fees.

If passed, the building is project-

ed to be complete within two years.

In the spring quarter elections, the students voted 546 to 536 in favor of not redesigning the PUB.

Until February, when this year's vote will take place, the ASEWU plans to educate the students about the project.

They will explain where the money for the project comes from, how it will affect students, what the new features will be and why students should care.

"It's going to cost us if you want a new building as far as space, accessibility, new computers and new food vending goes," said ASEWU President Dahir "D.J." Jigre. "Whatever the case may be, that you need right now, that the PUB does not have, it is already incorporated into the new PUB remodel."

To get the word out, the ASEWU is partnering with other student leaders from the various organizations at EWU. They will be all over campus, attending various events and handing out fliers, trying to get students involved.

They want students to be the spokespeople.

"If it's going to be a student building, if it's going to be a student project, then it should be done through students' voices," said Jigre.

In the past, the executive vice president's role has been focused around the council meetings, but not this year. Hargrave is going

to concentrate on helping the other ASEWU members accomplish their goals.

"I want to be someone people can come to for help," said Hargrave.

Abbey Madison, head of ASEWU student activities, also wants to be someone people can rely on. She said students can always come and talk to her and that she appreciates the feedback.

She is onboard for establishing more school pride.

"Too often I hear students say 'It's just Eastern,' as if we are some subpar runner-up," said Madison. "We may not be a gigantic university, but that's what makes it such an amazing experience. It's a big enough campus to offer hundreds of ways to be involved, but small enough to personally know your professors and find your niche easily."

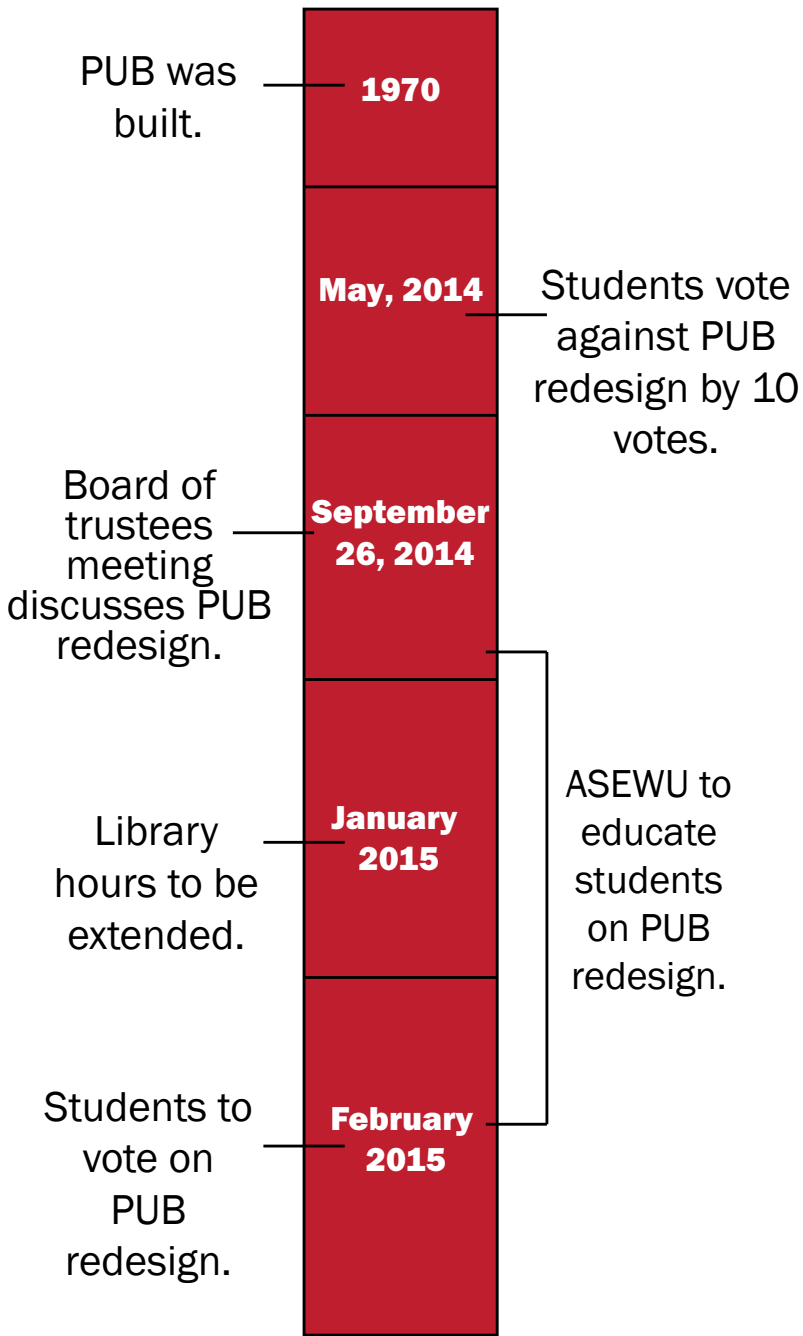
Madison's personal goal is to help new and returning students get further involved in the university, going beyond academics.

This year she plans to advocate for clubs and organizations on campus, making sure they have the opportunity to be known and successful.

Jigre and Jorge Garcia, ASEWU diversity outreach representative, share a personal ambition for the year:

"If it's going to be a student building, if it's going to be a student project, then it should be done through students' voices."

D.J. Jigre
ASEWU President



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The 1972 Pence Union Building was constructed around brick and cement foundations.

The Need

"The Pence Union Building (PUB) was built in 1970. It was based on the architectural trends and prevailing union models of the time, with cast concrete and brick walls, small windows, and discrete private areas to accommodate small groups of students. Food service was unavailable initially, with residential students eating in Tawanka. In 1995, an addition to the union nearly doubled the size adding more open space and making possible the addition of dining, as well as computer labs and more meeting space. The two phases were joined and the entrance reconfigured. However, no significant renovations were made to the original facility.

While the current PUB has the appropriate square footage to accommodate the EWU student population (based on national standards), it has a number of design deficiencies that limit student use and enjoyment, and more than \$10 million of repair issues (roof and mechanicals) that put the integrity of the facility at risk. Furthermore, the PUB is situated at the crossroads of significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic, with students traversing a busy parking lot, main street, and bus station in order to gain access to the academic core of campus and the union. This renovation seeks to address all these issues."

Information contributed by PUB Redesign at <http://www.ewu.edu>

‘Guardians’ summer flick solid, not exceptional



CHRIS MUDD

Easily the biggest blockbuster of the summer, “Guardians of the Galaxy” is Marvel Studio’s latest chapter in the comic book movie franchise bonanza.

I ended up seeing the film several weeks after its initial release, fully expecting a more or less dead crowd. I was pleasantly surprised by a full audience, even on a matinee show. Whether or not that should be accredited to the summer vacation season or to the quality of the film as a whole is debatable, but I’m not complaining either way.

Guardians is a pretty solid film, although I wouldn’t describe it as an exceptional movie by any stretch. It certainly fits the formula comic book movie blockbuster and doesn’t deviate from the tried and true.

Still, for all its predictable plot points and action set pieces, I came out of the film with a pretty positive vibe. There’s nothing wrong with having fun with a movie, even if the whole film itself isn’t a magnificent piece of art.

Chris Pratt delivers a relatively funny performance considering the somewhat lackluster script,

although I think calling what he did acting might not be particularly the case. He’s more or less the same guy he’s been in “Parks and Rec” over the years. Still, if your personality is marketable, more power to you.

The tone of the film is perhaps the most frustrating thing, as it doesn’t seem to be able to decide how seriously it wants to be taken. In some scenes the dialogue is witty and snappy, only to be followed by sad piano exposition scene. The only character I ever cared about during the entire film was the protagonist, but none of the others felt fleshed out enough for me to invest any interest in.

I expected a certain level of campiness from James Gunn, who also directed films such as “Slither.” He’s certainly got a niche, but I felt his style was somewhat limited by the Marvel franchise. I can’t help but wonder what he would have done without being limited to a PG-13 rating.

With a summer record setting domestic box office revenue topping \$246 million, it’s no surprise that this is the movie everyone was talking about.

Still, despite all of its faults, “Guardians of the Galaxy” is an enjoyable, albeit predictable, good time and well worth seeing at least once.



Illustration by William Hayden



Photo by Laura Jones

EWU marching band’s brass line up for a football game.

Marching band caters to the crowd

By REBEKAH FRANK
staff writer

At every home football game, the Eagle Marching Band strives to get students, faculty, fans and players pumped up.

Eastern’s marching band assistant director Patrick Winters said the marching band works very hard to make Eastern fans ecstatic on game day.

The marching band begins their practices a week before school started at a band camp.

Winter said the week-long band camp goes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. When school starts, the band practices from 1-3 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This year there were about 100 students at the camp.

“Those kids are all doing that on a volunteer basis, they spend a week with us all day and night and all that preparation, and they all come in early before classes which they don’t have to do,” said Winters. “Our season goes all year. Not the marching band, but then they transition into one of the concert bands, the jazz program or orchestra.”

EWU marching band director Don Goodwin said all that preparation is not necessarily for the football players, but for everyone in the stadium too.

“Most of what we do is geared around making that game day experience more fun and more energetic and more team spirit and all that stuff. We don’t directly talk with the football players all that much... but we do have a great relationship with all the athletics,” said Goodwin. “Coach Baldwin came in and talked to the band and visited with us during band camp.”

Even though the band does not communicate a lot with the football players, they are still connected to them as support. The band makes it their goal to be uplifting during the games no matter the outcome.

“It is a lot more fun for us when they are winning. We hope that we affect the outcome of that too. We make a joke that the marching band is probably worth 7-10 points every game,” said Winters. “We feed off of one another. They do great and

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Higher education fosters balance

By ALLA DROKINA
staff writer

When someone is a student in addition to being a parent, juggling stops being an act and becomes a survival skill.

Student-parents are juggling every aspect of their lives doing their best to maintain equilibrium for themselves, their families and their futures. There are various resources available on campus to help student-parents achieve that goal.

Teresa Messenger, student and mother, appreciates the Helping Ourselves Means Education program available on campus. The HOME program offers scholarships for child care expenses, free pizza and reading nights and a Christmas program. According to the EWU website, HOME defines itself as a networking program for low-income and non-traditional student-parents and maintains a resource referral database.

Messenger became a student at EWU two years ago after a divorce. She came from a family of educators and realized she too felt the call to be a teacher. So she enrolled in EWU, while enrolling her son into the Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program.

“I took that opportunity to start fresh and try something new,” Messenger said. “There’s other people who have done it, why can’t I?”

According to Linda Loomis, director of EWU’s Children’s Center, there is room for only 24 preschool students in ECEAP. ECEAP offers education, nutritious meals, health screenings,

free preschool services and family support services to eligible families.

The Children’s Center at EWU and Noah’s Ark are the only two authorized daycares in Cheney at the moment.

The Services and Activities committee at EWU also provides a discount for the Children’s Center solely for student-parents.

There are families where the tasks and schedule can be divided between both parents while one or both of them is at school. Such is the case with Courtney Sollars, a first-year dental hygiene student, mother of three, and manager of the Townhouses at EWU, Eastern’s family housing.

Seven weeks after her youngest was born, Sollars received a startling diagnosis: cancer. It was then she realized she did not want to waste another day going to a job that she was not passionate about.

Upon returning to school, Sollars enrolled her youngest in the Children’s Center as well as ECEAP. Her husband helps her balance family life and school. This is also the third year Sollars has been cancer free.

“I am incredibly organized and I have a wonderful support system at home. My husband is amazing and plays Mr. Mom during the week and my kids are pretty darn super about checking

their chore charts for what needs to be taken care of,” Sollars said. “I am also not afraid to ask for help and I feel like the luckiest girl in the world to have such great families in our complex who step up to help when needed.”

There are two Facebook groups within the Cheney area made for mothers looking for community: Cheney Moms and EWU Moms Who Bond.

Messenger says that the support she receives and gives comes in all shapes. Help ranges from one mother pickling up another’s children to babysitting them.

Although tangible support and services are crucial for students with children, some parents may be lacking emotional support.

For those who find themselves in need of emotional support, EWU has Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) available in Martin Hall 225. It offers a Family Matters workshop and group which were specifically developed to help student-parents.

“As a counselor I believe strongly in the benefits of counseling and I also believe in reducing the stigma around counseling. You can come to counseling just because you want to increase your understanding,” EWU counselor Melinda Ovnicek said. “This is a resource

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Eastern pushes on-campus living

By SHAWNTELLE MONCY
staff writer

As broke college students, finding the best deals is essential, but enjoying these college years is also essential. The choice to live on or off campus varies with what each student looks for in that college experience.

Eastern Washington University supplies various student services on campus that are just a short walk away from the dorms, such as the library, computer lab, Writers' Center, math lab and many others.

"The access to student services, the staff that is dedicated to student success, the abilities to be more involved and connected to campus, those things an apartment can't offer," said Eastern's chief housing officer, Josh Ashcroft.

This fall, EWU required incoming freshmen to live in the dorms as a requirement.

"We made this decision for overall student success," Ashcroft said. "There is research that supports that students that live on campus their first year are more engaged, do better academically, are more likely to graduate and go to graduate school."

Before this new rule came into effect, many freshman students chose to live their first year of college in the dorms in order to have the full college experience.

"I wanted the true college experience in the dorms," Kira Johnston, a new sophomore student at EWU, said. "I don't mind sharing a bathroom or kitchen."

The process of placing students in the right dorms with the right people is well-thought-through to give the best overall experience for students and ensures their success.

Most dorms are separated by students' interests and majors.

snyamncut is marketed to students interested in computer science and engineering, Pierce is geared toward EPIC, Dressler, leadership and exploration. Streeter

houses the arts and global connections and Brewster contains mostly transfer students. "Our purpose is to kind of build what I like to call 'a family of Eagles,'" Ashcroft said.

There are some exceptions for freshmen to not live in the dorms, such as medical issues, living with their parents or if they are married, according to Ashcroft. Other than that, freshmen must live in the dorms for a full

year, but other students can choose to move out of the dorms.

There are many benefits to living on campus, yet after the first or second year, many students choose to live in houses or apartments. The three most popular being The Grove, Eagle

Point and Rock Springs, according to Ashcroft. "All of my amenities like laundry and a bathroom are in my house," Lexi Cooper, a sophomore at EWU, said. "I like having my own room to myself."

Whether living on campus or off campus, all EWU students have full access to EWU's student services. "When you live in an apartment, you go to classes and you just go home most of the time," Ashcroft said. "You're less likely to come back and utilize the services Eastern provides and get more involved."

"But there are some skills to learn with renting an apartment, like how to manage your money and regulate utilities," Ashcroft said.

According to Ashcroft, the estimated price to live on campus is about \$6,174 for a single (one person) room and \$4,977 for a double room (two people), for nine months. This price includes utilities, internet and television. Off campus average costs of living is about \$7,404 for a one bedroom and \$5,316 for a two bedroom for 12 months, this does not include utilities, internet and television.

Some students may like their personal space and independence, and others may like to have all EWU resources just a walk away.

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Josh Ashcroft
Chief Housing Officer

Campus police provides safety resources

By REBEKAH FRANK
staff writer

According to EWU Campus Police officer Robert Schmitter, the EWU police offer many services in an attempt to serve the Eastern community the best they can and earn the trust of the Eastern students.

"We do service calls, so a lock out, a vehicle jump or a safety escort. So if you are on one side of the campus or the other or you are down at Brewster and you need to get back, and you don't feel safe, you can call and an available officer can give you a ride," said Schmitter.

Schmitter said one of the hardest parts of being an officer is the lack of trust between the police and students.

"Like anything, you've [got to] build trust. We have a disadvantage because police are enforcers, so a lot of people aren't comfortable with the police. So we have to break those barriers down."

One way the EWU police intend to break down those barriers is showing the students at Eastern that they care.

According to Schmitter, the police want to help students as much as they can, especially freshman.

"We have a lot of people that are fresh out of high school, leaving home for the first time. It's a big culture shock. We understand that," he said.

According to Schmitter, alcohol abuse is the biggest issue the EWU police see on campus.

"One of the big issues for safety, for us, is alcohol. It seems to tie into a lot of our assaults, a lot of our harassments or disorderlies. People are young and they want to have fun," said Schmitter. "We have to address the safety issue."

Schmitter, and the rest of the EWU police, would rather a student call the officer help line than try to get themselves home if they have been drinking.

"If you're out, and it's either jump in a car with a friend, or walk home where you can get hurt we'd rather you give us a call, and I would rather you get home safe," said Schmitter. "Are we a taxi service? No, but we'd rather you get home safely if you made a poor choice and got yourself in a situation where you can't find yourself a ride home."

Eastern also offers EWU Alerts to students, parents and faculty on both the Cheney and Spokane campuses. Alerts are sent out via text, email and more when there is an emergency or safety situation on campus.

According to the EWU Alerts website, "During an emergency situation, EWU Alerts is the quickest way for you to find out information and to take action."

Another way the police help make the EWU campus safer is with the Code Blue Lights, which are 911 call stations around campus.



Photo by Tanner Streicher
Code Blue Lights emergency station.

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Downtown businesses accept Flex

By SHAWNTELLE MONCY
staff writer

Students take up a majority of Cheney, but few stores off-campus choose to accommodate to EagleFlex. But there are some that do that are located right off campus.

Located on F Street there are Owl Pharmacy and the Hoot Boutique, which both accept flex. Owl Pharmacy is one of the more popular to accept Eagle Flex cards because they have anything from school supplies to prescriptions.

"We get quite a bit of students in here every day that use their flex cards on lots of different things," Kevin Olson, an Owl Pharmacy employee, said.

Also located on F Street is The Mason Jar Café and Bistro. This is a very popular place for students to do their homework, meet for lunch and maybe attend the Cafe's music sessions on Thursday nights.

"We try to accommodate to the students as best we can," Douglas Labar, an employee of The Mason Jar, said.

Just a few blocks down, located on First Street is Imperial Styling, a nail and hair salon which also accepts EagleFlex.



Cheney locations that accept flex vary.

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Heading the opposite direction, still located on First Street is Mitchell's Harvest Foods, a grocery store and gas station that also accepts flex.

Also very popular to college students is Rosa's Pizza,

which accepts EagleFlex and delivers free for students.

Other places that accept EagleFlex are Creative Touch, Bruchi's Cheese Steaks and Subs, Carl's Jr., Domino's Pizza, El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant,

Rokko's Teriyaki, Subway and ZIP's Drive-In.

When looking for a place to spend your EagleFlex money, keep these off-campus places in mind, most are just a walk down the street from campus.

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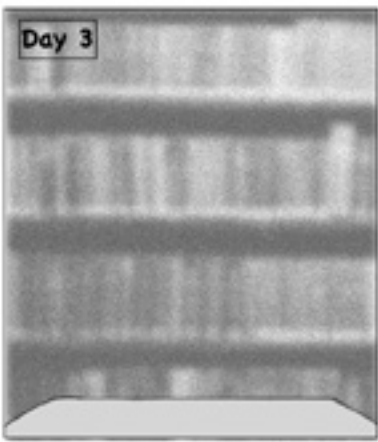
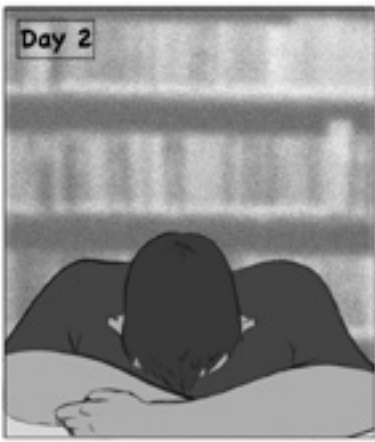
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found according to GU’s statement. All campus buildings were cleared around 10 a.m. that day as safe for re-entry, according to GU’s statement. “Those kind of threats do exist, and number one we take them very seriously and we take your safety very seriously and we [have] to respond accordingly...” Gasseling said. A male called in the threat via a cell phone, according to SPD’s official blog.

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“They’re universal, which is why it’s a blue light. Just push the button and it calls 911 direct. It has a 50-foot radius for sound, if you’re in trouble and you’ve gotta keep moving, push the button and start talking,” said Schmitter. EWU Pearce Residential Life Coordinator Brock Sieb said, “It is important to have the blue lights easily accessible on campus because they provide the means to receive help if someone on our campus is in need, and they are a visible reminder of the university’s commitment to safety,” said Sieb. EWU Residence Hall Association (RHA) Treasurer Pandora Meyer said the RHA office is working with the EWU police to walk around campus and determine the less lighted areas where additional security may be needed. Meyer said the EWU police did this last year as well and determined some sites in need of more security. “One of the main concerns [last year] was the arts and theater complex because there is not that much lighting and it can be eerie to walk by yourself at night,” said Meyer. Meyer said this year she hopes the walk will extend beyond the blue lights and into street lights. She said walking down by Brewster is always a little unnerving. “There are parts that are dark, maybe we can get the city to put in lights down that way,” said Meyer. Meyer also said how much she appreciates the efforts of the EWU police for making the campus as safe as it can be. “I love the safety and the opportunities,” said Meyer. Schmitter would like to remind students that the EWU police offers a self-defense class for those who are interested. Schmitter said a lot of what the police do is educate, which helps a lot. He also suggested that students report all crimes and thefts. “Maybe I won’t catch them if you call it in, but it gives us patterns so we know where to focus our resources. The URC was a huge problem for theft, and we showed that through our stats, and the school got better cameras,” said Schmitter. Meyer said her favorite part of the EWU police is how friendly and willing to help they are: “I know there have been times I have worked late nights for RHA and all I have to do is call them and they come get me.”

At the time the threat was issued, students were told to exit the buildings and return to their residence halls. They were then instructed to stay in a room with the door and windows closed. GU student Lindsey Johnstone said, “I just woke up and [my friend] had texted me to stay inside my dorm room with the door and windows closed.” She woke up to a text alerting her of the threat, rather than receiving an alert from the university itself. She said other students heard about the threat through social media applications like Yik Yak and Twitter. “They

should have knocked on all our doors or our RA’s should have all emailed us. They didn’t email us until hours after the threat,” Johnstone said. “[The Gonzaga incident is] a good exercise for people to realize that we are an open campus, and these kinds of things can happen,” Gasseling said. The Emergency Response Procedures are located online on the Campus Police webpage of the EWU website. Gasseling highly recommends signing up for the EWU Alerts System. To register for the free service, visit ewu.edu/alerts.

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we get jacked up, we play loud and hopefully they get jacked up.” Goodwin said that although they play some traditional songs, they are going to change some things this year. “We used to play Thriller right at every touchdown, we are not doing that anymore. Of course the fight song is the one you can always count on. Right before our offense comes on the field, we always play the Imperial March from Star Wars,” said Goodwin. Winters said one of the things they are changing is the visual aspect of the band. “One of the cool things we are really excited about this year as a new innovation is establishing a color guard. So we have a flag line now, which we haven’t had in more than 10 years. So now we are on the field with a bigger production ... the visual aspect should be a lot better,” said Winters. EWU junior Robyn Bowled is one of two drum majors in the band, who also conducts the halftime show. She said her favorite part of the marching band is the relationships she makes with her fellow band members. “It’s fun, it’s a sense of family for me. We all get so close, and section by section you start goofing off,” said Bowled. “It’s a really good college experience because you have

all these people that are into the same exact thing as you, and it’s a togetherness thing.” EWU sophomore Amanda Tow, who is one of the marchers and in charge of the uniforms, she said she likes the physical tests they must overcome. “It’s hard and a challenge, but it is fun too. You get a good workout,” said Tow. Bowled said she also enjoys the achievements and growing as musicians with her band friends. “The fact that every time we finish a rehearsal we accomplished something more, we’ve improved, we’ve gotten better people, have become better musicians, better marchers and we are all a lot closer after every trial that we faced and conquered,” said Bowled. Winters said auditions are always going on and they are always accepting new members. He also wanted to stress that auditions are open to all students. “The marching band is made up of music majors and nonmajors...at least about a third of them are not music majors,” said Winters. Even with the diverse areas of interest amongst the members of the band, they all know how to have fun. “We are just a bunch of big goof balls that just like to be all nerdy. We are goofing around, having a good time and making new friends. I think that’s the best part about it,” said Tow.

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been really cool, and they’re all very solid players and definitely an asset to our team.” However, there are struggles and trials facing them along their journey as scholar-athletes, said Howe. “Golfers have historically been amazing students and the past couple of years we’ve dropped a little in our GPA. There will definitely be a bigger presence in Study Hall this year,” said Howe. “On the golf course, this might be the most talented group I’ve

had in my 6 years. The odds are slightly stacked against Eastern’s golf team with the new recruits earning experience and with Eastern fighting tougher schools like Washington State University and Portland State University. However, according to Dodge, their potential for success this season is great. “I’m excited to see what this year holds and to see each of my teammates improve. We love this game and are out there every day working to be better competitors and teammates,” said Dodge.

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they are challenging everyone to wear their Eagle gear on a certain day every week. No official day has been chosen, but they have considered Wednesday because of the shared letter with EWU. “I feel like as a student body, our students don’t embrace that we’re here,” said Garcia. “For some people it might not have been their first choice, but they’re

still paying for tuition.” The challenge is to show more school pride than Garcia, who boasts that he has a lot of Eastern gear. “Be prideful,” said Jigre. “Be the person that says ‘You know what? I go to Eastern.’ Wear what you are. You shouldn’t be afraid to be representing your university and taking pride in saying ‘This is the institution that I belong to, and this is where my future success is at.’”

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many people won’t be able to utilize once they leave college. I strongly encourage folks to come and dabble in it.” For parents who want to return to school but feel apprehensive and intimidated, Sollars is all encouragement.

“You can do it; there are people and resources here on campus that are here to help,” Sollars said. “Don’t sit on your dreams, reach for them.” To read the full feature story on students mentioned in “Finding a Balance,” visit EasternerOnline.com

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Knock on wood, Rockwood

By JASMINE KEMP news editor

This summer I spent most of my time at doctor’s offices figuring out why my hand and wrist I broke in April wasn’t healing. Then I get slapped in the face with a letter from my healthcare provider, Rockwood, saying my sensitive information might have been compromised. But it’s okay apparently, because I get a full year free to use a service that helps protect my identity. Just another site asking me for personal information. The letter said there was a security breach involving Community Health Systems Professional Services Corporation, a company based out of Tennessee, “which provides management, consulting and information technology services to [Rockwood] Clinic.” Rockwood’s letter also assured me that the intruder involved in the security breach was mainly looking for intellectual property. So look out The Easterner, some nerd who constantly plays League of Legends might scour the paper for new ideas for that super awesome game they’re designing on RPG Maker. I am more concerned that my information is sent cross-country. Behind the receptionist’s desk, I see all these files and binders. Are those just decorations? I understand technology is important, but I’d feel more confident if electronic files were managed locally. Because Rockwood is partnered with EWU, my Eagle Card is scanned over and over and put into the system. I guess not paying a co-pay is a fair exchange for my sensitive information to travel to a place that’s probably never heard of EWU. If this kind of information was managed in Spokane, those managing it might understand the people who are inadvertently relying on their service. Rockwood should make it stupidly clear about how they manage people’s information. I’ve gone to Rockwood Clinic my entire life (I wish I were exaggerating), and not once did I see information or disclaimers regarding this. A letter about my possibly compromised information should not be the time I learn about the company managing my files. I lived in ignorance thinking it was all done on site. Sure this company patched up the security issues, and I thank them for doing their job, but I’m not comfortable knowing that people in Tennessee know me, when I don’t know anyone from Tennessee. Shop local, they say; send your sensitive information cross-country, they don’t say, but probably should.

Obama hopes to use passive resistance against ISIL

By LARRY TY HOLMES opinion editor

President Obama addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York City, New York on Sept. 24 regarding several issues, but there is one that rings clear for us. Obama asked for help in solving Russia’s involvement in Ukraine, Ebola, nuclear weapons, extreme poverty and carbon emissions. With the little things out of the way, the president got to the heavy tasks of addressing, explaining and planning against the violent extremism in the Middle East. This is the one point that EWU students should meditate, debate and act upon. Speaking to the assembly, he gave reasons for all countries to harbor peace and to give cooperation. Addressing terrorism, Obama made it crystal clear that people, either religious sects or political groups, cannot be divided if they want to overcome violence. Using al Qaeda and



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ISIL as reference points, the president explained what these groups truly are. “But in this century, we have faced a more lethal and ideological brand of terrorists who have perverted one of the world’s great religions.” The president elaborated that those who couldn’t attain power through legitimate means only use terror. This sticks an explanation on the people that have been recruiting impoverished children and students in universities. They are the same people who are tied to terrorist groups in the Middle East; these people are also a small part of the Muslim world. Obama wanted to reiterate that America is “a respectful and constructive partner” and not a country that is occupying. Transitioning away from hard facts about terrorists and their sickening scare tactics, the president gave two plans to fight terrorism. The first plan Obama addressed was the obvious violence-for-violence world initiative. This doesn’t need an explanation on what is intended to suppress a minority group consumed with hate for everyone else. The second plan the president pushed for and addressed to young people

was a personal initiative. This is to destroy the ideology of ISIL and al Qaeda “if it is consistently exposed, confronted, and refuted in the light of day.” President Obama gave examples of individuals coming together to weaken ISIL and al Qaeda by passive actions. The need for Muslim communities to denounce ISIL’s ideology as “hiding behind a false Islam” to the young British Muslims who started the Twitter campaign, #notinmyname. The president gave other means to weaken terrorist groups, but this is where the issue rings for all college students. We shouldn’t act upon stereotypes and ignorance. Instead, we need to be educated on the facts of terrorism and the history of the Middle East. With this we should support the destruction of ISIL and al Qaeda but keeping in mind exactly who we are trying to stop, as well as why. The name ISIL has been discussed several times by many countries and there have been proposed variations for a new name to reduce the power that can be gained by calling them a “state.” Recently, the French government has come up with a brilliant name that sums up and weakens them in one word: Daesh.



Illustration by Lauren Campbell

Foreign Prime Minister Laurent Fabius said, “I do not recommend using the term ‘Islamic state’ because it blurs the lines between Islam, Muslims and Islamists. The Arabs call it ‘Daesh’ and I will be calling them the ‘Daesh cutthroats.’” This word is the equivalent of a cuss word in Arabic and is similar to another word, which means to trample down or crush. Daesh is the perfect name to use.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reduction in budgets could cause increased tuition costs for students

In light of the Governor’s recent request for state agencies to plan for a 15 percent reduction in their budgets, I have sent a letter asking for his support in keeping higher education affordable by proposing a budget that does not make cuts to higher education funding. Analysis shows that a 15 percent reduction could result in a 26 percent increase in tuition over the next two years, an average of about \$3,000 at Washington’s research universities. We have worked hard to stem the tide of rising college tuition by implementing the state’s first freeze on college tuition since 1986 and continued the freeze for the coming school year. A lack of commitment by elected leaders and accountability on the part our institutions of higher learning has functioned like a tax on our middle-class families and students in the form of skyrocketing tuition. Our work these past two years to freeze tuition has meant more opportunity and affordability for students in our state. For years higher education funding has been used as a piggy bank to offset funding reductions in other areas of the budget. As we work through the budget process and policy proposals, it is important to hold the line on higher education funding. In this year’s supplemental budget, we demonstrated that we can hold the line on tax increases and invest in higher education without raising the cost of tuition. It’s simply unfair to balance the budget on the backs of middle-class families and college students struggling with debt.

By Sen. Barbara Bailey
10th District, Oak Harbor, Washington

Inactions and actions by Cathy McMorris Rodgers diminish vote

Cathy McMorris Rodgers voted against a bill to help both college students and active service members. “HR 2669 - Student Loan Lender Subsidy Cuts and Student Grants,” increases Pell Grant amounts and reduced interest rates on new subsidized Stafford loans to undergraduate students, while offering service members loan payment deferment for up to 180 days after demobilization. Cathy also claims to support American businesses, which conflicts with her vote against “H Amdt 1012 - Prohibits Federal Agencies from Contracting with Businesses Chartered in Bermuda or in the Cayman Islands.” Someone who claims to support American businesses would not vote against a bill aimed at protecting American companies from those who exploit the system to avoid paying taxes by offshoring business income. It seems that Cathy McMorris Rodgers is counting on voters having an incredibly short attention span to get re-elected. Congress now has a lower approval rating than the English Crown during the Revolutionary War. This Congress has also been the most unproductive in our nation’s history, yet voters keep voting for the same do nothing politicians every year. I for one will hold Cathy McMorris Rodgers accountable for her actions and inaction’s. I will be voting for Joe Pakootas.

By Marlo See
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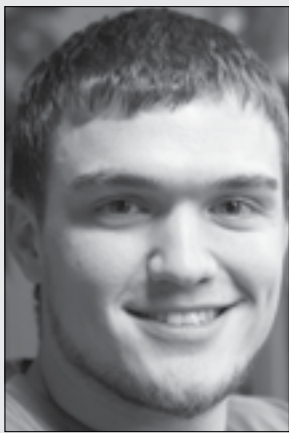
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“Yes, becasue it is one of the top 20 worst buildings in the state.”

Collin Kupers
Senior




“I don’t think it needs to be remodeled, but it would be appealing.”

Anna Kelly
Freshman



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Eagles conference in lead of title

BY SAM DEAL
sports editor

After a slow first half, the Eagles football team was able to find their groove in the third quarter, scoring three touchdowns to secure a win in their Big Sky Conference opener at University of California, Davis.

With only three offensive possessions in the first half, the Eagles went into halftime leading by a score of 9-7; it was the Eagles lowest offensive output for a single half all season.

The second half was a different story, where Eastern scored 21 straight points on three consecutive possessions to start the third quarter.

Quarterback Vernon Adams had a bounce-back game after struggling in last week's win against Montana State University.

Adams Jr. led the team with 2 touchdown passes and 303 passing yards.

The passing game was effective, but with last week's Big Sky offensive player of the week running back Quincy Forte out with a shoulder injury, the team was left needing a player to step up in the running game.

Senior Mario Brown came up big for the team rushing for 84 yards on 12 carries and 1 touchdown. "I just work hard, come in everyday and make plays when my number gets called," said Brown

The game was played at a different pace than Eastern has been accustomed to, and the team gained only 475 yards of offense, well below their season average of 590.5 yards per game.

"We are going be in these types of games. This felt a lot like certain games in the playoffs we've had," said Baldwin.

Even with the score disparity, the game was a good early test for the Eagles, who have already shown this season an ability to overcome early adversity and are now off to a great start in the Big Sky.

"Half of the [Big Sky] teams lost this week, so to be 1-0 is a big deal. In this conference it's hard to do, and I'm proud of our team for getting it done," said Baldwin.



Eagles defeat Wildcats



Savannah Hoekstra dives for the ball during the match against Idaho State on Sept. 28.

Photo by Karissa Berg

EWU beats Weber State after loss to Idaho State

BY ELOHINO THEODORE
senior staff writer

The EWU soccer team competed against conference rivals Idaho State University and Weber State University on Sept. 26 and 28.

When the Eagles first faced Idaho State, they fell to the Bengals 2-1 in double overtime. Head coach Chad Bodnar explained how the Bengals challenged the Eagles throughout the match.

"They kept working, second half they responded well," Bodnar said. "Maybe a little unlucky on our part, but you've got to grind and find a way to win those games and that's kind of the hump we've got to get over."

Eastern had a 1-0 lead early in the match. Freshman forward Chloe Williams scored Eastern's only goal by a pass from freshman forward Savannah Hoekstra in the 18th minute.

EWU's defense held Idaho State without a goal for 80 minutes. Soon after Eastern's defensive effort, the Bengals' sophomore midfielder Katherine Roberts would score a goal to tie the match in the 79th minute.

The match went into overtime where both teams played head to head to force a second overtime situation.

Towards the final two minutes of the second overtime period, Roberts scored Idaho State's game-winning goal to give the Eagles a heart-breaking fourth loss of the season. Eastern's only goal for the game is added to Williams' goal total of two for the season.

Senior forward Cassie Black thought that Eastern could have pulled away with the win but couldn't focus throughout the entire match. "I thought on Friday we were definitely the better team," Black said. "We need to finish shots when we have them, we just let little mistakes keep adding up and it cost us the game."

Hoekstra had an assist in Eastern's only goal for the game

as well. She took two shots during the game offensively. Black took three shots offensively. The Eagles, as a team, outshot Idaho State 7-2 in the first half.

For the entire game, including overtime, Eastern's total shots accumulated to 14; Idaho State would finish with 16. Eastern had a total of four saves and six corner kicks, compared to Idaho State's six saves and five corner kicks.

Eastern bounced back and dominated Weber State by defeating the Wildcats 5-1. Hoekstra described how the Eagles were able to get such a commanding win against the Wildcats. "They're a very quick team," Hoekstra said. "So it's just a matter of pressing them and making sure that they can't play around us. But I think we got the hang of it."

The first goal was scored by

Weber State sophomore forward Lana Willard in the 11th minute. However, the Eagles would score to tie in the 28th minute from a goal by Williams.

The Eagles scored four more goals in the second half. Black scored two goals, sophomore midfielder Kiana Hafferty scored one goal, and Hoekstra added to the scoring with a goal of her own.


Eastern finished with 10 saves, 20 shots and two corner kicks, while Weber State finished with four saves, 18 shots and two corner kicks. With the win, the Eagles improve to 4-4 for the season and 1-1 in the Big Sky Conference.

With even more conference games coming up on their schedule, Bodnar explained how important the rest of the season will be. "That's what you play for is the conference," Bodnar said. "Those are the most important games and trying to find a way to get to the postseason is the biggest reason that you're playing."

Eastern will compete on the road against Portland State University on Oct. 3.

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Savannah Hoekstra
freshman forward




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Hockey foresees exciting new season

BY SAM DEAL
sports editor

A young Eastern Eagles hockey team is looking to have a bounce-back season with a revitalized roster and newfound commitment to the game.

“We lost a lot of returners but brought in 12 guys. Our rookies actually outnumber our returners this year. But it is actually better: the guys are a lot hungrier, our level of competition is way high,” said team president Austin King.

King, who has been with the team for four years, believes this is the most competitive team Eastern has had in his tenure.

The Eagles are looking to move on from last season’s team, which finished tied for last with just 17 points in the British Columbian Intercollegiate Hockey League (BCIHL).

“Competing 60 minutes and making playoffs are our goals [to] make sure we are in the hunt at the end [of the season],” said head coach Bret Kellogg.

Eastern is the only U.S. team in the BCIHL, with the rest of the teams from schools in British Columbia.

“We are playing against guys who, that’s their bread and butter. That’s what they played since they were kids, like our version of baseball and football. They have hockey, it is all they have,” said Kellogg.

The team can hold up to 26 players, and after graduating eight players last season, they were looking to revamp their roster during the summer.

The club held open tryouts Sept. 13-18, allotting opportunities for non-recruited players to make the team.



Photo by Anna Mills

Beau Walker steps in for face-off against an opponent in a club hockey game.

“We have recruits from all over, so they come in and the try outs are open. So anyone who wants to come can try out. You get a blend of everything and pick our team from there,” said King.

With open tryouts, the team has one returning walk-on and added another this year, proving that athletes who may not have been recruited can make this team.

“[This year] we’ve got a good group of guys,” said Kellogg. “The passion for commitment, everybody is so committed. We are a brotherhood, and everybody is in it for each other.”

The team hopes this new commitment to each other will lead to more success on the ice and showcase the excitement of hockey for Eagle fans.

Kellogg said people should attend Eagle games at the URC because “it is a fun and exciting atmosphere. It is a place where you can come with your friends and see the game.”

King echoed his coach’s feelings and believes that watching teams in BCIHL is a great way for newcomers to get into the sport.

“[The league] is really exciting, lots of action. It is really fast paced and really physical compared to most college [hockey], and that’s why we play in an all-Canadian league.”

The Eagles opened their season on Friday night with a 4-1 loss against Simon Fraser University. The team split the weekend series with a 5-2 victory at the URC Saturday night.



Photo by Anna Mills

Brandon Wilbert keeps the puck away from a competing player.

Eastern’s student-athlete freshmen look to make their mark

Young athletes balance life and sports

BY ELOHINO THEODORE
senior reporter

Adjusting to college life as a freshman is not the easiest task; student-athletes can accumulate high levels of stress during their first couple of years due to lots of responsibility.

Academics and athletics take up the most amount of time for any student-athlete. Redshirt freshmen football athletes Victor Gamboa, Nic Sblendorio, freshmen football player Terence Grady, golf athlete Kimberlie Miyamoto and soccer player Savannah Hoekstra all explained how their experiences are going so far at Eastern, both academically and athletically.

Hoekstra, who was honored on Sept. 23 with both the Big Sky Conference offensive player of the week and the College Sports Madness player of the week, is enjoying life at Eastern so far.

“It’s good because I’m living in the dorms and I’m close to everything,” Hoekstra said. “It’s different being away from home.”

Both of her player of the week honors stemmed from her performance against Colorado State University where she scored two goals to give the Eagles the win 2-0. Hoekstra has started in all six matches for EWU.



Photo illustration by Anna Mills

Savannah Hoekstra studies for a class.

While attending Eastern, Hoekstra wants to study nursing. As a student she wants to be able to dedicate an equal amount of time to each of her classes.

Grady, who plays wide receiver for the Eagles, is getting accustomed to life at Eastern as well.

“I love it, when I first got here I didn’t really know what to expect, especially when it came to football,” Grady said. “But, I’ve been here for a few months. Ever since I’ve got here, I’ve gotten acclimated to the system and everything. I love it;

it’s addicting, honestly.” Grady’s goal is to play in the NFL, however he has another plan if professional sports do not work out.

“I’m thinking about studying criminal justice,” Grady said. “Maybe going into some kind of like government agency field, CIA, FBI, DEA, something like that.”

Although both athletes were attending Eastern last

year, redshirt freshmen Sblendorio and Gamboa are currently competing for the first time this season. Both are finally experiencing collegiate competition.

“It’s good; it’s a lot slower this year,” Sblendorio said. “I got a good grasp on the offense now. I’m a lot smarter this year; I’ve learned from good leaders above me.”

“The players are a lot bigger, a lot faster,” Gamboa

said. “The speed is a lot faster too. When you’re out there playing, it’s more of like a mental thing. You’ve got to get your head right because everything’s moving so quick that you’ve got to know exactly what you’re doing.”

Sblendorio, who plays wide receiver, is currently leading all freshmen in yards per game on the football team with 19.5. As far as academics, Sblendorio is still searching for the right department.

“I’m undecided right now; after college [I’m] looking to get into coach-

ing probably,” Sblendorio said.

Gamboa, who is currently a defensive back for Eastern, is thinking about majoring in psychology. After college he wants to play football professionally. “My main goal is the NFL,” Gamboa said. “My back up plan is with psychology, I might want to become a child therapist or something like that.”

Miyamoto is currently fitting in at Eastern and is enjoying her new golf team.

“It’s been really great, I really liked all that kind of orientation stuff,” Miyamoto said. “It was kind of sad because I missed a few: I was traveling for golf. Eastern is really welcoming. The people on my floor, we all felt really comfortable and it was easy to adjust.”

Miyamoto is contemplating studying secondary education because of her admiration of leadership. She wants to be able to help students coordinate school events. She views secondary education as the right career path she wants to pursue.

While attending and competing for Eastern, these freshmen expect to learn new things and grow as well.

“One of the things that I want to be able to do is understand the system,” Grady said pertaining to football. “I want to get to that point where I don’t have to think so much about what I have to do.”

“I really want to learn how to manage more of my time because I was kind of bad at that,” Miyamoto said. “My goal is to just support my team and be there as much as possible and always participate in everything.”

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