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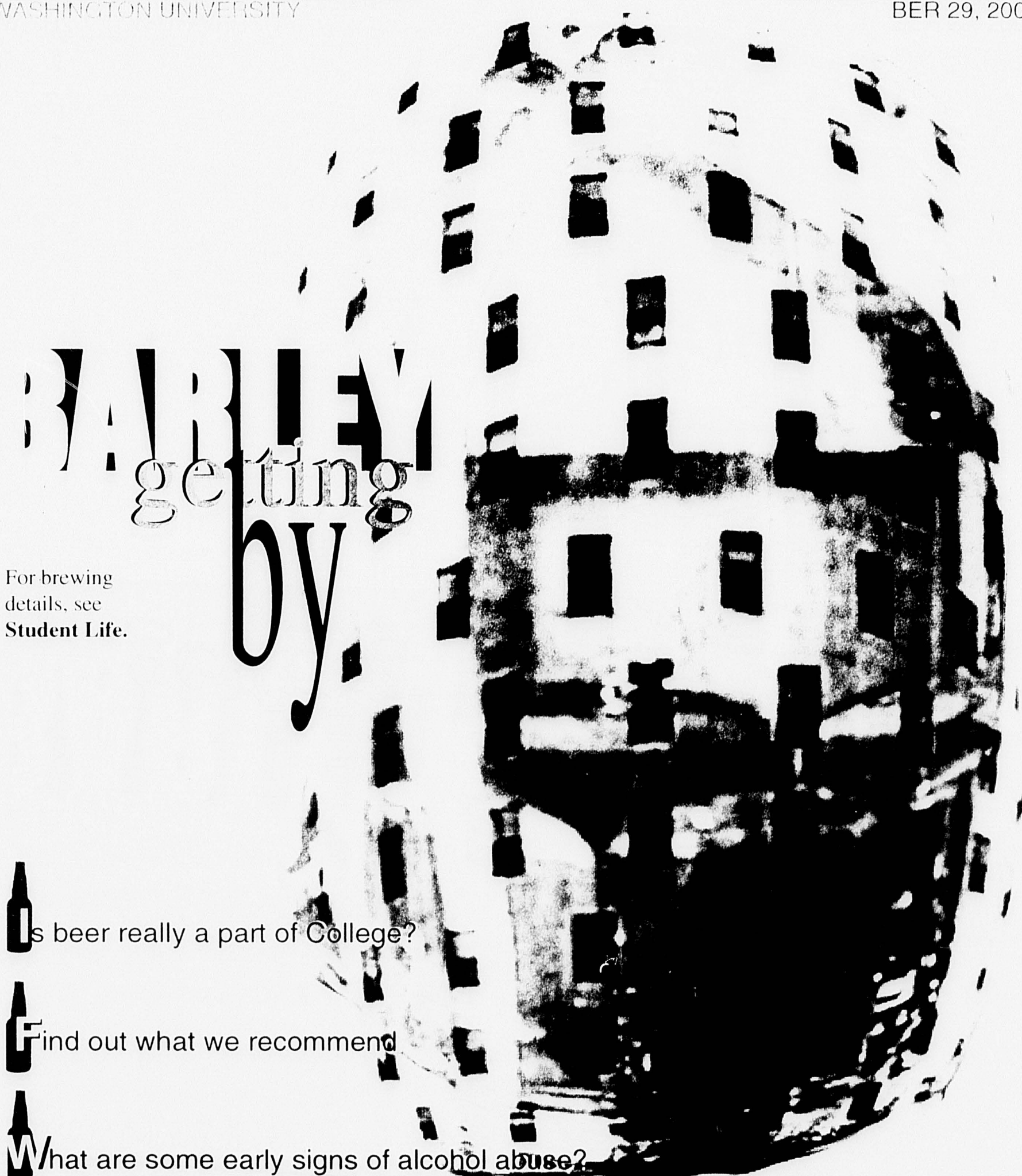
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Computer Science team takes first in state

Eastern's Computer Science Team placed 11th in the region out of 77 teams

Jason Kilburg
Reporter

Students and faculty within the EWU Computer Science department have considerable reason to feel proud. EWU placed 11th among universities in Washington state in the Association for Computing Machinery Regional Programming Contest (ACM).

"The ACM programming contest is an opportunity for our computer science students to see how they measure up against students at other colleges and universities. Clearly, the measured up well to many of the larger institutions in the western united states. Our degree is demanding and robust." said Tom Capaul, team coach, and lecturer in the Computer Science Department

The contest which was held simultaneously at EWU and DeVry Insitute in Fremont, California was attended by 39 different schools, contributing a total of 77 different team, 19 of those schools competed at the EWU site.

EWU entered two teams in the competition, each consisting of

3 programmers. The first team which placed 11th out of 77 teams consisted of Dan Haffey, Greg Fortune, and Shawn Zilbert.

The members of the second EWU team included Mike Henry, Coby Soss, and Javier Fernandez Ivern"

The contest primarily consisted of attempting to solve 8 programming problems in as little time as possible. "Generally speaking, you'll get anywhere from 6-8 programming problems. You have 5 hours to solve as many as you can." said Capaul, team coach and lecturer in the EWU Computer Science Department. "The ACM programming contest is more of a problem solving contest using programming because its not so much testing your skill in developing great programming code, its just getting it done as fast as you can get it done"

Students were required to solve problems using C++, java, and Pascal. Teams primarily consisted of 2-3 programmers and were permitted to use any type of non electronic references such as books, notes, or printouts of code. No electronic media including disk and calculators were permitted in the contest.

According to Capaul, the primary means ensuring success in such a contest is to have a broad range of knowledge in computer science.

"The problem set is supposed to deal with a variety of topics which come up when you're programming, and to expect to per-

form well in the contest you've got to have good knowledge of fundamental mathematics, including calculus and linear algebra. In terms of computer science you should have gone through data structures." Said Capaul

"The problems come from a variety of areas. Its good to know the operations of a compiler in terms of how the CPU processes things, what occurs with the processor cycle, and what goes on in the registers. Its tough to say there is anything in particular to be prepared for."

"In one of the problems students were given some HTML code and had to go back and look for specific instances of tags and do something with each tag. Another one dealt with encryption and decryption. That problem was actually written by our department chair, Ray Hamel. Another problem, was written by Timothy Rolfe in this department which dealt with issues related to graphing"

According to Capaul, virtually all aspects of the contest were coordinated through the EWU



▲ Computer Science students relax after placing 11th out of 77 regional teams in this year's ACM Programming Contest

chapter of the ACM.

"It was a big effort to put everything together. Packets had to be put together and everything had to be organized. Individuals in our ACM club put a lot of time into everything" said Capaul

"The network configuration was coordinated by James Lamphere, assistant administrator

for the Computer Science Department. He and his helpers did more for the contest than anyone. They were responsible for making sure the machines were set properly. They were in continual contact with the south site before

and during the contest. There are inevitably issues which come up during any contest. This year was no different. James handled them very well and the contest went very smoothly."

Capaul attributes the teams success primarily to the EWU Computer Science curriculum as well as the talent and dedication of the EWU team members.

"They're very bright individuals and dedicated programmers. They enjoy what they do and this is something they do for fun to see how they measure up to other schools. Our school measures up quite well."

Eastern students win creative writing award

Emilly Lynn
Reporter

"It was really exciting," said Elizabeth McLagan, one of the two winners of the 2001 Intro Award from this college. She, along with Betsy Wharton, had her piece chosen from approximately 50 entries this fall.

The Intro Award has three categories: poetry, short fiction and creative nonfiction, all of which have only four winners chosen

from each one. In order to have your piece of work nominated for the Intro Award, one of your teachers has to enter it for you because the contest is completely anonymous.

"It's competitive. It's an honor to be nominated," said program director John Keebl

Winners are selected based on a panel of knowledgeable people, three of which are selected to be guest editors specifically for the judging of this contest. There are

a total of twelve winners, all graduate or undergraduate students from colleges around the country. If your piece is chosen, you'll be able to have it published in a magazine pertaining to the genre your piece was entered in.

Wharton's piece was a creative nonfiction essay titled "The Rabbi's Grarage," in which she describes how she learned some valuable lessons from the people around her. McLagan's entry was a poem titled "Some Life," where the point of

view switches back and forth from a person to a dog.

Both winners are students of Eastern's Inland Northwest Center for Writers MFA program.

"I came to Eastern because of the excellent teachers," said McLagan who is originally from Portland.

Wharton, who just moved from Port Angeles, was unavailable for comment due to her trip to the east coast. Wharton's advisor, Christopher Howell, however, said that, "It [Wharton's essay] was one of the best

three out of the entries I saw." Howell, a Thesis Director for Eastern, saw many pieces of work that were brought to him by people interested in entering the contest, but had to choose only a couple that would actually be

Eastern was only one of three schools to have a winner in two of the three categories, something that hardly ever happens. What's even more amazing is the fact that both of the winners were from the same department.

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Latina club offers support to minorities

Jason Kilburg

Reporter

If you are a student without many friends and not much of a life outside of school, or if you are simply looking for an extracurricular activity with which to become involved, or a club to join, then the Latina Sisterhood (Mayaue'l Xochiquetzal Chihuapili) might be for you. According to Lulu Rivera, one of the founding mothers of the organization, "the club is deigned to provide emotional, academic and spiritual support for students, especially incoming freshman and minorities."

The club derives its unique name from the Aztec language, Nahuatl. The full name can essentially be broken down into 3 Aztec words, Mayaue'l, Xochiquetzal, and Chihuapili. Mayaue'l (My-uh-well), according to Aztec mythology, was the goddess of the Maguicy and the original bringer of love to mankind along with Quetecotl. Xochiquetzal (Sho-shee-kay-tzal) was the Aztec goddess of love and beauty as well as the patroness of marriage. Chihuapili (See-wah-pee-lee) was an Aztec noble-

woman and princess.

In addition to fostering "unity, honesty, love, and trust," the club strives to achieve the lofty goal of being the best support group for women at Eastern Washington University. The club attempts to accomplish this by means of providing an environment where each member is able to develop their potential to the fullest in addition to forming lasting friendships with other members. "The main idea is to have relationships and to have a better experience than what it may be," said Rivera.

The club routinely sponsors many diverse activities on campus. Most recently it organized the Hip Hop Fiesta, which featured a dance step show (routine dance show performed by members of fraternities). "We had six contestants and a battle free-style," said Rivera. The fiesta featured performances by many different organizations including a fraternity at WSU and EWU. "The goal was met—which was to bring diverse audiences to campus," said Rivera. "This is typical of the types of activities sponsored by the organization. We're going to bring diverse activities which include

minorities and which we feel are appropriate."

According to Rivera, the club recently produced a documentary entitled *Mis Quince Años: Intro to Womanhood*, a film about the Mexican tradition that celebrates a girl's 15th birthday, marking her passage into womanhood.

"All the multinational groups got together and we had a documentary. It was shown on November 6th at 3:30 p.m. in the Monroe Hall lounge which took place during a week-long event called *Diaz de la fuerza* which all multicultural groups participated in—when we will present it again, I'm not sure but it will posted when we decide to," Rivera said.

She also notes that the Latina Sisterhood was entirely responsible for the production of the documentary. "We did everything. The documentary was filmed by the club," said Rivera.

According to Rivera, the Latina Sisterhood is anticipating much future growth.

"We want to spread the club



▲ Members of the new Latina Club. The club is deigned to provide emotional, academic and spiritual support for students, especially incoming freshman and minorities.

to WSU and UW. We eventually want to become a national organization," said Rivera. The club is actively seeking new members. "What we're doing now is concentrating on recruiting new sisters. We're only allowing sisters to join

once a year during fall quarter" said Rivera. Membership is \$15 per quarter.

For information, visit the club website (<http://m-x-c.org>) or contact Lulu Rivera at ll_rivera@hotmail.com

Art club Open House set for Thursday

Cara Lorello

Contributor

What first began as a ceramic class's annual pottery sale is now looking to broaden into a formal university fine arts club for Eastern students. This exclusive development is new to the campus clubs and organizations list, and has been a staggering project now in its sixth year of development.

According to the club's founder, ceramics instructor Elisa Nappa, and its handful of members, the group is still struggling to get university support as an active club. But there have been a number of setbacks that have slowed down this process. Getting the word out to students has been one particular obstacle.

"We're an isolated set of buildings from where we are," said Nappa. "It's almost like we're in our own private little world out here. It was a challenge in itself just to mention that we needed flyers to be made for and approved for the pottery

sales."

This year, Nappa is hoping to attract a fair amount of eager, art-loving students to generate enough demand for the club to take off. But with only eight members present, not a lot of progress has been made to help publicize on campus. David Saling, a studio art graduate student, has been second in charge of the Art Club since last spring. Since then, he has been able to contact Stacey Brock and other university personnel in an attempt to gain university approval for the club despite the lack of people and publicity.

"What Stacey clarified to me is that a club has many advantages when they have the school's support," Saling said. "It means you'll have funding for your events, promotions, and all other things necessary. But if there isn't that support net, your club is basically dead and inactive. Right now, we'd like to move beyond that point."

In a nutshell, the Eastern Art Club's objective is to provide sort of an infor-

mal, free art class accessible to all. This means that membership is open to anyone who seeks a setting in which they may practice the art form of their choice in a group setting, while learning more about art in all forms through real experience and not textbooks. Nappa hopes to engage the club in a number of activities that will work to enhance appreciation and understanding of art on a worldwide scale. Examples would include putting on club displays and sales, traveling to local art shows and museums, attending art celebration events, and visiting professional art schools or colleges.

Most of all, the Art Club wants to promote its being open and available and that enrollment is not mandatory if someone wants to join.

"We are not a separate entity as a club. People interested ought to be aware that it's not required being an art student. Enrollment isn't what makes a club, it's the people in it who all share something in common," said Saling.

The first event this year being sponsored by the Art Club and department of galleries and exhibitions is actually not too far away for those wanting to get a chance at finding out more about the university's newest club development. On Thursday, December 6, an all day open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts building complex on campus. Students will be displaying original artwork, ceramics, candles, crafts, and sculptures. Items will also be up for sale and offer great holiday gift ideas for students who need creative ideas about what sorts of presents to give out this year. Best of all, there will be free admission all day and free refreshments available from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Because this event is the first official one of the year for the Art Club, members are anticipating that it will spark some interest among the greater half of the student body, providing that much-needed link to the rest of the campus that the Art department rarely receives.

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Free legal service could be on the way

Henry Gottsberger

Reporter

Students may soon have free, competent, legal representation if Student Council President Christian Shook has her way. Shook envisions students being helped by third year law students from Gonzaga. A similar program used to be run at Eastern but was discontinued in the mid 90s as it had been abused by some students. Shook is looking for ways to pay for the \$40,000 that Gonzaga has requested for this service.

Dr. Danny Pugh, Dean of Students, warned the council that they will soon have to make "difficult decisions" in regards to Service and Activity (S & A) fees. Dr. Pugh said with more groups (by his count, 20) asking for money, and less money to be given due to financial constricting by the state, the S & A fee may have to be increased. Said Pugh, "we're going to have to start looking at what we're going to cut."

A new ASEWU (Associated Students of EWU) Superior Court Justice was appointed. Shook was really "excited," mentioning that Christopher Kunz, the appointee, was a "great guy." Shook added that as a "transfer student who will be here for three years," Kunz is "really ready to look after the interests of the University." Kunz should bring some long-term stability to the Court, and said that he "hopes to enjoy working with the council."

In Olympia, Governor Locke is expected "to endorse a tuition increase." Faced with a projected one billion deficit, the state is looking at cutting higher education to maintain financial stability. Shook continued her report by informing that the hoped-for student credit union may take more time than expected, as she wants to keep expenses for students at zero in funding the project.

The City of Cheney doesn't officially recognize Martin Luther King Day, however, Shook plans on changing this by holding a rally on January 15 (Dr. King's birthday) to change this.

Dan Clark kept his report short, announcing there will be no Student Council meeting on Jan. 8 (making the first of winter quarter on Jan. 15). The last meeting of fall quarter will be next Tuesday, December 4. He also took time to commend Jeff Boekelman, who is the council member representing student activities.

Finance Vice President, Renon Losse, also cautioned that budgets may be affected. This January 1, the Washington State minimum wage

will be rising to \$6.90. While this is good for the members of the working class, it is certain to create headaches for the people (such as Losse) entrusted with handling finances. Additionally, the budget deadline for clubs and organizations is December 5 to present their budgets for this year. For those students who are interested in where their Service and Activity fee money is going, Losse will be holding a meeting, open to the public, with the Athletic department and CARE Today at 1:00 p.m. in PUB 311.

The Cyber Café website is being worked on thanks to Brandon Schinzel, who is heading the University Advancement and Technology department. He is also trying to put out some flyers advertising the new Cyber Café, located above the PUB MPR. Recently, he attended the first meeting of the Student Technology Fee Committee, which laid out the plans for the rest of the year. Dan Clark took time to praise Schinzel, saying he had "done a good job on the Cyber Café."

The most contentious part of the meeting took place over the approval of the duties of the ASEWU Superior Court (Bill 2001-2002 #701). Frank Sloan, representing the ASEWU Superior Court, voiced concerns over the bill not being reviewed by the Court. However, Christian Shook pointed out that "the Superior Court doesn't need to sign off on the law," adding that the bill had been circulated and worked on for six weeks. After a council member pointed out that Mr. Sloan had been absent when the bill had in fact been discussed by the Court, his arguments seemed to lose a lot of steam. The bill was passed unanimously shortly thereafter.

Another bill passed at the meeting dealt with funding for clubs, program, and organizations. During discussion for a bill establishing departments for the council, Dan Clark told the council "this is your opportunity to strengthen your position," and the bill was quickly passed. The last voting matter was establishing council meeting times for winter quarter, voted to be Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.

Chris Schwartzenberger, Athletic Affairs, mentioned that Eastern's women volleyball has qualified for the NCAA tournament, being held at WSU. The tournament begins Friday, and tickets are only \$10.



POLICE BEAT

Tuesday, November 13-

An EWU parking meter was stolen near 5th and D streets. Later, a subject reported a peeping tom looking in her window, an investigation is continuing.

Wednesday, November 14-

A handicap parking sign was stolen from lot number 12.

Thursday, November 15-

A cell phone was reported stolen in LA Hall.

Friday, November 16-

Indecent Liberties were reported in Pearce Hall. Investigation is continuing. A male subject was cited for MIP in Pearce Hall.

Saturday, November 17-

A University Warning for alcohol was given in Pearce Hall. A fight was later reported in Pearce Hall. A car was broken into, with several items stolen, in parking lot number 12 during halftime of the football game. A written warning for alcohol was issued in Dressler Hall.

Tuesday, November 20-

A suspicious envelope was reported and dealt with. In Sutton Hall, four people were rescued from a trapped elevator.

Saturday, November 24-

An Arrest Warrant was served in the Married Student Court.

Monday, November 26th-

A suspicious package was reported at Kingston Hall and dealt with. A vehicle was reported as trespassing driving across a field near parking lot number

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Low graduation rates are leading to crowded college campuses

Maria Sprow
Michigan Daily

(U-Wire) Ann Arbor, Mich.—What is traditionally a four-year commitment is quickly becoming a five- and six-year standard. Many four-year colleges and universities are suffering from an influx of perennial students — students who, for one reason or another, don't graduate on time.

Nationally, only one-third of undergraduate students attending a four-year college graduate on time.

Many universities are bracing for this low rate to cause problems in the near future. Rural and suburban universities, expecting that as part of the fallout from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks students will be less likely to go to an urban school, worry about overcrowding and over-enrollment.

To alleviate the problem, some states — such as Pennsylvania and Texas — are offering universities with graduation rates above a certain percentage additional funding. And some schools are requiring that students seek permission before taking longer than four years to graduate.

The University of Michigan, with a 61 percent four-year graduation rate, has the highest rate of any public university in Michigan. Officials here said students staying longer than four years is not a problem.

"Chief among the reasons for the 60 percent four-year U of M graduation rate: the quality of the undergraduate students admitted to the university, the high motivation to succeed among our student body and the hugely pre-professional interest among some of our students and the quality of the undergraduate education experience," said Esrold Nurse, assistant dean of LSA academic affairs.

Other schools in Michigan and the Big Ten aren't faring so well.

Michigan State University has the second-highest four-year graduation rate in the state, at 31 percent. At Eastern Michigan University, fewer than 10 percent of freshmen graduate within four years, and only 35 percent graduate within six years. Western Michigan University and Central Michigan University have graduation rates of 18 percent and 16 percent, respectively.

Across the Big Ten, the University of Minnesota and The Ohio State University are neck-and-neck for last place; the graduation rates of

the schools are 17 and 19 percent, respectively. Purdue University (28 percent), University of Wisconsin (39 percent), Indiana University (40 percent), Pennsylvania State University (43 percent) and University of Illinois (52 percent) are somewhere in the middle.

With its \$25,000 tuition, private Northwestern University tops the other 10 public schools, graduating 83 percent of its freshman class within four years.

Lester Monts, the University of Michigan's senior vice provost of academic affairs, said there are many driving forces helping students graduate early — as well as many others that lead them to stick around.

"I think the force is students' parents, who are paying these tuition bills and supporting their kids through college," Monts said. "That's certainly the case with me. I want my own to get out as soon as they can."

Nationally, universities and colleges with higher tuition rates also have higher graduation rates. About two-thirds of students at private institutions graduate within four years.

The 15 highest graduation rates belong to private institutions with annual tuition of at least \$23,000. The lone exception in Michigan is

Cleary College, a private school in Howell with less than 900 students that boasts a 94 percent graduation rate. A commuter college where 80 percent of the students are at least 25 years old, Cleary costs little more than \$10,000 a year to attend.

In some cases, high tuition rates can also prolong an undergraduate career.

"Economic factors can play a role in the length of the undergraduate career," said Bob Owen, the University of Michigan's assistant dean of academic affairs. "Some students carry less than a full load each semester because they need to work part-time to cover their expenses."

Michigan also gives full-time students a flat tuition rate, meaning students who take 18 credits pay the same amount of money as those taking 12 credits.

The University of Texas at Austin is planning to offer students a flat tuition rate in fall 2002 in an attempt to boost its graduation rate of 32 percent.

Many students come to the University of Michigan with Advanced Placement credits from high school. Newly created academic minors, an alternative to double-majoring, can also shorten the length of time needed to graduate.

"When I was working on the development of academic minors in LSA, I learned that many students took double majors because they were concerned about their job prospects in some fields," Owen said. "I am hopeful that the existence of minors will reduce that effect."

Academic minors require significantly fewer credits than majors.

Students who do double major are almost forced to study for an extra year. Changing majors in the middle of an undergraduate career — not unusual at any university — also means spending more time in Ann Arbor.

In addition, extra-curricular activities, study-abroad programs and undergraduate research opportunities can also deter students from graduating early.

"Students may become heavily involved in these activities to the point where it prolongs their undergraduate careers," Owen said. "However, these same experiences may also enhance their chances of getting good jobs or getting into good graduate programs."

Monts said greater freedom and more choices might cause some students problems, but added that the University is not concerned about an influx of fifth-year seniors.

"Things are not quite as clear-cut when they were, say, 30 years ago, when you could count on a prescribed set of courses," he said. "With the kinds of opportunities that students have here at Michigan, it's almost impossible for a student to exhaust all of the opportunities in any area of study."

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This week **ON CAMPUS** *Events Info*

THURSDAY

Men's Basketball: EWU vs. Boise State, 7 p.m., Reese Court. Eagle's Nest members can enter the lottery for tickets to Tuesday's game at Gonzaga.

Camelot: 8 p.m., Showalter Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 but Eastern students get in free with a guest with their Eagle Cards. Sponsored by the EWU Theatre and Music Departments. For more information contact Emily Richman

FRIDAY

Women's Basketball: EWU vs. Idaho, 7 p.m. Reese Court

Hockey: EWU vs. Idaho. Planet Ice, Spokane Valley. Tickets \$2 for EWU students

Camelot: 8 p.m., Showalter Auditorium

"Freeze Dance 2001": come to the last dance of the quarter from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., PUB MPR. Tickets are \$3 in advance in Monroe 207C or \$5 at the door. Sponsored by ASEWU, Eagle Entertainment, H.O.M.E. Program, and the DJ Club. For more information call 359-4237.

SATURDAY

Holiday in the PUB: Arts and crafts will be set up from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by Gamma Phi Beta, Pi Lambda Phi, and Eagle Entertainment. For more information call 359-4839.

Men's Basketball: EWU vs. St. Martin, 7 p.m., Reese Court

Hockey: EWU vs. Idaho. Planet Ice, Spokane Valley. Tickets \$2 for EWU students

Camelot: Closing Night, 8 p.m., Showalter Auditorium

SUNDAY

No Events Scheduled:
If you would like to see your event in the Events Calendar, you can call us at 359-6270. Make sure you give your name, the date and time of the event, and a phone number.

MONDAY

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY

Women's Basketball: EWU vs. Gonzaga, 7 p.m., Reese Court

Men's Basketball: EWU at Gonzaga, 7p.m. at the Kennel. If you are not one of the lucky ones who could attend the game, you can watch it on PAX-TV, channel 10 (in Cheney).

WEDNESDAY

"Careers in Communication": Communications Studies Portfolio Exhibit, 12 p.m.-2 p.m., LA Hall 1st Floor Lounge. There will be drawings for prizes and refreshments will be provided.

WYSIWYG: Stress Prevention and Awareness, 7 p.m., PUB MPR. Take a break from your studies and enjoy massages, aromatherapy, beauty treatments and more. For more information contact Aaron or Jenny at 359-4839.



News Briefs



C&O 2002-03 Fiscal Budgets due

The 2002-2003 ASEWU fiscal budget packets are now available. Packets are due back before Winter Break on December 5, at 3 p.m. to the ASEWU office PUB 303. Organizations seeking funding must have been recognized for one year. If your organization received a fiscal budget for the 2001-2002 school year, than the budget head of your organization has received a packet in the mail.

Scholarship applications now available

The EWU scholarship application is available for the 2002-2003 school year. Graduates and undergraduates can apply for a large variety of scholarships by using one form. Forms are available in Sutton Hall at the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. The deadline is February 1, 2002.

EWU Snow Line is available

It's snowing and winter is officially here. The EWU Snow Line is the university's official means of notifying everyone about university wide class cancellations.

The number is 359-SNOW or 359-7669.

The recorded message is update around the clock, as needed, and is accessible day or night.

Once university officials get word that classes are being cancelled, they update the

Snow Line and then start phoning radio and TV stations so they'll run the message with their school closures notices.

The EWU Snow Line only lists university wide class cancellations, individual classes still go on as planned.

EWU named to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education list

Eastern Washington University was named to the Publisher's Picks 2001 List by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education.

The university was one of just three Washington institutions of higher education east of the Cascades named to the publication's annual list of colleges and universi-

ties that are recommended for offering "outstanding opportunities to Hispanic students," according to José López-Isa, publisher.

Washington State University and Yakima Valley Community College were also named to the list.

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education is a national magazine published in Paramus, N.J., which explores issues related to Hispanics in higher education.

The number of Hispanic students at Eastern continues to grow. There were 290 Hispanic students enrolled this fall, which is up 11 percent from fall 2000. The incoming freshman class contains 56 Hispanic students, an increase of 51 percent from the previous fall's incoming freshman class.

"I believe one of the reasons we were selected for this list is because we are the only college in the state, and I believe the whole Northwest, that offers a distinct Chicano-Latino program as well as an academic support center rather than a more generalized ethnic studies system," said Carlos Maldonado, director of the EWU Chicano Education Program.

"We have a strong scholarship program here, a strong mentoring program and long continuity in our staffing -- all of which helps make Eastern Washington University a good place for Chicano-Latino students to study and succeed."

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Tim Barker

Contributor

In my earlier years I had different views about school. When people asked me how poorly I did, I tell them that I considered a C to be an outstanding grade. The primary cause for my extremely poor performance in those days, besides my interest in girls, was that I always put my homework off until the last moment before it was due. Mr. Brown, my English teacher at the time, is a man I will always admire for his love for his occupation and life in general. He told me time and time again that I should not put off my homework; instead, I should complete it early so that I could have time to polish up my work. Naturally, I doubted him because I be-

lieved that school was a horrible place that was only designed to create massive amounts of stress.

After graduating high school, I did not go right into college, primarily because I feared the whole learning process. It wasn't until I decided what I wanted to be when I grew up that I decided to start on my college education. Because I was excited about my new-found Ergon (Greek for "purpose"); I found that I was using the advice of my wise English teacher and completing my homework well in advance. The result of this was that I was getting very good grades, and since I was not constantly worried about completing the assignment, I was not stressed at all. In fact, I was having fun!

Currently it is Friday afternoon at 2:33 p.m. The assignment is to complete a two-page suasive es-

say by next Tuesday afternoon at about 1:00 p.m. Since there is no pressure for me to complete the essay at this time, I am having fun. A lack of pressure is what allows me to free-write this paper without concern for sentence structure, spelling, or even content. After enjoying a much-deserved weekend without stress caused by pending essay, I will be able to sit down on Monday afternoon and critically shape it. Furthermore, since the words are on paper already, I will spend much less time on the paper on Monday.

I have to admit that a couple of weeks ago I did putt off some math homework, reading, and writing in order to get a head start on my weekend. Strangely, I did not relax that much because there was always that thought of my pending homework in the back of my mind. I found that I was ac-

tually becoming mildly depressed because I was worried that I might not have time to complete all of my homework before the deadlines that were quickly approaching. Come Monday morning I realized that I was completely stressed, depressed, and worried. I felt like I was back in high school again. I thought that putting off my work would allow me to relax more, which in turn would allow me to invest more energy in the work once I did get started. I now realize that high school was not the problem. It was my decision to put off my work that made high school so miserable.

I will admit that there are downsides to doing pending homework well in advance. One of them is that I have to put off getting my two and a half year old son out of daycare earlier. This may seem like a bad

thing at first glance, but upon further consideration one would see that by getting my son out early I have just done him a great disservice in the respect that while I am spending time with him I will not be there in spirit or mind. My son would be better off spending an extra hour or two in daycare in exchange for a father who is self-confident, happy, and able to give his full attention to his son's needs.

No matter if the task is reading, writing, or arithmetic, I urge all students to take the advice of my wise English teacher by completing homework well ahead of time. Life is far more beautiful (for yourself as well as everyone around you) if you do not procrastinate. Moreover, education, whether it is high school or college, can be a fun experience if you embrace it instead of avoid it.



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Camelot is... a very silly place

No cows get launched from catapults, but story of King Arthur is captured in song

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

On Wednesday evening, the Eastern Washington University Theatre department's production of Camelot debuted in the Showalter auditorium.

Thirty-six actors, a nine-piece orchestra, and a small army of production staff collaborated in an attempt to capture the spectacle and wonder commonly associated with this famous musical by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe.

Camelot is a loose adaptation of "The Once and Future King," T.H. White's deconstructionist take on the King Arthur legends. White began writing his novel during World War II, and in the middle of all the fantasy and whimsical charm is some deathly serious commentary on the horrors of war, abuse of political power, and the rights of the common man. Lerner and Loewe's version focuses largely on these themes while offering a Cliff's Notes version of the legends compiled by Sir Thomas Malory during the 15th century in his classic work *Le Morte d'Arthur*.

All the essential elements are there. The forbidden love of Lancelot and Guinevere, the noble ideals of King Arthur, the cryptic wisdom of Merlin, and the rise and fall of Arthur's knights are all presented in an easily understood story. An obscure character named King Pellinore (played brilliantly by Matthew Hales) is used to great comedic effect after his family curse brings him to Arthur's court. Lancelot is brave and romantic. Arthur (played

by Easterner editor Steven J. Barry) is conflicted as he tries to create a new social order and then maintain it in the face of adversity.

Everything is presented with a twist. Lancelot sings songs that make him seem pompous and irritating. The other knights come across as unrefined brutes instead of the paragons of virtue they are supposed to be.

Merlin is barely present in the story, and Arthur suffers greatly because of his absence. King Arthur often talks about wanting to run away when things get difficult, a sentiment that is echoed by his young queen. Mordred, Arthur's conniving illegitimate son, is a very comical figure even as he undermines Arthur's kingdom. Mordred was apparently intended to be more menacing (more like the subtle and sinister performance by David Hemmings in the 1967 film version), but in a weird way it works.

As Lancelot, Jadd Davis does an excellent job of being arrogant and silly while also seeming to possess the redeeming qualities that make Arthur admire him. He is an incredible singer who carries off his songs with remarkable grace and

flair. Ryan Davies plays Mordred as an effeminate fop dressed like Shakespeare's version of Richard the Third who ultimately seems more

up weakening the effectiveness of Arthur and making his tragic end seem kind of pointless and boring. The musical's political and social



▲ Troy Wageman, Ian Williams, Jason Kappus, and Katie Kinyon perform a musical number during the first act of Lerner and Loewe's Camelot

goofy than evil.

Katie Kinyon is impressive as Guenevere. Kinyon is another highly talented vocalist, with a sweet voice that will steal your heart. Steven Barry gives an amazing performance as Arthur. The play requires him to display wit and charm, act like a competent monarch, and then show his anger and pain as his world falls apart. All those hours of rehearsal paid off, because Steve makes it all look pretty easy.

Unfortunately, the central character comes across as almost an innocent bystander in his own story at times. This is a reflection of later variations on the King Arthur tales that tended to place the most emphasis on the heroic exploits of his knights, but it seems odd to see a character who made a darn fine protagonist in act one take a back seat as some of the more interesting supporting characters hijack act two.

This is a deliberate maneuver used by the playwrights that allows several important subplots to be introduced and resolved, but it ends

agenda seems intrusive, and it sent my willing suspension of disbelief reeling every time King Arthur talked about world peace and social equality.

King Arthur has been portrayed as everything from a cavalry officer trained by Roman legionnaires to a Welsh demigod by storytellers over the centuries, but somehow he doesn't work as a hippie.

When Arthur makes comments about justice that any sensible person would agree with, he ends up seeming ineffective and like the classic stereotype of a bleeding heart liberal.

After a while, the conservative and pragmatic approaches to problems suggested by the eccentric King Pellinore start sounding a lot more reasonable. Or at any rate, they present alternatives that would be more exciting to watch.

Camelot continues until Saturday, December 1. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. Admission is free for students with valid i.d. and \$5 for the general public.

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**Keystone Ice and
Olympia Beer**
Henry Gottsberger

I am an avid beer drinker who often is forced to purchase beers from the less costly sections of the grocery store due to financial constraints (despite my high-paying job at the Easterner). There are good and bad beers to be purchased for under twelve bucks a case, however.

One good beer is Olympia "stubbies." They are called this because of their distinctive short bottles that hold 11 (as opposed to the industry standard 12) ounces of beer. This in turn makes the drinker look like more of a champ, as you can polish off more 11-ouncers than the 12. Additionally, Oly puts riddles on the bottom of each beer cap, giving entertainment when drinking solo, and conversation when with others. Although my grandpa calls it "queer beer," Olympia (bottled) has a good taste- not too stout, not as carbonated as Miller High Life, and not too sweet.

A (really, really) bad beer is Keystone Ice. Although many college students purchase this beer in the mistaken belief they are getting more bang for their buck, they aren't. Stone Ice tastes like a malt, but lacks the alcoholic content of one. If taste is not an issue, a student's money is better spent on a malt like Colt 45 or Steel Reserve. Why pay for the taste of a forty without the kick of one?

O'Doul's Amber
Brian Triplett

Because I'm the only Easterner staffer who doesn't drink, I got assigned to sample a non-alcoholic brewski. The idea of a "premium malt beverage" that won't get you drunk has always been amusing to me, so I thought it

would be fun to try an O'Doul's Amber. After all, "it's what beer drinkers drink when they're not drinking beer." Knocking back a placebo that looks, smells, and tastes approximately like the real thing seems silly until I consider how much caffeine-free Coca-Cola I've been swigging lately to get my favorite monkey off my back.

Anheuser-Busch's marketing geniuses certainly did everything they could to make O'Doul's Amber intriguing. The bottles have attractive red and gold labels that make them look more expensive than they really are. The packaging informs you that O'Doul's Amber is "brewery fresh" and that the product was "brewed with caramel malts." I average a few ounces of beer every couple of decades (ever since my grandmother got me to drink Lucky when I was four), so this means nothing to me. However, I like caramel and I like stuff that's fresh, so I thought what the hey?

Unless you're one of those people who likes how beer tastes, there is absolutely no reason to drink O'Doul's. It smells like old lady urine. The color is an appealing, and awfully caramel-like, amber but the odd way this stuff fizzes isn't exactly encouraging. The taste is bitter in a way that just keeps getting worse as I let my tongue's flavor receptors get assaulted. It starts out seeming vaguely like apple cider and then abruptly veers into tangy and metallic territory that makes me wonder why anybody other than a total masochist would subject themselves to beer that won't even give you a buzz.

If you don't drink, but you want to fit in, there are better alternatives to this fake booze. Just grab your favorite soft drink and tell people you're driving.

Arrogant Bastard Ale
Adrian Workman

"Fizzy yellow beer drinking ninnies" need not apply.

Arrogant bastard ale has 7.2% alcohol content, and just four ingredients:

Beerismylife.com describes it as 'deep ruby red, low carbonation, big head. Arrogant citrus hop aroma. Spicy, fruity, bitterness, medium-big body, huge caramel flavor. Very nice eternal bitter hoppy finish.'

For those of us who don't understand that strange dialect that hobby beer-epicureans speak, I'd describe it as heavy enough to drink in lieu of eating oatmeal, bitter immediately after drinking, with a smooth, durable aftertaste. The carbonation is present, but very laid back, due possibly a stalwart tradition of ale connoisseurism: It can be thoroughly enjoyed at room temperature.

Stone Brewing Co. is quick to cut on the competition and their customers: The white print on the back of the bottle says this:

"This is an aggressive beer. You probably won't like it. It is quite doubtful that you have the taste or sophistication to be able to appreciate an ale of this quality and depth. We would suggest that you stick to safer and more familiar territory-maybe something with a multi-million dollar ad campaign aimed at convincing you it's made in a little brewery, or one that implies that their tasteless fizzy yellow beer will give you more sex appeal. Perhaps you think multi-million dollar ad campaigns make a beer taste better. Perhaps you're mouthing your words as you read this."

I first located this fine brew in an Asian-owned beer store in north Seattle, which has literally hundreds of beers to choose from, and a limited selection of sleazy pornography. The place makes no pretense of beer pallet snobbery



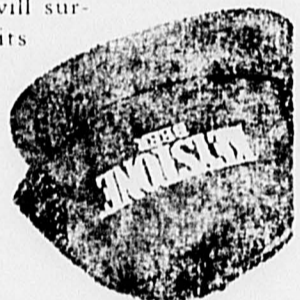
in design. It has the ambience of a 7-11.

Arrogant Bastard Ale has since wanted to replace bread and water in my diet. It does have the stopping power of price, though: Expect to pay about \$3.75 per pint.

Schmirnov Ice
Zau Lamouette

From roadside stands to back patio pitchers, generations of people have enjoyed the cool, refreshing taste of lemonade. Lemonade is the symbol of hot and humid summers, it is present in all relaxing and socializing atmospheres and it is always good to quench thirsts. The perfect drink.

Imagine, however, the perfection being raised an entire level. I'm talking about adding an ingredient to loosen people up, make any situation entertaining, and almost anyone interesting. Yes, add alcohol to your lemonade and you have a sure bet. Schmirnov has dared to do so with their alcoholic drink, Schmirnov Ice. This drink slides down your throat smoother than ice and is an excellent alternative to beer. With the same potency as a can of beer, this bottled wonder will surprise you with its strong effect and superb taste. Schmirnov Ice gives you the sweet lemonade with a tart but pleasing after-taste.



Pearce Hall leads Res Hall race for MIP distribution

Hank Gottsberger
Reporter

A new contest has been started here at the Easterner. Lately, much discussion has been provoked by the amounts of MIP's issued at various residence halls. To give people a goal to work towards, we have generously decided to award an empty (in other words, just the box) case of beer, dedicated to the "hardest studying dorm at EWU" to the dorm that has gotten the most. The rules: only MIP's issued after October 5th, 2001, (the first date covered by Police Beat) count if they are issued in the dorms. Criminal MIP citations, University Warning Citations, referrals to the Dean of Students, juvenile, and written citations all count the same: one point. Points are awarded to the residence hall where the citations are issued, not on where the subjects may live at the time of the bust. All information comes from the EWU police log. The contest ends the last day of finals for fall

quarter 2001. Some odds have been given at winning, although gambling is not condoned here at the Easterner.

◆ 1st Place: Pearce Hall
Points: 21
Odds: 3-2

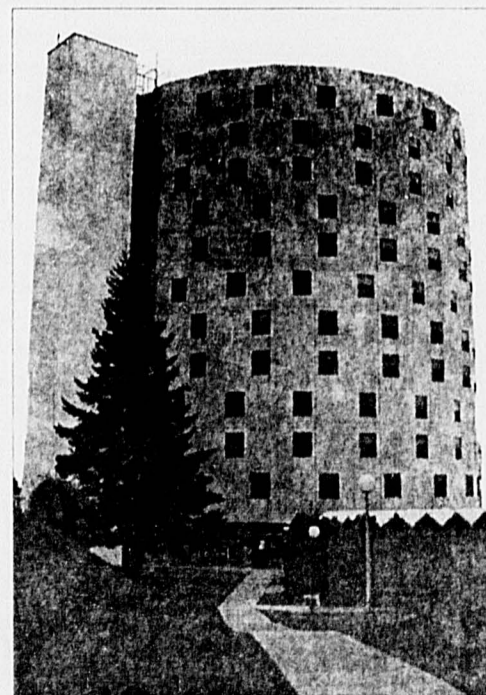
If everyone likes a winner, this dorm is doing three times better at getting liked than the others.

◆ 2nd Place (tie): Streeter Hall
Points: 6
Odds: 7-1

I would have thought my ex-residence hall would have made a stronger showing, but second is still something to be proud of.

◆ 2nd Place (tie): LA Hall
Points: 6
Points: 7-1

Running neck and neck with Streeter, I project the tie will break and one will seize the lead. The question is: Does LA have the dedication to take on the big boys at Pearce?



◆ 3rd Place: Dressler Hall
Points: 4
Odds: 11-1

In horse track racing, some horses are known as "finishers." These are the horses that put on a burst of speed at the end of the race, going from the back of the pack to go for the win. Dressler could be a finisher.

◆ 4th Place: Morrison Hall
Points: 2
Odds: 25-1

Sure, everyone wants the underdog to win, but barring a final binge drinking session before finals, I don't see the Wellness Hall using in the standings.

◆ 5th Place: Dryden Hall
Points: 0
Odds: One million to one

You'd have to like the Detroit Lions to win the Super Bowl and the Toronto Raptors to win the Finals to even consider the over 21 dorm for the win.

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Check that ID? Games underage drinkers play

Sheila King
Editorial Assistant

We are bastard children. We are trapped in the quasi-adult state of having adult responsibilities without having adult privileges. We are the 18-20-year-olds. We owe debts, have responsibilities, die for our country, own cars and homes. We go to jail for our offenses, yet we are not accepted or—in some cases—allowed to participate in adult social scenes. This exclusion's cure for many college students is to get false identification.

Generally, the first use that comes to their minds is to purchase alcohol, or gain admission into the more desirable, over-21 functions, which beat the hell out of watching a movie or venturing out into the land of lame underage dance clubs, in danger tolerating jailbait adolescents asking for your number for their friend. However, producing, purchasing and using false identification has serious consequences and is not always used with the harmless intent of purchasing alcohol. False identification also encompasses fake passports and birth certificates that make it easy for the more criminally minded persons who, "often

use fake ID's to steal someone's identity" (Federal Trade Commission) to commit serious crimes. Anyone with the ability to produce a fake ID could with your information assume your identity and drastically alter your life.

Getting false identification is like soliciting for most illegal products. A friend knows a friend, who knows a guy who can "hook you up." The market of producing Fake ID's is becoming fairly sophisticated, however. Just recently, the FTC shut down an Internet site that allowed its users access to templates that help produce Fake ID's. The FTC felt that there was "no legitimate use for the Defendant's templates and programs." A temporary restraining order was placed so the templates cannot be sold until it has gone to trial.

There are still a few main methods of producing or obtaining a fake ID. The most common employed for college student underage drinking usage are to simply use the license of someone who looks remotely similar to yourself.

One can use templates to re-create your information, place your picture on the template, and laminate it. The quality of this method varies

from template to template and depends heavily upon the ability to re-create holograms and magnetic strips on the ID for the desired state.

Another way to falsify information on an ID is to open the lamination of the current ID, extract the picture, change the desired information on a template, place the picture back in the proper place and re-laminate the ID, this method eliminates the problem of holograms.

A more risky way of obtaining your ID is to go to the DMV on a very busy afternoon with a friend of age that has the appropriate documentation, have them fill out the forms with their information and when their name is called to take the picture you walk up to take the photo. This last method is hardly practical or safe and like all attempts to manufacture or utilize a fake ID it has serious consequences.

In Washington State, the penalty for being caught with someone else's license classifies you as having committed a Gross Misdemeanor, with up to 90 days in jail. The original owner of the ID cannot be charged unless it can be proven that they willingly gave their ID to be used. Altering your

own Washington State ID is a Gross Misdemeanor and you could if charged also spend up to 90 days in jail. The Department of Licensing may also take your license away, depending upon the severity of your offense. If you re-create a Washington State driver's license with the state seal, it is considered forging documents and moves in to the felony category with more serious penalties. Generally, if a minor is caught with a fake ID at a tavern or bar, the ID may just be taken away or they could be charged as a minor frequenting a tavern with completely separate consequences, depending upon their cooperation.

Regardless of the consequences, there will be those that attempt to cheat the system. This small domestic rebellion does not impact legislation in the right direction. Instead of wasting energy on creating better fake ID's or methods of detecting them, we need to begin petitioning to lower the drinking age, displaying our civic responsibility and rights as citizens to vote as well as our confidence as a nation of parents who can teach their children to drink responsibly by the same age they obtain the right to vote, die for their country and be tried as adults.

Things to do in Cheney when you're dead sober

Armed with only curiosity and a spiral notebook, Brian forages into unfamiliar territory.

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

The eternal question for Eastern students who don't drink is just what the heck is there to do for fun in Cheney that doesn't involve getting light beer spilled on your shoes?

There are a remarkable number of activities scheduled on campus every month that offer some kind of good, clean fun. Wednesday's WYSIWYGs, sporting events on the weekends, afternoon concerts in the PUB, plays presented by the Theatre department, and guest lectures are just the tip of the iceberg. If you're looking for something interesting to do instead of studying, you should do what the Easterner staff does when we're desperate for story ideas and check out the helpful university event calendar at <http://www.ewu.edu>.

If you're interested in working off the freshman 15 while having fun with like-minded students, you should consider going on one of the outings scheduled by the Outdoor Program. You can swing by their office in the PUB or check out their site at <http://www.epic.ewu.edu>.

Still, there is no reason to limit yourself to the activities offered by the university.

An investigation of Cheney's First Street business district proved enlightening. Within walking distance of Showie's, there are a movie theater, a martial arts dojo, a tattoo parlor for all your body piercing needs, and a used book exchange that is apparently just called "Book Store."

The bookstore is only open from 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. four days a week, but it is worth investigating. I bought a reasonably intact copy of a book by one of my favorite science fiction authors for a dollar. They don't deal in textbooks, but if you're looking for something to read that wasn't assigned, their selection makes them a viable alternative to the campus bookstore and the shop is easier to navigate than the JFK Library.

24 Frames doesn't offer as many screens or movies as the bigger theaters in Spokane, but their prices are extremely reasonable and you get the added benefit of local flavor. General admission is \$5. Students, seniors, and kids can see movies for \$3.50, and there are discounts for all movies shown before 5:35 p.m. They also occasionally hold free movie nights. The theater is conveniently located on 2nd and College, right next to Fiesta Charro's, and just a short walk away from Kingston Hall. Right now, they're showing *Monsters, Inc.* and *Harry Potter*. For movie show times, call 559-5878.

Located directly across from the Owl Pharmacy is the delightfully unpretentious 1st Street Coffee House. They are open from 7:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. They offer a nice selection of coffee drinks and a funky, but comfortable atmosphere that makes the shop ideal for curling up with a copy of the Easterner or talking with friends about how Lenny Kravitz should probably pay the Dandy Warhols royalties because his latest single "Dig In" sounds suspiciously like he wrote new lyrics to their hit "Bohemian Like You" and added a guitar solo. If you timed things right, a combination of a movie at 24 Frames and going for lattes at the 1st Street Coffee House could be a terrific cheap date.

Of course, there are always Cheney's fine dining establishments for those times when you want a change of pace from eating at the PUB. Lenny's offers a mixture of classic American diner food and Italian cuisine. Gatto's offers pizza and games. The buffet at Chinese Gardens comes highly recommended by members of the Easterner staff. Willow Springs, perhaps best known for karaoke on Wednesdays, also offers a variety of lunch and dinner items. Regular Easterner readers probably noticed the Zip's coupon insert included with issue six. Those coupons have no expiration date, and they allow people to get a wide variety of menu items for only 99 cents.

The local branch of the American Legion holds karaoke nights on the first and third Thursday of every month from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. According to Cameron at the American Legion's post, they are

open to the general public, but they request that you become a member if you attend more than three activities. A yearly membership is \$25. You have to be over 21 to enter the lounge, but they have all-ages activities that younger people can attend. They are located just off First at 116 College Avenue. For more information, call 235-6181.

If you feel like doing something more physically demanding, West Plains Karate may be ideal for your needs. Adult classes are offered Tuesday through Thursday, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Advanced sessions run twice a week from 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The dojo teaches Okinawan goju-ryu karate to people of all ages.

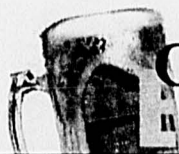
According to Mary Gilles of the West Plains Karate dojo, "goju-ryu is a Japanese term that means literally 'hard'-soft.' The goal of that being the balance of yin and yang in their lives."

Gilles says that students are asked to join the International Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate Federation (IOGRKF). The initial membership fee is \$35, and monthly dues are \$42. For more information, call 559-5432 after 5:00 p.m.

If you find yourself wanting to go outside every so often, but you don't have any particular goals in mind beyond playing in the snow, admission to the Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge is free during the winter. You could go hiking or just make snow angels. The refuge is just four miles south of town, and the way is clearly marked by signs. For more information about volunteer opportunities, visitor activities, and thorough directions point your browser toward <http://pacific.fws.gov/turnbull/turnbull.html>.

There are probably hundreds of other things to do for fun if you apply a little creativity to the Cheney experience. All it takes is a small amount of effort and imagination to make the most of your time as an EWU student. If you live on campus, there is no reason why you should ever find yourself climbing the walls of your dorm. If you commute from somewhere else, there are a surprising number of reasons to stick around once in a while instead of getting out of town the second your last class ends. The next time you find yourself climbing the walls, try supporting local businesses and hanging out with the good people of Cheney. If you don't want to be around people who are drinking, there are plenty of other things to do without becoming a social outcast.

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MADD launches UMADD chapter

Egrain Jack
Online Editor

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is a presence on college campuses with its UMADD chapter initiative. The new chapters will seek to effect the campus drinking trends through student leadership, focusing on high-risk, and underage drinking.

As stated in the MADD online article "MADD Launches 'UMADD Chapter

Program to Tackle High-Risk College Drinking," at www.madd.org/madd/home/, Alcohol is the biggest drug problem facing young people today, killing 6.5 times more young people each year than all of the other illicit drugs combined.

As the alarming scope of underage drinking is revealed through recent

Studies (almost half of college students binge drink [five or more drinks in a row for males or four or more drinks in a row for females]), MADD works to raise public awareness and cultivate a change on college

drinking issues.

MADD's mission is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of the violent crime and prevent underage drinking. According to MADD author Marianne Lee, former project director for the College of Alcohol Study, "we must find a way to effect the same change on public attitudes about underage drinking as we have done in the past with attitudes about drunk driving."

It seems part of the danger is in the culture of drinking and the fact

that many consider it "normal." "High-risk drinking, drunk driving and other tragedies are often accepted as a way of life on college campuses, but there are many students like myself who are willing to speak out and get involved," said Eric Hidalgo, president of the University of Massachusetts UMADD chapter.

Study results released by the Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC) which surveyed 18 colleges and universities nationally, indicates strong student support for alcohol prevention policies including:

Prohibition of kegs on campus (58.4 percent support), stricter penalties for students who repeatedly abuse campus alcohol policies (77.1 percent support), use of fake ID (66.3 percent support), restriction of advertising that promotes consumption at on-campus parties and events (53.3 percent support), undercover operations at local bars, restaurants and liquor stores (52.4 percent support), making on-campus residences alcohol-free (42.3 percent support).

"Dispelling the belief that alcohol and other drug abuse is normal behavior on college campuses will take the involvement of many individuals and organizations."

Effective measures that can be taken include: conducting regular compliance checks of alcohol beverage retailers, enforcing existing regulations and laws, increase alcohol excise taxes (according to research, for every 1 percent increase in the price of beer, the traffic fatality rate declines by 0.9 percent), advocate for effective legislation, strengthening penalties for underage alcohol purchases, posses-

sion and consumption, and increase funding for enforcement.

MADD has over 600 chapters in all 50 states and affiliates in Guam and

Puerto Rico. The MADD National website (www.madd.org) contains a great deal of information about its programs and history, as well as links to other resources.

The national phone number is: (214) 744-MADD or (800) GET-MADD. In Washington state the victim hotline number is: (800) 927-6080, and the local Spokane chapter is located at 220 E. Wellsey #110-B, phone: (509) 482-0405, E-mail: maddspokane@qwest.net.

"MADD has both national reputation and the grassroots capabilities to join forces with the many local and national organizations that are mobilizing to promote healthy campus environments," said William DeJong, director of the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention.

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MIP 411: How to stay out of trouble

Zan Lanouette
Photo Editor

An institute of education by day, a haven of partying and intoxication by night; this is often the image of universities these modern days. What better way to polish off a tough week than kicking back with a group of friends and partake in a little social drinking? This actually is an excellent way to relax and spend time if you are over 21 years of age. Unfortunately, however, many of the underaged students do not wait for their 21st birthday to consume. Why should they when the alcoholic goods are within easy access? Parties are constantly hopping, and there's always somewhere to go and guzzle the bubbly, 21 or not. Well, we aren't in Europe or Mexico, and so there are major consequences if caught drinking as a minor.

If caught consuming alcohol under-aged by either the university police or the Cheney police, the officers could give you anything from a written warning to an actual citation. The infamous MIP (minor in possession) will result if alcohol is present even if you haven't personally been drinking. The Cheney Municipal Court judge will rule over your case and give you the necessary order of restitution. An MIP will go on your record and is not a cheap citation to receive.

Khalil Islam, director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, and his fellow Judicial Officers are the people to you'll most likely be associating with if you break code and are caught drinking on campus or off campus but still connected to/representing Eastern Washington University.

WAC 172-120-040 Conduct code number eight (Alcohol and substance violations) within Eastern Washington University's Student Conduct Code reads as: Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages except as permitted by university policy and state law on university premises or in university-controlled facilities. If you, in any way, violate this code than you are sent to the office of Student Rights and Responsibilities where you will be dealt with on several different levels depending upon the severity of the violation and/or the circumstances surrounding the misconduct.

The Judicial officers are five separate individuals appointed by the Vice President of Judicial Affairs to hear the cases and assign



▲ Khalil Islam, director of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

minor sanctions. They cannot, however, expel or dismiss you from the University. The officers hear the student's case and decide the severity of the infraction. They judge this by the amount consumed and the behavior engaged in as a direct result of being under the influence. Such as if the individual is a drunken aggressor, drunk and incapacitated, engaging in risky or harmful behavior, etc.

"We look at each case as an individual case. We do not have set standards. We will tailor what comes out of our office and staff around the student's experience and the information they give us about what they were doing while they were consuming," said Khalil Islam in regards to how the officers form their opinions.

If the students themselves are not in accordance with the chosen consequences deemed necessary by the Judicial Officers, or if the Judicial Officers hear the story and see the evidence and decide that the student either deserves expulsion or suspension, then the scholar will be sent to the University Disciplinary Committee.

"The students might be referred to the committee by the officers if there are conflicting pieces of information or/and evidence, if the truth seems distorted or differs from other's story, or if the student's violation is thought to be worthy of a permanent or temporary break from our institution," said Islam.

The Disciplinary Committee is comprised of faculty, students and staff. The faculty and staff are usually volunteers or have been appointed by the Vice President of Student Affairs. The ASEWU president appoints the students on the committee based on qualifications and abilities. They will discuss the case and act accordingly.

If the charged student appeals either the officers' or board's decisions, their case will be seen by the Vice President of Student Affairs for a final appeal. The Dean of Students is the one to push through all allotted sanctions and decisions.

"All decisions are based on where the student at hand drinks, the frequency of consumption, circumstantial, and so on. Things are determined from there," Khalil Islam stated.

The sanctions (punishments) that the University will assign to the violator vary and will come from a list within the Student Conduct Code book. They are as follows:

1.) Minor disciplinary sanctions: admonition, warning, censure, disciplinary probation, restitution, fines, loss of privileges, discretionary sanctions, loss of financial aid.

2.) Major disciplinary sanctions: suspension, dismissal, loss of institutional, financial aid funds, group sanctions.

For more information regarding the sanctions, check out the Student Conduct Codes on the Eastern website.

"Just make good decisions. The key is making good decisions and thinking before acting. You shouldn't be visiting us for anything other than answers to your questions or regular business calls. If you wouldn't do it with your Mama there, just don't do it," said Khalil Islam in closing.

AUAPs drink to a different drummer

Megan Curfman
Reporter

In Japan, vending machines that dispense alcohol can be found in public places. If you are offered a drink from one of your elders, you don't refuse, out of respect. The legal drinking age is

20, but it is very common for students younger than that to indulge during their college years due to the make up of the education system. The Japanese education system is opposite of that of the United States. Japanese students are required to study heavily in high school and the colleges are not as likely to force the students to study so much.

In Japan students are likely to drink socially, but not like the gross amounts American college students do. "American colleges have many ages, from eighteen to forty, and there are a lot of adults here, more than Japanese Universities," said Satoko Ueda, "So it is easier to get alcohol here." When asked why students in college drink so much, the general response was the newfound freedom one cannot get at home. "I think it is common for students to drink because this is almost the first opportunity for college kids to have freedom," commented Hiroshi Teranchi.

In Taiwan however, drinking is done mostly on holidays and any other drinking is not done in public. Hsin-I Yang thinks, "drinking for Americans is a common thing. Taiwanese don't drink as much... I never see Taiwanese drinking." Students agree that drinking is a social past time; people typically drink with the intention of having a good time or with the goal of relieving stress. College is a time when students all over the world learn and experience things other than just academics. Alcohol can be a large part of that experimentation due to the distance a student has from their parents and the restrictions that can be placed on them at home.

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SIDELINE SPORTS

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Why not Cheney?

WSU was lucky to get in the national volleyball tournament, but also hosts?

It appears travel concerns now dictate who is handed home court advantage for the opening round of the NCAA Division I-A Women's Volleyball National Championship. The University of Hawaii (27-5), the No. 11 team in the nation and three seed in the West Region, will not be hosting tournament games for the first time in four years. Instead, the Wahine must travel to Pullman. Yes, that's right. Washington State is one of 16 institutions hosting this weekend's first-round playoffs.

Just last Monday the Big Sky Conference volleyball tournament champions were on the opposite side of the table of their now counterpart, Cougars of Washington State. Eastern had clinched an automatic bid to the "big dance," the NCAA Division I-A national tournament.

In seasons of past the Eagles (20-5) have awaited to see if they were even playing in the tournament. This year they made sure that waiting didn't happen.

But this year they just needed to know where they were to go.

The Eagles met at a Luigi's Restaurant in Spokane to watch the selection committee chose where they would be headed. No other Big Sky team was selected.

And the Cougars (17-11) were selected and granted home court advantage.

However, Eastern won't be complaining about playing in Pullman. It's just 73 miles from Cheney to Pullman. Oregon State (17-11), Eastern's first-round opponent will travel 432 miles from Corvallis to WSU.

So, the site is reasonably close for fans of three universities. But it's not for Hawaii.

They had the best record. They deserve the advantage of playing where they are comfortable.

Eastern has the second best record of the four. Both Oregon State and Washington State could have as easily not made the field of 64 teams.

So, why does WSU get the nod to host these games?

Travel. It's all about accessibility. Hawaii deserved to host the tournament, but it's easier to have one team travel afar, then three. And Oregon State didn't deserve the home court advantage any better than WSU. So that leaves Eastern.

How big would that have been for the program, university and community to have hosted a tournament of such magnitude? No one will ever know.

So it will be the two teams with the best records as visitors in the Whitman County town.

Volleyball on national stage

Face Oregon State on Friday



FRIDAY
Eastern
vs.
Oregon
State
At
Pullman,
6 p.m.

Eastern Washington will take on Oregon State in the first round of NCAA tournament volleyball action on Friday, Nov. 30 at Pullman, Wash at 6:00 p.m. Host Washington State will play Hawaii at 8:00 p.m.

The 2001 NCAA appearance marks the third in four years for the Eagle volleyball program. In 1989 under former head coach Pamela Parks, the Eagles won the conference tournament and received an automatic berth to the event. EWU received an at-large bid in 1998 and 1999, also under Parks' direction.

Front row

NCAA Tourney Ticket Info: Reserved, general seating, and student tickets are available by calling the EWU ticket office at 359-4339. Booster bus tickets are also available by calling the Eagle Athletic Association at 359-6208.

The Big Sky Conference received two at-large bids in 1999 with both EWU and Northern Arizona joining conference tourney champs Sacramento State.

EWU and Oregon State met in 1984 where OSU won 3-0 at the Oregon State Tournament. In their second meeting in 1994, EWU

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Robyn Felder Troy Griggs

EAGLES OF THE WEEK

Robyn Felder

Senior Robyn Felder is Chosen to District VIII All-Academic First Team The 2001 Verizon Academic All-District VIII teams were announced by CoSIDA on Nov. 15. Robyn Felder (right), senior right hitter from Eastern was chosen as one of six female athletes on the first team. Felder has a grade point average of 3.91 in Health and Fitness.

Troy Griggs

Troy Griggs kicked a 41-yard field goal with eight seconds remaining as the Eagles downed Idaho State 48-45 on Nov. 24 in Pocatello, Idaho. With two extra points in the first half, Griggs tied the EWU single season kick-scoring record of 83 set by Josh Atwood in 1997. He broke the record with a career-best 51-yard field goal to end the first half that ranks as the seventh-longest in school history.

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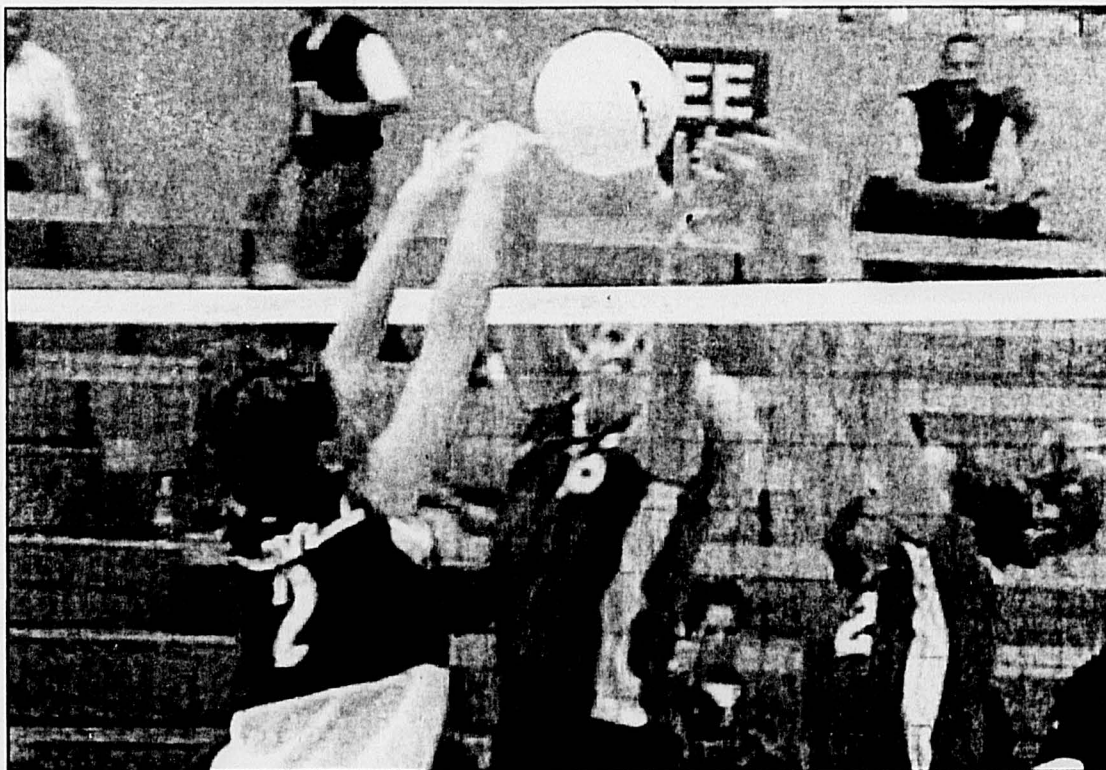
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▲ Eastern's Robyn Felder and Janelle Ruen block an opponent's shot earlier this season.

Record-setting offense racks up honors

There were several good reasons the Eastern Washington University football team led NCAA Division I-AA in total offense, and on Tuesday nine of those reasons were recognized on the 2001 All-Big Sky Conference team.

Led by Jesse Chatman — selected as the conference's Offensive Player of the Year — Big Sky head coaches selected five Eagle offensive players to the first team, two to the second team and two to the honorable mention list. Three players on defense, plus Eastern's punter and kicker, were also selected, giving Eastern a total of 15 players hon-

ored after the team's 7-4 finish overall.

Chatman, who set five Big Sky Conference records and 19 school marks en route to rushing for the fourth-most yards in NCAA Division I-AA history with 2,096, was a unanimous first team selection. Three of-



Jesse Chatman

fensive linemen earned first team honors — center Chris Polinder, guard Asim Poston and tackle David Sherrod — as well as wide receiver Lamont Brightful, who also earned first

team honors as a return specialist for the third-straight season.

Second team honors were given to quarterback Fred Salanoa and wide receiver Joe Levens, with guard Robert Horal and wide receiver Kyle Randall earning honorable mention honors.

Linebacker Anthony Griffin earned first team honors after being named to the second team in both 1999 and 2000. Linebacker Luke Vincent was selected to the second team, and end Brandon Moore was selected to the honorable

Chatman named Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year

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Preseason Eagles pick up biggest win, large loss

A former Big Sky Conference rival visits Reese Court this week as the Eastern Washington University men's basketball team begins a two-game homestand when the Eagles take on Boise State. Tipoff Thursday (Nov. 29) is 7:05 p.m. at Reese Court in Cheney, Wash., as well as Saturday's (Dec. 1) game against Saint Martin's College from Lacey, Wash.

Eastern, now 2-2, opened the season with a 68-67 upset victory over Saint Joseph's, which was ranked ninth nationally by ESPN/USA Today and 10th in the Associated Press poll. Eastern followed that with a 56-27 loss to California in the championship game of the Black Coaches Association Classic in Berkeley, Calif. Eastern then had a chance to know how it felt to be the heavily favored team by trouncing NAIA Northwest College 101-71 on Nov. 19. Last Saturday (Nov. 24), Eastern hung with Big Ten Conference foe Minnesota for a half, but eventually fell 86-68.

Boise State, a member of the Big Sky until it left after the 1995-96 season, is in its first season as a member of the Western Athletic Conference. Last year the Broncos were 17-14 overall and 8-8 to tie for fifth in the Big West Conference. Thus far, Boise State has a 1-2 record after picking up its first victory of the year last Saturday (Nov. 24) with a 68-59 victory over Idaho.

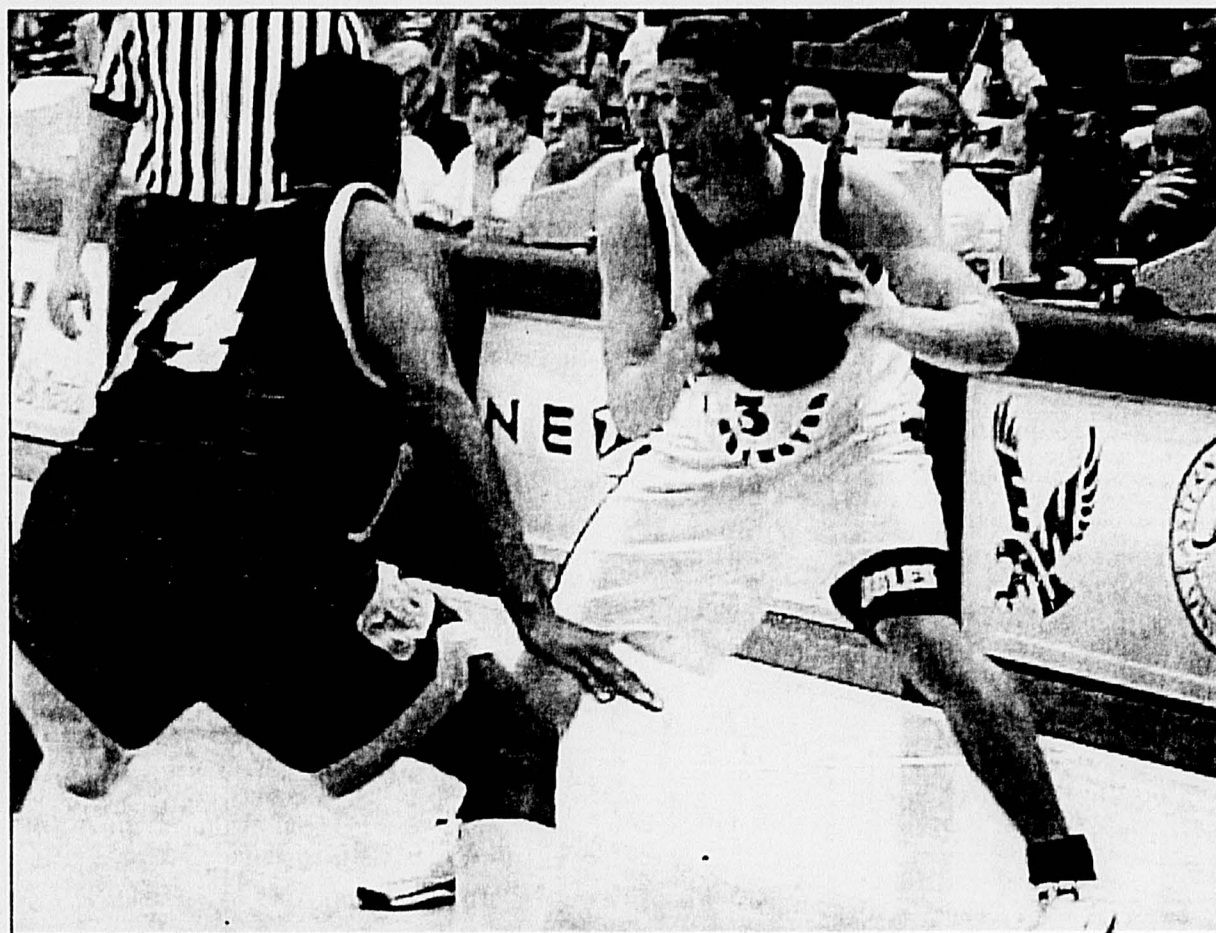
Saint Martin's, a member NCAA Division II and the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, is 1-3 overall after picking up its first win

of the season with an 86-69 triumph over Southern Colorado last Saturday (Nov. 24). Last year the Saints finished 10-17 overall and 5-13 in the PacificWest Conference. Saint Martin's hosts Hawaii Pacific on Thursday (Nov. 29) before it plays the Eagles.

Eastern hasn't played Boise State since Feb. 10, 1996 when the Eagles lost at Reese Court in overtime 70-65. Eastern is 4-26 all-time versus the Broncos, including a 3-23 record since Eastern became a member of NCAA Division I in the 1983-84 season. Eastern's last win over the Broncos came on Feb. 11, 1995 when Eastern defeated the Broncos 72-66 in Boise to snap a 44-game losing streak on opponent home courts and a 29-game skid in Big Sky Conference road games.

Eastern and St. Martin's were former rivals when both were members of NAIA, but the schools have played just once since EWU became a member of NCAA Division I in the 1983-84 season. Eastern won that game 76-62 on Dec. 8, 1994, giving the Eagles a 40-13 advantage in the all-time series.

"We are playing these games to prepare for our Big Sky schedule," coach Ray Giacoletti said. "We want to be put in situations that we don't usually face and see how we handle them. That way, by playing the tougher non-conference schedule, it will make us a better team come conference time. Playing as good of competition as we possibly can in the non-conference portion of our schedule is all a part of our plan of what we're trying to do. Obviously the big picture is looking ahead to the Big Sky. But we have a lot



File photo

▲ Second-year player Clint Hull was a walk-on to the Eagle program.

more work to do to continue to get better."

Minnesota 86, Eastern 68: Minnesota outscored Eastern Washington 27-10 to start the second half and went on to defeat the Eagles 86-68 in a non-conference men's basketball game Nov. 24 at Williams Arena in Minneapolis, Minn.

Eastern was behind just 41-32 at halftime to the Big Ten Conference members, but couldn't stay with the Golden Gophers in the second half. Eastern fell to 2-2 with the loss while Minnesota improved to 3-0.

Alvin Snow led the Eagles with 15 points, and Jason Humbert added 11 points and eight rebounds. Minnesota, which made 55 percent of its shots and forced 24 Eastern turnovers, was led by the 17 points of 6-foot-8 forward Mike Bauer. Six-10 Rick Ricker had 14 points and 12 rebounds, including 10 points in the first half.

"We can't turn the ball over 24 times in a game and expect to win, especially on the road against a Big Ten team," Giacoletti said. "We turned it over 15 times alone in the first half and, at the end, they started to pull

away and take advantage of our mistakes."

Eastern is 2-2 thus far, including three games already against some of the stiffest NCAA Division I competition available. Besides games already played against Saint Joseph's (win), California (loss) and Minnesota (loss), future opponents include Gonzaga, Idaho, Boise State, Portland, Saint Mary's and San Diego State, before the non-conference schedule concludes at the Hoosier Classic on Dec. 28-29. Eastern's first-round foe will be host Indiana, and either Butler or Samford the second day.

Honors: Defenders also recognized

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mention list. Kicker Troy Giggs earned second team All-Big Sky honors while punter Nick Reynolds earned honorable mention accolades.

Brightful also averaged 24.3 yards per kickoff return to rank third in the conference as he finished his career with I-AA records for career kickoff return average (30.0) and kickoff return touchdowns (5).

Levens was Eastern's leading receiver with 48 catches for 619 yards and two touchdowns, and Randall caught 37 passes for 438 yards and three scores. Salanoa finished his senior season with a school-record 3,057 yards passing en route to ranking seventh in I-AA in total offense (286.0) and 14th in passing efficiency (143.7).

Griffin had a productive year on defense with 86 tackles, two sacks, two interceptions, two fumbles recovered, two fumbles forced and eight passes broken up. Vincent led the Eagles with 116 tackles, and added 2 1/2 sacks and an interception. Moore finished with 48 tackles, five sacks, two passes broken up, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles.

Griggs led the Big Sky and I-AA with a school-record 93 kick-scoring points, including 14 field goals that ranked him fourth nationally with an average of 1.27 per game. He closed his career with a total of nine school records. Reynolds ranked fifth in the conference with an average of 40.2 yards per punt.

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Volleyball: Big Sky Champs

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lost 3-0.

Under the Big Sky logo, conference teams have advanced to the second round three times since 1988. Of the current Big Sky schools, Sacramento State has appeared four times followed by Montana and Eastern Washington with three appearances. Four schools have appeared once.

No. 11 University of Hawaii (27-5)
Eastern Washington (20-5)
Washington State (17-11)
Oregon State (17-11)

Eastern Washington University (20-5, 9-5 in Big Sky)

Friday Nov. 30

EWU vs. Oregon State - 6:00 p.m.

Washington State vs. Hawaii - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 1

Winners play at 3:30 p.m.

EWU NCAA Tournament History:

1999: First Round at UCLA (Los Angeles, Calif): UCLA def. EWU 3-0 (15-5, 15-5, 17-15)

1998: First Round at Stanford (Palo Alto, Calif.)

Notre Dame def. EWU: 3-1 (15-2, 13-15, 15-11, 15-11)

1989: First Round at Univ. of Hawaii (Honolulu, Hawaii)

Hawaii def. EWU 3-0 (15-2, 15-9, 15-7)

Eagles host Idaho

The Eastern Washington University women's basketball team continued their pre-season march at home hosting the University of Idaho on Nov. 30. Idaho and Eastern haven't met since Dec. 10, 1999, at Idaho and the Vandals won the outing 75-44. In 1996, the Vandals left the Big Sky for the Big West. Since then, Idaho is ahead in the series with EWU, 4-0. The last victory for EWU over Idaho came on Feb. 17, 1996, the last season in the Big Sky for Idaho.

First year coach Mike Divilbliss came to Idaho via Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston where he compiled a successful winning reputation. Divilbliss was a women's graduate assistant coach at Eastern Washington University from 1985-1987. The Vandals are led by senior wing Darci Pemberton, a second team all-conference selection in the Big West in 2001. She averaged 10.4 points per game for the Vandals to lead the team last season.

Eastern picks up first win of the season.

The Eagles bring a 1-4 record into this week after tough pre-season losses on the road against DePaul, Georgia Tech, and Western Michigan. The Eagles also lost to NAIA powerhouse Lewis-Clark State in their home opener.

EWU had their first victory of the season in the opening round of the Georgia Tech Classic against Hartford, 67-50. In the game, the Eagles shot a blazing 71 percent in three-point shooting led by freshman Stephanie Ulmer who shot 4-of-4 from beyond the arc. Alison Chase was 3-of-4 in three's and led all scorers with 17. Jacqueline Bennion was 2-of-3 in three's and Heather Ridnour sank one of two 3-point attempts. Michelle Demetruk had four steals in the contest. Against host Georgia Tech, the Eagles lost 91-36. Chase led the Eagles with nine points as Eastern shot only 29 percent from the field. The game was EWU's lowest rebounding effort of the season with only 23 rebounds to Georgia Tech's 46.

Kathleen Nygaard leads the team in scoring with an average of 10.2 points per game. She is followed by Allie Bailey at 9.4. Bailey leads the Eagles in rebounding averaging 7.0 per game. Bailey leads the team in double-doubles with one (against Western Michigan). Bailey, Nygaard and Chase have led the Eagles in scoring in all games and Ulmer leads the team in three point goals with six (4-for-4 against Hartford). Bailey also leads the team in steals with 10 and Molly Carlson leads in blocked shots with four.

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