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## EWU men demolish Sacramento State, fall to Portland



EWU basketball player No. 32 Bogdan Bliznyuk dunks the ball at the Eastern home game against Sacramento State. Eastern's winning title earned them a top position in the Big Sky.

Photo by Anna Mills

## Eagles remain first in Big Sky conference despite loss to Vikings

BY ELOHINO THEODORE  
senior reporter

The EWU men's basketball team competed against Sacramento State and Portland State at home for top positioning in the Big Sky conference.

On Feb. 12, EWU defeated Sacramento State in dramatic fashion, 64-61.

"We shot the ball really well from outside," said head coach Jim Hayford. "The other thing I'd say is because we've been a high scoring team all year, our defense has been called into question. And now this is three straight games where our defense has helped us win games."

"It's very satisfying," said senior guard Parker Kelly. "I think the mentality of this team is that we have long ways to go. We're definitely playing our best basketball right now; this is definitely a solid win for our program."

Eastern led by as many as 10 points in the first half and ended up leading by seven points at halftime, 31-24. The Eagles' defense held the Hornets to only 31 percent field goal shooting in the first half and 37.5 percent 3-point shooting.

In the second half, the Eagles went on an 8-0 run to lead 46-33 with 15:19 remaining. The Eagles soon increased their lead to 15 points, 54-39, thanks to a 3-pointer by Senior guard Drew Brandon at the 10:14 mark.

Near the end of the game, Sacramento State pressured Eastern with a flurry of full court press traps, which ultimately gave the Hornets easy baskets. Sacramento State cut into the Eagles' lead with a 3-pointer to be down only five, 60-55. Eastern led by only two with 1:35 remaining in the game.

Eastern senior forward Garrett Moon scored a crucial layup to put the Eagles up by four, 62-58 with 1:16 remaining in the game. Sacramento State guard Mikh McKinney made three foul shots to get the Hornets to within one, however Brandon ended up sealing the victory for the Eagles with two clutch foul shots.

Brandon explained what was going through his mind in the last moments of

the game.

"Obviously we should have taken care of the ball better," said Brandon. "It got a little frustrating, but I knew we could pull it out. We've been through situations like that; I just think we stayed together."

Brandon finished with 13 points, five rebounds and three assists. Sophomore forward Ognjen Miljkovic had 16 points, four rebounds and two blocks. Kelly had 15 points, six rebounds, two blocks and two assists.

On Feb. 14, the Eagles suffered their first home loss of the season to Portland State, 68-66.

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## Eastern prepares for possible reaccreditation from college commission

BY KATIE DUNN  
staff writer

EWU will be visited by six representatives and a liaison from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) between May 6 and 8 as part of an evaluation for reaccreditation.

Eastern held a town hall meeting on Feb. 11 to inform students and faculty about the process of becoming accredited with the NWCCU.

"This is about celebrating what we do well and finding out where we need to improve still," said Colin Ormsby, liaison between Eastern and NWCCU.

There are two types of accreditation, one is institutional and the other is programmatic.

Programmatic accreditation is for programs, departments or schools that are part of a college or university, like a law program.

Institutional accreditation, which Eastern falls under, means the entire institution is responsible for contributing to the success of the designated objectives, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The NWCCU has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education since 1952 as a regional authority on education quality and college and university effectiveness

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Colin Ormsby

Liaison of EWU & NWCCU

in the Northwest region, which includes Washington.

Since Sept. 1, 1919, Eastern has been accredited by the NWCCU, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

Without accreditation, Eastern would lose its ability to receive federal funding, would cease operating as a university and its students would lose all credit with accredited graduate study institutions.

The NWCCU changed from operating on a 10-year cycle to a seven year one, with a visit to the institution by members of the NWCCU still at the end.

Ormsby said to join and match up with the seven year cycle, Eastern had to go through the process in five years instead of 10, losing two years of time.

The presentation in Showalter auditorium addressed three core themes that Eastern has been working toward for the last five years: having stu-

dents engage in learning experiences, making an academic community that supports faculty and staff and furthering community engagement on a larger scale.

The presentation is available on Eastern's website for students who want to see it.

Eastern's progress report on the three core areas will be sent out to NWCCU by March 1, which will also be available to the students, said Ormsby.

Eastern has had difficulty in the past getting students and faculty to participate in a site visit, but everyone is encouraged to speak with the visiting NWCCU members, said Ormsby.

The report that the visiting members will write determines whether or not Eastern continues to be accredited.

"I think we are in a strong position to be able to say we will," said Ormsby. "We can take absolutely no chances and have to make sure that the site visit is as seamless as possible."

*The town hall presentation will be on the Cheney and Riverpoint campuses. For more information, and to find out how to attend, please visit <http://sites.ewu.edu/secureforms/2015-nwccu-town-hall-feedback/>*

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### Upcoming Events:

#### February

Feb. 19: **Africana Education Film:** "The Marva Collins Story" will be presented in 207 Monroe Hall at 3 p.m.

Feb. 19: **EWU Drag Show:** The annual drag show, sponsored by SAIL and Eagle Entertainment, will take place at the URC ice rink starting at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the EWU bookstore. Seats are limited.

Feb. 21: **Smile for Veterans:** The EWU department of dental hygiene and physical therapy are providing low-cost dental services and free physical therapy services to veterans at Riverpoint campus. Appointments must be made, limit 60. First come, first serve.

Feb. 22: **DUI: A Powerful Lesson,** a presentation on the deadly events that can happen when alcohol and driving are combined, starts at 2 p.m. in Showalter 109.

Feb. 24: **Tim Wise and combat-ing racism:** Wise, a prominent anti-racist essayist, educator and author will present in Showalter Auditorium at 11 a.m.



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**OPINION: Fifty Shades of Abuse**

"Fifty Shades of Grey" movie adaptation dresses up domestic violence as erotica, page 6



# Measles cases appear in Washington state

By KATIE DUNN  
staff writer

Washington is one of 17 states to have reported cases of the measles to the CDC, according to recent government reports. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 85 percent of cases in the United States are linked to the outbreak of measles in Disneyland in California.

On Dec. 29, a contagious traveler flew in from California arriving at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and flew back home the same way on Jan. 3, according to the Washington State Department of Health.

So far, Washington state has reported four cases of measles to the CDC.

The CDC identifies measles as a highly contagious virus that resides in an infected person's nose and throat mucus. The virus travels through the air from coughs and sneezes, landing on surfaces where it can live for two hours.

If a person breathes in the contaminated air, or touches the infected surface then parts of their face, they can become infected.

According to the CDC, 90 percent of the people close to an infected individual will catch the virus if they are not immune.

"I believe local residents should be concerned about measles, particularly if they are unvaccinated," said Dorothy MacEachern, lead epidemiologist at Spokane Regional Health District.

MacEachern said the state immunization registry and school records show there are many people in Spokane's community who are unvaccinated.

One way to protect the 10 percent who either have not been vaccinated, or who cannot, is through herd immunity.

Herd immunity occurs when a large proportion of a community is vaccinated, said Tricia Hughes, EWU director for Health Wellness and Prevention Services. This helps protect infants who are younger than 12 months, pregnant women, people going through chemotherapy or anyone who has reported allergies to the vaccine.

"The vaccination rate for measles in herd immunity would be 95 percent of the population, so we're not quite there," said Hughes.

Symptoms of measles can occur between seven and 14 days after a person is infected, and the CDC reports that a person infected will begin to have a high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes.

Washington residents are also facing potential infection from another disease:

the mumps.

During fall 2014, a mumps outbreak started at the University of Idaho and since then, two people from Washington state have caught it, The Seattle Times reported.

Mumps also spreads from person to person, usually in the form of mucus or saliva.

Both measles and mumps are covered in the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine.

"The MMR vaccine is a person's best protection against measles," said MacEachern. "If a vaccinated individual does develop measles, the illness is likely to be milder than in an unvaccinated person."

There are no laws in Washington state requiring college students to get vaccinated, but there are laws for younger students going into grade school, according to Hughes.

At Eastern, students are not required to have written documentation of immunization status, but the university encourages them to follow college health recommendations, which includes getting the MMR vaccine.

"Especially on a college campus it's important [to get vaccinated], because if you think about it, we have a lot of students in very close quarters whether they are living in the resident halls or they are attending classes," said Hughes.

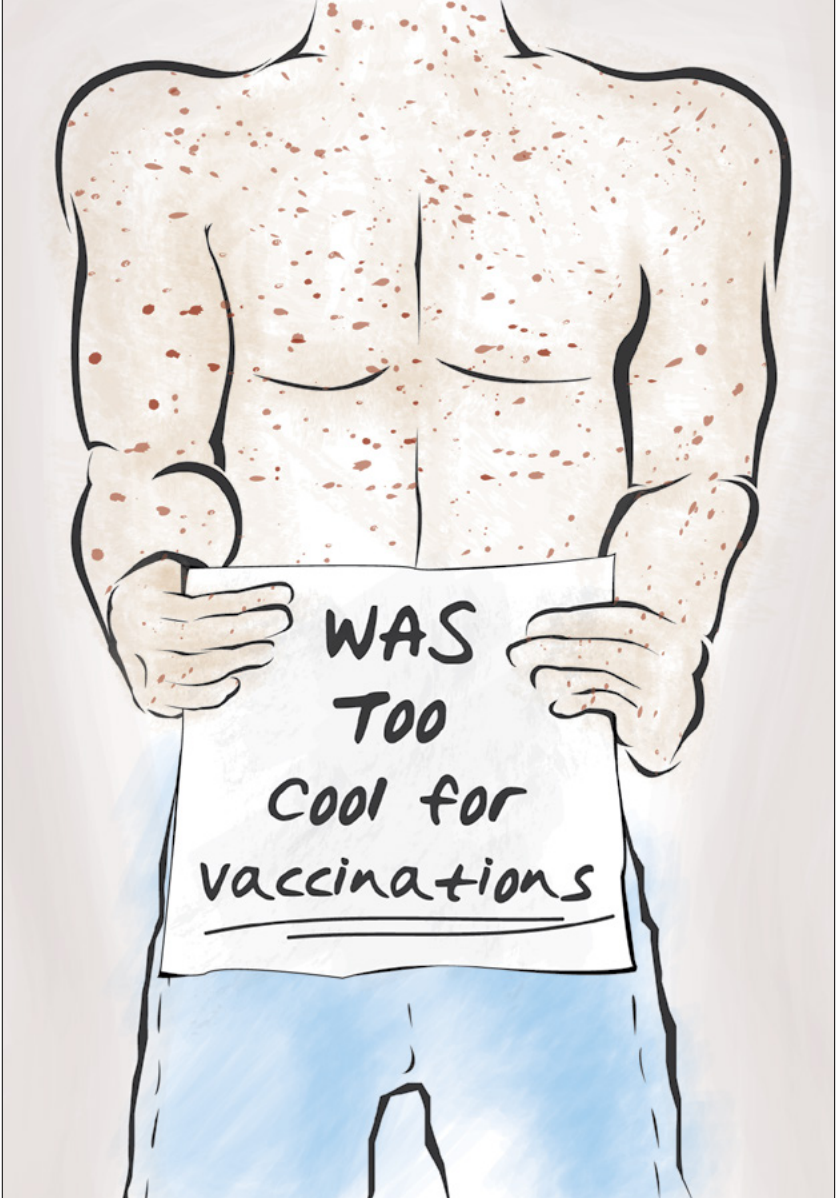


Illustration by William Hayden

# Senate bill may allow state to gamble on fantasy sports leagues

By ALEX MILLER  
staff writer

With the 2014 NFL season in the books, winning members of fantasy football leagues are looking to cash in on their success, but having money riding on a fantasy game is technically illegal in Washington state because it is a form of online gambling.

States like Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana and Montana have a similar law. This means anyone living in those five states that have money riding on the outcome of a fantasy sports game is committing a felony.

The website for the Washington State Gambling Commission states, "For Washington state residents, all gambling on the internet is illegal, including all types of sports betting."

Although no one has been prosecuted, Senate Bill 5284, a bipartisan bill being campaigned for by Eric Pettigrew, D, Seattle, and Pam Roach, R-Auburn, would place fantasy sports games as games of skill.

"Our state sees fantasy football as a game of chance — a felony crime. Congress has long considered fantasy football to be a game of skill. My bill will change the state's definition," said Roach.

Roach is not trying to promote gambling in Washington, as she said, "We don't want to expand gambling [because] that's not what this bill is

about. What we want is for our laws to mirror what the federal government has said."

To mirror the federal laws on online fantasy betting, Washington state law would have to recognize fantasy sports as a game of skill, not chance.

Chris Stearns, chairman of the Washington State Gambling Commission said, "In most states, the fact that you've spent all this time pouring over stats and making your own spreadsheets, that's the skill part, and that weighs most heavily."

Washington is not one of those states, but it could be soon if Senate Bill 5284 is passed in the next election.

"This is about allowing people to do fantasy sports without being concerned of doing something illegal," Pettigrew said.

However, students who have money riding on fantasy sports probably are not aware that what they are doing is illegal.

Rodolfo Cruz, an EWU junior, said, "It definitely did [surprise me to find it was illegal] because everyone does it. Betting makes the whole

season much more competitive. You put more effort into your team knowing you can win money and bragging rights."

Cruz said he thinks it could be illegal because, "Fantasy sports are pretty popular with kids. The reason why it's illegal is so kids don't gamble all their money away."

Despite being illegal in some states, betting on fantasy sports online has become a popular hobby in America.

The popularity of fantasy sports has risen with "33 million people playing fantasy football each year" according to Forbes' magazine. There are also special programs on the NFL network that highlight just fantasy statistics, and

"The League," which is a television show about a group of people who play fantasy football.

"The explosive growth of fantasy football is rooted in the ability for fans to feel a special rooting interest in a team of players that they have selected," according to Forbes. "Americans spend an estimated \$800 million annually on all fantasy sports media products."

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**Pam Roach**  
R-Auburn

# Arévalo honored with emeritus status

By MIKE HANTHO  
staff writer

Former EWU president Rodolfo Arévalo received emeritus status on Jan. 30 during a board of trustees meeting.

According to EWU Policy 401-05, the current procedures for awarding emeritus status were adopted by the EWU board of trustees on Dec. 3, 2013. Emeritus status is awarded to individuals who have held office or were full-time professors and were eligible for retirement under the provisions of university and state retirement plans.

"Criteria for awarding emeritus status are excellence in teaching, intellectual contributions and service to University, College and Department throughout the candidate's career at the university," according to the EWU Policy.

Richmond Landoe, a senior Engineering student at EWU, said Arévalo was able to bring positive changes to EWU during

his presidency. Landoe said Arévalo was able to perform well as EWU's president, had great work ethic and noted he was one of two presidents to receive emeritus status at EWU.

"He fought to keep tuition rates from rising to make school affordable for students," said Landoe. "He did a pretty good job [as president]."

Trustee James Murphy, a retired Spokane area superior court Judge, told the board that emeritus status is a reflection of the achievements of a nominated professor or president and does not hold any financial benefit.

Arévalo was Eastern's 25th president and served from 2006 to 2014, and was involved in higher education for a total of 42 years. During his time as president, Arévalo's supported school projects such as acquiring a new residence hall, installation of the red turf on Roos field and guiding the universities' athletic programs to new levels.



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FEATURE



Illustration by Lauren Campbell

Local university partners promote career fair

**BY ALLA DROKINA**  
*staff writer*

Over 105 employers have signed up to meet at the 21st annual Partnership and Employment Career Fair to provide students with an opportunity for success in a career field.

The Partnership and Employment Career Fair is a partnership among EWU, Whitworth, Gonzaga and WSU Spokane held at the Spokane Convention Center Feb. 25 from 2-6 p.m. No prior registration is required.

“It’s pretty unique to have four universities combine resources, and the benefit for Eastern stu-

dents is that it attracts major employers,” said Shannon Turner, career adviser at EWU.

Employers who will be present encompass a broad variety of career fields including engineering, criminal justice and education. Among those present will be KHQ, the CIA, Numerica Credit Union and STCU.

According to Turner, certain employers are willing to conduct on-the-spot interviews with students they deem qualified.

“They’re there with the potential to make a job offer,” said Turner.

Although not every student gets interviewed right away, building a connection is a step

to attaining an interview.

“We have EWU students that get jobs and internships out of this every year,” said Turner. “We’ll see people that receive interviews two or three weeks out of the event, but they have made initial contact with that interviewer [at the event].”

When Bryanna Sparks arrived at the Partnership and Employment Career Fair last year as a senior and communications major, she was still unsure of where she would work after graduation.

After meeting employers at an Enterprise Rental Car company table, Sparks received an interview with the company and was

able to a secure a position with the Seattle-based location before graduation.

While several of her friends were preparing to keep searching for work after graduation, Sparks had peace of mind knowing she had that portion of her life figured out.

Now, Sparks is in training for a management position at Enterprise and is able to work her way up.

“Every job fair is what you make it,” said Sparks. “Make sure you’re prepared.”

Sparks listed professionalism, readiness and enthusiasm as key characteristics that em-

ployers look for in students.

Turner suggested that students arrive in professional clothing with polished résumés in hand. She also recommended bringing a folder to tuck in business cards and other paperwork.

“I would think of this as your first interview,” said Turner. “Why not make an impression?”

For students who need assistance with their résumés, Career Services is offering Résumé Blitz, an on-the-spot review, on Feb. 18 from 2-4 p.m. on the second floor in Tawanka Hall.

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Blue in the Rink game raises funds for autism charity



Photo by Anna Mills  
Eastern hockey players wore blue jerseys for the autism charity game at EWU.

**Students attend EWU autism awareness event, provide thoughtful perspectives in response to charity hockey game**

**BY ARIEL KIMBLETON**  
*staff writer*

Over Valentine’s Day weekend, both men’s JV and varsity hockey teams played a benefit game to raise autism awareness.

The event, called Blue on the Ice, had the players on both teams, as well as the teams from the rival schools, wear limited-edition, blue jerseys.

With a suggested donation of \$1 at the door as well as a silent auction for a limited-edition jersey, all proceeds raised went to Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological disorder that affects social interaction and communication, in terms of understanding social cues or being able to convert ideas into speech, making daily life more difficult for those afflicted.

In the United States, it is esti-

mated that 1 in 68 children will be diagnosed with autism, with 3.5 million Americans currently living with the disorder.

The disorder is often diagnosed in children and toddlers, during the early developmental period, when the symptoms are more pronounced. Symptoms of ASD in infants and toddlers include differences in communication — for example, babbling, unusual gestures, odd vocal patterns — as well as aggression, tantrums, repetitive behavior, self-injury, or limited focus of interest in a given activity.

“Autism is far more common in boys than it is in girls,” said Dora Sherman, an EWU junior who’s 14-year-old brother has autism. “My brother was diagnosed late, when he was 8 or 9 years old. We knew since he was 4 that there was something different about how he interacted with everyone. We assumed it was behavioral, until he was finally diagnosed.”

Sherman’s family has previously applied for Ben’s Fund, a grant through FEAT, which provides financial assistance to families who need help paying for the treatments involved with ASD.

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EWU Condomania presents safe sexual health activities

**BY NATHAN PETERS**  
*managing editor*

As Eastern wrapped up its annual sexual health awareness week, Condomania proved to be a hit once again. The yearly, three-hour event focused on activities that promote and educate safe, sober and consensual sex.

The event was held in The Roost lobby where tables with activities were spread out in a wide circle. There were additional tables downstairs where attendees could learn how

to properly put on condoms, at the event: Spokane AIDS Network, Planned Parenthood and Lutheran Community Services. The Spokane Aids Network offered quick-result HIV testing during the event. The other partners had booths explaining and educating students on the services they provide.

The name of the event, Condomania, was purposeful — the

*“It’s important for students to know about safe sex and how it doesn’t just affect one person.”*

**Kylee Welch**  
EWU student

name serves to remind students about contraceptives. Director of Health and Wellness Services Tricia Hughes said a survey was conducted resulting in a good number of students reporting they had not used a contraceptive during their last sexual encounter.

Not only was the event informational, but free items, condoms for example, were given away.

Health and Wellness Services intern Jahtia Benton said, “[Students] should come next year because they need to know about their sexual health.”

REVIEW

Zelda: Majora’s Mask 3-D a profound portable game

The 3DS remake of the popular Nintendo 64 game “Zelda: Majora’s Mask 3-D” is the single greatest game I’ve played on the portable system, and is arguably the greatest game I’ve ever played.

When the original “Majora’s Mask” was released in 2000, reception of the game was mixed. While the game itself wasn’t bad, the mechanics and tone of the game were a dramatic shift from the usual Zelda formula. The entirety of the game took place within a confined amount of time, as the moon is set to crash into the planet in three day’s time. This created a sense of dread that some considered out of place in the Zelda universe.

The three-day time constraint forced players to manipulate time through various time mechanics that left some players confused.

The time elements have been tweaked slightly in the remake, allowing players to choose specific moments in the three-day span to warp to when needed and no longer requiring a complete reset of the time cycle to save progress. While the change certainly dumbed down the game a fair amount by reducing the tension, the sense of dread and doom remained, which were much more vital than the limiting time mechanics of the original.

Another change came in the form of the boss battles. All of the main bosses of the game have received minor to extreme gameplay overhauls, particularly in the boss of the first temple in Woodfall.

The original masks from the first game remained mostly unchanged, allowing the player to take the form of a



CHRIS MUDD

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TOY gift program packages treats and fun year-round

By ARIEL KIMBLETON  
staff writer

Since its creation in 1984, Dining Services’ Thinking of You (TOY) gift program has become an EWU tradition. The TOY program is available to serve students for the entire academic year, not just for large holidays. “While [the program] is mainly used to deliver gifts from parents to the students, we still do deliveries for gifts from other students for birthdays or other reasons,” said Jennifer Hopkins, an employee with Dining Services. “Our busiest time is around large holidays like Halloween or Valentine’s day.” These gifts are delivered for free, with the only cost being the food items themselves. All students or parents need to do is fill out an order form two business days in advance from the delivery date, and the rest is taken care of. “We have a student who makes the deliveries,” said Hopkins, “In fact, she’s on a delivery as we speak! Valentine’s Day keeps her busy.” For these large holidays, dining services offers special items in relation to the holiday that can be included in the deliveries. The featured treat for Valentine’s Day was six “Cupid Cupcakes,” which were freshly baked and individually decorated by dining services’ expert bakers. In addition to holiday specials, the TOY program offers year-round packages for various student needs, like finals survival kits and get-well-soon packages. Each quarter has a featured gift basket as well, like winter quarter’s “South of the Border” package, which included tortilla chips, Fritos bean and cheese dips, salsa and Hot Tamales candy. TOY gifts are a fun way for parents and friends to surprise students with thoughtful gifts. They can be a welcome treat, especially during high-stress times like midterms and finals. Orders can be placed at the Business Office in Tawanka 120 or by calling 509-359-2540. For more information on the program as well as other gift items available, visit [www.edu.edu/TOY](http://www.edu.edu/TOY).

Paid internships for STEM students are beneficial

By HANNAH HASS  
contributing writer

Internships are extremely valuable to students, not just because they look great on a résumé but because students get to develop new skills, form bonds with mentors and really learn about their work beyond the classroom. For some students, a promising internship from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in Richland, Washington, might be just the ticket. Students taking science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) coursework can compete for a paid summer internship at PNNL. These internships last 10 weeks from June to August. As of the summer of 2013, interns are paid a stipend of \$500 and provided free housing. Benjamin Knox, an EWU graduate and graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, credits his summer internship at PNNL for inspiring him to pursue his current field of study. Originally from Richland, Knox applied for an internship with PNNL after a friend

told him of their summer internship at the lab. Knox decided to apply after learning that one application would put him in the running for several positions. While doing research on the biotechnological potential of fungi, Knox gained research and teamwork skills. Knox recommended that students take advantage of these internships because PNNL has a lot to offer. Knox explained in an email interview how his internship at PNNL has greatly impacted his current work. “Through research at PNNL, I discovered my love of research as well as a fondness for fungi,” he said. “If it wasn’t for my internship experience there, I’m not sure I’d even be pursuing a career in science.” According to Marisela Linderas-Mendoza, a staff member of PNNL, students from all over the world apply for these internships. Mendoza also said only a small handful of more than 900 PNNL interns have come from EWU. Judd Case, dean of the College of Science, Health and Engineering, provided a possible explanation for

the lack of Eastern students working at PNNL. “A lot of our exceptional students are very engaged in their own research here,” said Case. “They have other kinds of opportunities for the summer, and in some cases, it’s like, ‘Wow geez, my choice is having to relocate to the Tri-Cities versus I’m here, I’m doing a research project with a given faculty member’ or they may have another internship opportunity,” he said. PNNL offers a wide variety of paid internships from science to math to business. Students who are offered one of these internships will get a unique hands-on experience working at PNNL with top scientists doing actual research projects. Requirements for these internships vary a bit. Some require a GPA of 2.5 or higher while others require a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Students must submit a résumé, an essay explaining why they want the internship as well as unofficial transcripts. Applicants must also highlight classes which are relevant to the internship being applied for and provide examples of work they have done outside the classroom. Applications for summer internships will be accepted until the first week of March. For more information visit [www.pnnl.gov](http://www.pnnl.gov).



Graphic by Joseph Weeden

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water-skipping Deku shrub, a rolling ball of death as a Goron or an aquatic dolphin-man as a Zora. However, the speed of the Zora form’s swimming has been dialed back. This made controlling the swimming a bit easier, but the speed of the original is something I miss. For the most part, the game remained unchanged. What changes there were only enhanced the original experience, which to this day remains one of the most riveting and powerful gaming memories I have. If you missed the proverbial boat the first time around, pick this game up and strap yourself in. The doom of the mystical land of Termina is something you don’t want to miss.



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EWU internship coordinator Romeal Watson offers assistance to students who need career advice or résumé tweaking. Appointments can be set up with Career Services online through EagleNET or by phone.

Watson emphasized that the fair is not only for seniors and juniors, but can also be beneficial for freshmen and sophomores.

“With freshmen and sophomores, [attending is] extremely important because it gives them a chance to get an insider’s perspective about the industries that they’re interested in,” said Watson. “If you want to be a professional, the best way to do it is to talk to professionals and pick the brains of professionals.”

Watson encouraged students to ask questions and have an idea of what they want.

“Internships and getting a job, those are nice milestones into your academic experience, but what I would also say to students is to make sure whatever you do choose, you’re sort of thinking through what the end goal will be,” said Watson. “Who do you want to work with? What industries do you want to go into? What are things you actually like?”

According to Watson, students can think both practically and creatively when choosing a career.

“It’s OK to pursue industries you have a passion for that already entertain you,” said Watson. “If you like opera or fashion or exotic animals, those could be integrated into the work you could do.”

However, Watson does not dismiss practicality completely. He said sometimes students do have to accept seemingly arbitrary internships that could enhance their skills to get to their goal. He said most employers are looking for a legacy to pass down to motivated students.

“That’s sort of the quest for students: to either continue the legacies that have already been started or if they have a new take on [something] to introduce it to the world and see it through,” said Watson.

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“Even though we didn’t end up getting the grant, I’m glad that [FEAT] has it available for families in need. It’s a good charity. I’m happy it was picked for the hockey game,” she said.

Many families who have one or more members dealing with autism might find it hard to pay for treatment. The cost of autism services in the U.S. alone is \$236-262 billion annually. For families who cannot afford the extra costs of treatment, learning programs, or therapy, there are charities, like FEAT, that have grants available for them.

“I’m glad the hockey teams picked a more local charity for their event. At many autism awareness events, you see that the donations are going to corporate run charities like Autism Speaks, where not all the money is going to research or awareness,” said Shaylee Farnam, an EWU junior whose 13-year-old brother was diagnosed with autism at age 3.

FEAT of Washington is a non-profit organization, based out of Bellingham, Washington, which provides a variety of services for families who have children and teens with autism. As a statewide resource for autism support, FEAT offers behavioral analyses, an early-learning centered program, skill groups and respite for


teens, Ben’s fund — a statewide--autism grant — and a family support hotline.

“I think FEAT’s hotline is an amazing resource,” said Farnam. “Many families don’t have anyone else to talk to about [autism] with who would understand what they are going through.”

EWU men’s varsity and JV hockey teams are no strangers to charitable fundraisers. In addition to this event, they also do an annual Pink in the Rink benefit game in October for national breast cancer awareness month. While autism awareness month is not until April, this event is a sign that awareness for any disorder is always a relevant cause.



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EDITORIAL

PUB remodel questions unanswered

The PUB remodel has been creating more questions than answers. While it’s true a remodeled PUB would create more appeal to incoming students and give EWU a more impressive image, there are still questions as to why the PUB is the chosen target and not other buildings on campus.

We know the PUB was chosen in lieu of academic buildings due to funding — academic buildings have to be funded by the state, whereas the PUB and other student buildings can be funded by students. However, the question still remains why a building like the PUB, which is more or less functional albeit old and occasionally labyrinthian, needs to be completely remodeled when many of the residence halls seem to be falling apart at the seams.

The most obvious answer would seem to be marketing. Student union buildings are one of the first buildings prospective students see on any college campus, and having an attractive student union certainly isn’t a negative. But functional dorms are arguably more persuasive for freshmen — especially with the new requirement that first-year freshmen live on campus.

The tuition add-on to pay for the PUB remodel isn’t exactly small, and since most current students won’t be at Eastern long enough to reap the benefits of their forced contribution, there really isn’t much to convince us to vote for it. It may sound self-ish, but when you’re counting pennies to buy coffee, an extra \$65-69 per quarter, or \$189-207 per year, can be daunting.

One solution that might take some pressure off the students to pay extra would be to have dining services foot a portion of the bill. Dining services would be gaining a lot from a new PUB — more, and potentially better, food options, for example. Perhaps if dining services were able and willing to help pay for a new PUB it could help with students being more open to the remodel.

Ultimately, a new PUB isn’t inherently something we want to turn our noses up at, but when it’s going to cost us so much for something we won’t even get to see completed, and that money could be spent in other places for a similar boost in marketability, it doesn’t quite seem worth it.

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‘Fifty Shades’ evokes violence

By ARIEL KIMBLETON  
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Control freak. Stalker. Intimidating. Demeaned. Debased. Abused.

These are actually how the protagonist in “Fifty Shades of Grey,” Anastasia Steele, described the romantic interest, Christian Grey, and how his actions make her feel. To me, this reads like a pamphlet about abusive relationships.

A young woman about to graduate from college, Steele is targeted by the rich and intimidating Grey seeking her to become his sexual submissive. Once she gets to know him better, however, he tries to assert his control over her outside of their sexual relationship.

Real life women who are in the same situation often end up on the run for years, in a women’s shelter or dead.



Kimbleton

“Fifty Shades of Grey” is portrayed by the media as an erotic novel about a BDSM relationship. BDSM is a sexual relationship that incorporates bondage and discipline; domination and submission; and sadism and masochism. While there are components to the typical BDSM relationship that some might argue is the submissive asking for abuse, there are preventative measures, such as safe words, that are supposed to be in place to prevent non-consensual violence.

In “Fifty Shades of Grey,” Steele becomes very distraught after the BDSM encounters in the red room of pain. In a typical BDSM relationship, the dominant will take care of the submissive after the fact by showing them affection, to try and combat any psychological damage that might take place. Grey outwardly refused to show Steele any affection after their encounters, leaving her feeling humiliated in many circumstances.

Outside their sexual relationship, many fans of the book argue that Grey truly loves Steele, and the way he is during sex with her

is just his fantasy. They believe that this makes up for the way he treats her. The idea that his love for her means he is sorry for how he’s abused her is classic manipulative behavior shown by the abusers in abusive relationships to try and justify their actions.

According to the Red Flag Campaign, a national movement that seeks to educate about and prevent abusive relationships and domestic violence, there are several red flags that show signs of an abusive and violent relationship. One of the big ones is that the abuser will try and control their partner, telling them where they can go and who they can see.

This happens in “Fifty Shades of Grey” more than once. Grey gives a contract to Steele that he continuously tries to manipulate her into signing. One red flag is that the contract makes it so she cannot leave the relationship unless he gives her permission.

While contracts are not unheard of in the BDSM community, when they have guidelines about their partner’s life outside of the sexual relationship, that’s when

it becomes an issue. When Steele refuses to sign, Grey gets upset with her and tries to manipulate her into feeling bad about letting him down.

The media is trying to portray “Fifty Shades of Grey” as an unconventionally erotic and romantic film, when it is actually the story of a naïve young woman who lacks self-confidence becoming the target of a powerful and intimidating older man who puts her under a contract to serve as his sexual servant.

The movie not only glamorizes violence against women, but says that this type of violence and dehumanization is OK and should be embraced.

Instead of supporting this message, I urge everyone to not spend their money on seeing this film. There are better ways to spend your money that don’t promote fetishized abuse.

Instead of seeing “Fifty Shades of Grey” in theaters, even out of curiosity, use that money to help others by donating to a woman’s shelter or crisis center.

Anti-vaccination movement detrimental to our public health

By ZOË COLBURN  
opinion editor

Somehow in recent years a movement that had more or less gone by the wayside has come back full-force. For whatever reason, it’s once again become at least borderline-popular not to vaccinate your children.

Anti-vaccination crowds cite everything from the mercury content in vaccines to the age-old claim that vaccinations cause autism as reasons to avoid them. However, a little research will likely quell whatever fears crop up from the mercury content. And regardless of the fact that the study that linked vaccines to autism is garbage and the doctor who ran the study lost his license, if the thought of an autistic child is really scarier than a child dying of a preventable disease, you should probably take some time to meditate on why exactly that is.

According to the FDA, only five of the 31 available vaccines for children under 6 years of age have even trace amounts of thimerosal, the mercury-containing organic compound found in vaccines.

“Not too many [vaccines] do [use thimerosal] anymore; that’s pretty old school,” said Bradley Fillmore, instructor of Human Anatomy and Physiology. “But, yes there is that risk. Not too many do, because pharmaceuticals know that that’s a dangerous thing and you don’t want to wound your child, that’s where the emotion comes in is, ‘I’m doing this to protect and yet you made my kid even worse.’ That is very rare.”



Colburn

A short Q&A article on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website states, “However, since 2001, no new vaccine licensed by FDA for use in children has contained thimerosal as a preservative and all vaccines routinely recommended by CDC for children younger than 6 years of age have been thimerosal-free, or contain only trace amounts of thimerosal, except for some formulations of influenza vaccine.”

The CDC also mentions that since that time there were no notable decrease in instances of autism in children, “indicating that the cause of autism is not related to a single exposure such as thimerosal.”

However, even if a child were to develop autism, ADHD or any other developmental disorder because of a vaccine, the fact would remain that they would still be alive and unlikely to contract any number of fatal diseases.

As a person with ADHD, I can honestly say I would much rather have to handle my ADHD than smallpox or measles or death.

“Yeah, there’s risk,” said Fillmore. “There’s been some kids get polio from the polio vaccine. Yeah, one debilitated child is not OK, but the risk of getting it and having my kid guaranteed be a cripple? Yeah, I might play the odds. Everybody has to be informed.”

In the end, vaccines have been around since 1796 and are constantly being improved upon. Even if they aren’t perfect now, even if they’re never perfect, the fact remains that we no longer have to fear dying from diphtheria or typhoid or smallpox or any other disease that was a large concern for our ancestors.

To give up on health for fear of autism or some governmental conspiracy or whatever other risk is, to put it simply, pretty stupid.

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# Harvey and Nelson win scholar-athlete title

By ELOHINO THEODORE  
senior sports reporter

EWU basketball guards redshirt senior Lexie Nelson and redshirt junior Tyler Harvey are honored by the EWU Athletics Department as the Scholar-Athletes for the month of February, announced on Feb. 5.

Head men's basketball coach Jim Hayford gave credit to Harvey for his success academically.

"As great as [Harvey] is on the court, he's just as good in the classroom," said Hayford. "And we're really proud of everything that he's done as a student. So I'm really happy that [Harvey] received this award."

Head women's basketball coach Wendy Schuller explained the importance of academics and Nelson's success.

"[Nelson] represents so much of what our program is about," said Schuller. "[I am] extremely proud of her and all of the young ladies on our team for being such high achievers academically. Because in the end, that's why we're here is to be great students and get ourselves prepared for life with a college degree, and [Nelson] has absolutely done that."

Majoring in exercise science, Nelson currently has a 3.75 GPA. As a communications major, Harvey has a 3.60 GPA.

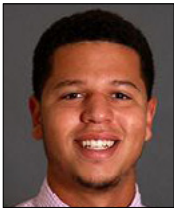
Nelson and Harvey have developed their own strategies to balance academics and athletics during the year.

"It's definitely easier now being a senior," said Nelson. "I've been through it for five years now, so I kind of know how to prioritize my time and also find out my schedule well to where during basketball I have a lighter [workload]."

"Coming in freshman year, you really learn how to balance academics with traveling and stuff like that, so once you get it down pat, it's pretty easy," said Harvey. "You just try not to procrastinate. You can do [school work] on the plane, on the bus, so you can find different ways to do [school work]."

The athletes have contributed much to their teams this month as well as during the rest of the season.

Nelson helped her team get a 4-0 start in Big Sky Conference play in the month of January. Nelson is averaging 15.7 points



Harvey



Nelson



Photo by Anna Mills

Venky Jois runs basketball against Sacramento State on Feb. 14.

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"As much as it hurts to lose, I think that we need to credit Portland State that they went out and won this game," said Hayford. "They played very well, they made a lot of contested shots. They executed their offense to perfection in the second half, or near perfection."

Eastern managed to get junior guard Tyler Harvey back from his quadriceps contusion. However, junior forward Venky Jois did not play due to a nagging ankle injury.

In the first half, the Eagles outscored Portland State, 32-26. Both teams shot similar field goal percentages. Portland State shot 39.3 percent while Eastern shot 38.5 percent for the first half.

In the second half, the difference in the game for Eastern were the large amounts of time that went by in the game without the Eagles scoring a bucket. The Vikings held

EWU to 37.9 percent field goal shooting in the second half. Eastern only shot 27.3 percent behind the 3-point line.

Hayford talked about the Eagles' lack of scoring in the second half.

"We really had a hard time for about eight-nine minutes in the second half offensively where we just didn't have some rhythm and flow and teamwork that I would have liked to have seen," said Hayford. "But, I'm really proud of how our guys battled back to get it to a one possession game there at the end."

Harvey finished with 22 points. Kelly had 14 points, four rebounds and two blocks. Miljkovic had 12 points while Brandon finished with nine points and six rebounds.

Due to Sacramento State losing to the University of Idaho, Eastern currently still possesses first place in the Big Sky Conference.

Eastern will go back out on the road to face Southern Utah University on Feb. 19.

## Tyler Harvey: 2014-2015

**Age:** 21  
**Height:** 6'4  
**Weight:** 185  
**Position:** Guard  
**Class Standing:** Redshirt Junior  
**Major:** Communications  
**Hometown:** Torrance, CA  
**High School:** Bishop Montgomery HS '11

- Awards:**
- February Scholar-Athlete of the Month
  - Oscar Robertson National Player of the Week Award from the USBWA
  - November Big Sky Conference Player of the Week Award
  - College Sports Madness Big Sky Conference Player of the Week

**Top Stats:** Nations leading scorer 23.4ppg  
**Career high game points:** 39 versus Weber St. 1/15





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Women's tennis team is 0-7 this season.

# Women's tennis splits pair of home matches

By BRANDON CLINE  
staff writer

The EWU women's tennis team split a pair of home matches, losing their first conference match of the season, 0-7, to Sacramento State University and beating Whitman College, 7-0.

Heading into the weekend with a record of 1-5, EWU had yet to play a conference match in the young season. The team welcomed the 13-time reigning Big Sky conference champions to town on Feb. 13. Sacramento State was 1-4 on the season heading into the matchup with EWU, but played a tough non-conference

schedule which included matches against Arizona and Nevada.

EWU's first doubles won the only match of the day for the Eagles, as the team of Janaya Smith and Katrina Domingo posted a 6-0 win over Sacramento State's first doubles squad. Sacramento State won the last two doubles matches, earning them the doubles point.

The Eagles dropped all six singles matches, two of which were decided by tiebreakers. In the fifth singles position, Domingo lost in a third set super tiebreaker, 1-6, 6-4, 8-10, and Chrissy Uriarte lost



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# Women’s basketball sweeps on the road



Tisha Phillips, No. 20, runs the ball down the court at the EWU basketball game on Feb. 14.

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## Eastern’s team wins in close game against Sacramento State and Portland State road games

BY BRANDON CLINE  
staff writer

Eastern’s women’s basketball team just keeps rolling. EWU won a nail-biter against Sacramento State on Feb. 12, and easily downed Portland State University on Feb. 14 to improve to 15-8 overall and 8-4 in Big Sky play. Sacramento State got the best of EWU earlier in the season, beating the Eagles, 73-67, on Jan. 17 at Reese Court, a game where EWU led by 10 points with under nine minutes remaining in the game. The tables were turned this time, though,

as it was Sacramento State who blew a second half lead, leading by eight points with under 12 minutes to play. Trailing by three points with 2:13 remaining, the Eagles scored six of the game’s last eight points to pull out an 80-79 win. The Hornets had an opportunity to take the lead on their last possession, but a block by Delaney Hodgins and a steal by Melissa Williams all but sealed an important EWU road win. Hayley Hodgins poured in 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while playing in all but one minute of the game. Hodgins’ 18th point of the

game marked 1,000 points for her career at EWU and is currently 16th all time in scoring in EWU women’s basketball history. Hodgins notched the first double-double of her career in the game as well. “I was very proud of our effort tonight. A number of players made big plays down the stretch both offensively and defensively,” said coach Wendy Schuller. “Jade [Redmon] came up huge a couple of times and [Hodgins] was all over the place and hit some big shots down the stretch.” The Eagles’ game against Portland State University was a much simpler game for EWU,

as they took the lead early and never came close to relinquishing the lead in a 77-63 victory, completing the road sweep. Trailing 5-6 early into the first half, EWU went on a 16-4 run over the course of six minutes to pull ahead 21-10, and the 11 point deficit was the closest Portland State would ever come to tying the game. Williams scored 20 points for the first time this season on 9-13 shooting, grabbing 10 rebounds as well for another double-double. “My coaches told me before the PSU game that they expected me to dominate inside the

paint, so I was just trying to do what I was told,” said Williams. “I had quite a height advantage over my defenders which allowed me to shoot over them, especially deep in the paint and off short jumpers.” Lexie Nelson, Hodgins and Redmon each scored in double figures, and freshman Marly Anderson scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds in 14 minutes off of the bench. EWU returns to Reese Court for their only regular season matchups against conference foes Southern Utah University on Feb. 19 and Northern Arizona University on Feb. 21.

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per game. Nelson’s career highs are 29 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and five 3-pointers made. Harvey helped his team earn a 7-1 record in January. This season, Harvey is averaging 23.4 points per game. His single game highs included 39 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists, four steals and ten 3-pointers made. Nelson and Harvey both explained whether or not challenges in academics affect their performance on the court and vice versa. “When I’m on the court, that’s all I’m really thinking about,” said Nelson. “It’s my time not to really think about academics or anything else, just focus on basketball. So it’s kind of nice to relieve your mind.” “When I come on the court, I try not to let anything affect me,” said Harvey.

“Sometimes, it’s hard to do that, but once you step on the court, it’s game time. You got to leave all that other stuff behind.” In addition to the Scholar-Athlete of the Month honor, both players have earned other awards. Nelson was named as one of the 30 candidates for the Senior CLASS award on Jan. 23. Harvey was the Oscar Robinson National Player of the Week on Jan. 6 and also earned the Big Sky Player of the Week in January. The two athletes had advice for other student-athletes who are balancing sports and academics. “Set a certain time out of the day to really do your homework,” said Harvey. “We’re all busy as athletes, so definitely dedicating a certain time of the day to get your work done and just sticking to that.” “I think you just got to prioritize your time, and sometimes you got to give up and sacrifice a few things you may not want to,” said Nelson. “But, you got to just know what’s important and what

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6-7 (2-7) in the sixth singles match. Smith, a freshman and slotted in EWU’s number one singles position, lost 4-6, 3-6. “I’m really happy with the effort that my team brought from start to finish, and that’s what we want, and we know we have to leave it all on the court, which everybody did,” said head coach Dustin Hinson. “Every match top to bottom was really close, and I firmly believe that we had a lot of opportunities to take it the other way in every match.” The team responded strongly though, winning every singles and doubles match against Whitman College two days later. Smith and Domingo paired up again in the first doubles spot, claiming their second 6-0 victory of the weekend. Freshman Rachel Swindell and sophomore Carolina Lopez won comfortably

in the third doubles position, posting a 6-2 win, while sophomores Erin Blessing and Dani Young scrapped for a 7-6 victory in the second doubles slot. In singles, Smith posted a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Jenna Dobrin, concluding a day in which she did not drop a game in three sets worth of action. “I played well today, I got a bit of confidence today that I was lacking and it feels good to go out there and play really well again,” said Smith. In the six singles matches combined, all Eagles wins, EWU won 73 games compared to just 24 for Whitman, while Whitman only had one set in which they won more than three games. EWU will have another home non-conference match on Feb. 20 against Grand Canyon University before playing five straight conference matches, the first against the University of Northern Colorado on Feb. 21 at the Jim Thorpe Fieldhouse.



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