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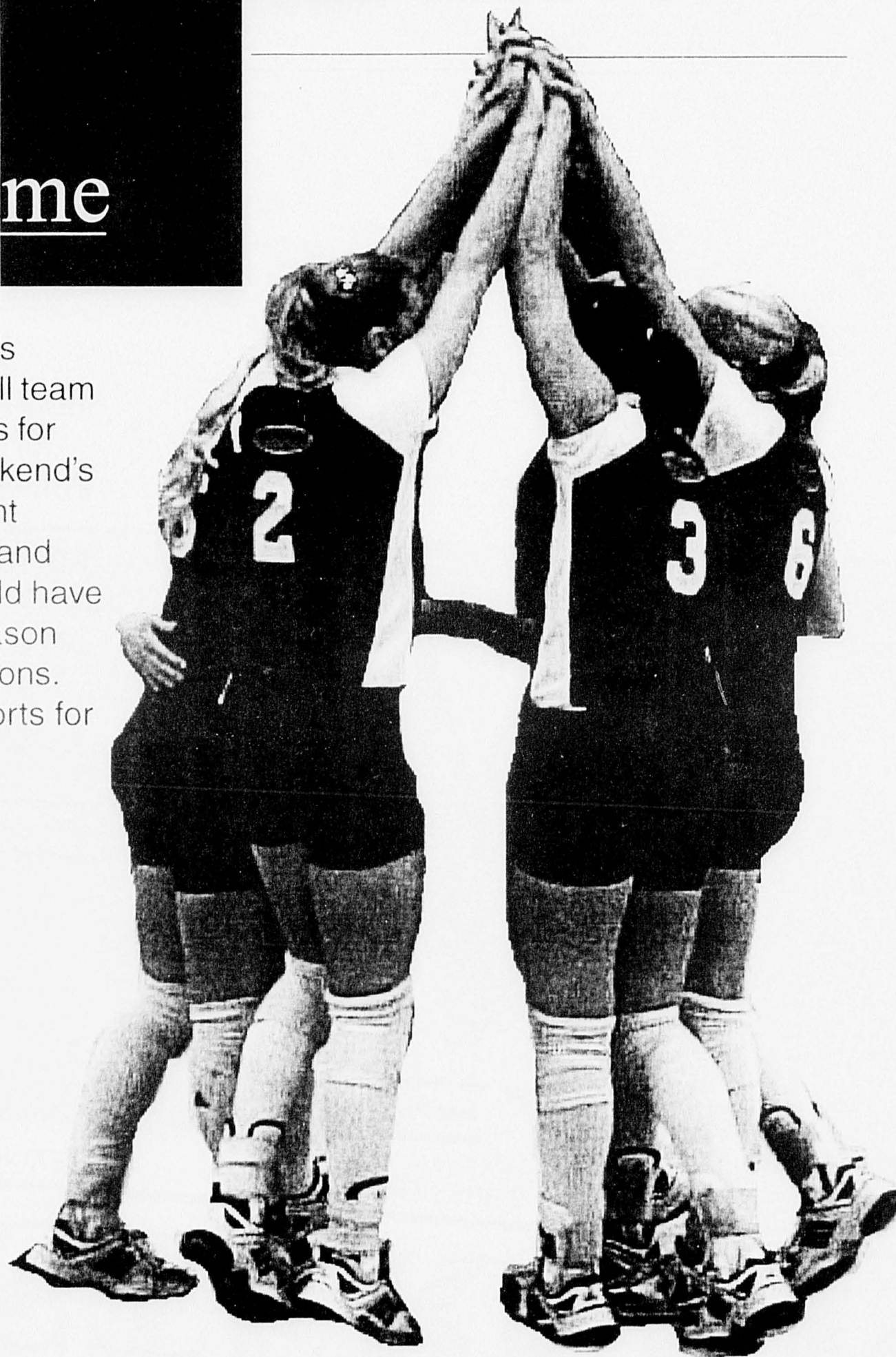
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Eastern's volleyball team prepares for this weekend's important home stand that could have post season implications. See Sports for story.



Study reveals sexual assault info

Adrian Workman
Assistant Editor

Dr. Russell Kolts is a professor in the Psychology department here at Eastern who researches traumatic stress. He also sits on the Sexual Assault Advisory Board.

Dr. Kolts defines his research as finding out about the relationships between the particularly traumatic events people have experienced—events that can be considered threatening to the person's life, or their health, or their physical integrity—and seeing how those events and peoples' reactions to them are related to their thoughts and beliefs.

The questionnaire featured three specific questions relating to patterns of sexual abuse in peoples' lives.

Lately, he has been compiling data from a survey that was filled out by Eastern students primarily drawn from GEGR classes, from Spring 2000 to Spring 2001.

"It was a questionnaire that asked about a lot of different things," said Kolts in an interview.

"Those surveys included measures of a variety of things, but most particularly, for this purpose, a measure of traumatic experience. So we ask people about whether or not they

had experienced a variety of events, including things like witnessing someone being killed, car accidents, natural disasters, but also some pretty detailed questions about various types of sexual assaults. The research project wasn't just regarding sexual assault; it was regarding traumatic experience in general."

Inside these surveys, though, were specific questions relating to sexual abuse.

"What it did do is it gave us some base rates of sexual assault in the Eastern community, at least in terms of this sample, to let us know how frequently people in this sample of folks endorsed having experienced sexual assault."

Kolts learned that—out of 182 people who completed the questionnaire—36 percent of them endorsed some history of sexual assault, or sexually coercive experience.

A sexually coercive experience could be described as manipulative. It could mean a person strongly suggesting or talking someone into having sex with another person, or getting someone drunk or really high on some kind of drug, basically compromising his or her cognitive abilities. One scenario could be where John makes out with Jane, only Jane has a boyfriend, and John wants sex,

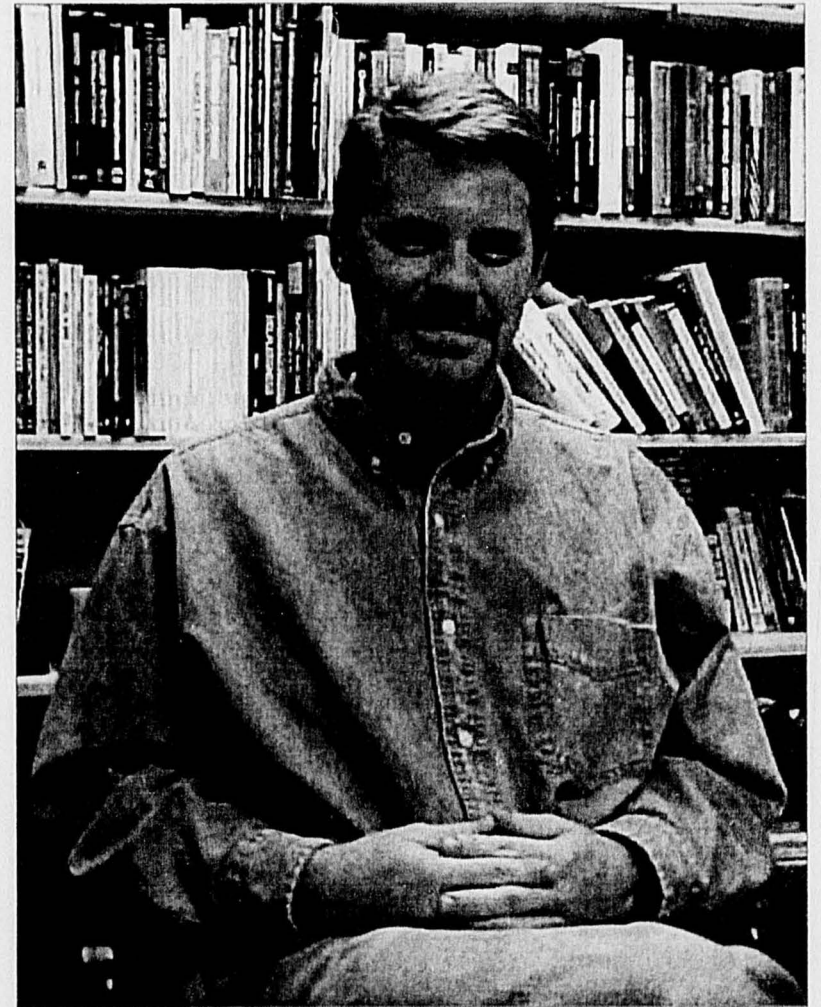
so John threatens to tell about Jane's infidelity if she doesn't have sex with him. Another scenario could be where one person has power over another, like if someone was someone else's boss.

"We asked if people had experience sexual contact involving coercion or non-physical threats, and for that question, 48 people—or 26 percent—indicated that they had experienced that. We also asked about sexual contact involving actual physical force, or threat of physical force. Twenty folks endorsed experiencing that, and that was 11 percent of our sample," said Kolts. Another question asked whether or not someone had sexual contact with someone who is at least five years older than them prior to the age of thirteen. Child abuse, essentially. Out of the 182 people queried, 29 people endorsed having experienced that. That's 16 percent.

"It's pretty striking. It's pretty striking when you start to become aware of how frequently these sorts of things happen, and how close to home it hits."

During Homecoming week [last week, for the uninitiated], CARE (Creating A Rape-free Environment)

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Adrian Workman/Easterner

▲ Dr. Russel Kolts recently released some startling information regarding PTSD among EWU students.

Biological warfare research nearly complete

Jeremy W. Kramer
News Editor

A research project that would detect airborne microbes, like anthrax, is near completion. The project, which has been going on for two years, is the responsibility of EWU researcher Jeanne Small.

Testing on the project, which is titled, "Photoacoustic Identification of Airborne Bioparticles" is expected to begin this winter on the equipment being developed through a \$1.2 million university research grant funded by the Office of Naval Research.

"Our challenge is to monitor the

air and detect the presence of bioterrorist pathogens without using specialized test kits," Small said, "We're using laser technologies to do this. We have been testing biological particles in the 1-to-10 micron range, as well as substances such as dirt and dust."

Small reassured that no anthrax or other harmful chemicals were used in the research. Researchers have been working with stimulants, the kind of bacteria that are safe; they are used in biology labs in high schools across the country.

The device weighs about 65 pounds and sounds similar to a vacuum cleaner. It can be used in large, open areas like storage rooms,

mail facilities, and airports; however, Small hopes to develop a similar machine that people can use inside of their homes.

There are two companies that are assisting Small in her research.

The first company is InnovaTek. They are a commercial developer of innovative technologies located in Richland, Washington. They built a bioaerosol collector independently under separate Army and Navy funding, and refined it to hold the sensor being developed under the EWU grant. InnovaTek's bioaerosol collector has performed very well at military test facilities and is being marketed for both military and civilian air sampling applications.

Next is Quantum Northwest, a laser technology and instrument prototyping firm located locally in Spokane. They are building the bioparticle-sensing device, which attaches to the collector. Under direction from the Eastern researchers, Quantum Northwest is integrating a sample with specialty laser devices that are needed for the sensing technology. Quantum Northwest's prototype is expected to be ready for testing with the bioaerosol collector in January.

The device's job, when it is fully assembled, is to constantly monitor the air and test it for biological items. If anything is found, an alarm will sound. The device is capable of receiving and analyzing information

within 30 minutes.

During the research, laser pulses were used to stimulate light-absorbing substances, which release energy as heat. This heat generated sound waves, which were measured by an ultrasonic transducer.

"Our research showed that common substances such as road dust and soot behaved differently than bacteria," Small said.

Other EWU researches have also worked on the project, including Louis Libertini, a senior scientist in chemistry-biochemistry, Brenda McCracken and Tiffany Preston, research associates and, Haideh Lightfoot, professor of biology.

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Police given unprecedented new power

Henry Gottsberger
Reporter

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Peer mentor program starts pilot year

Idea's aim is to improve first year experiences

Shelia King
Editorial Assistant

Every college student can remember or is currently living the awesome chaos that is ones freshman year in college. All kinds of things occur when the newly found freedom of being away from parents is completely embraced. Some are successful and have absolutely no problem adjusting to college life. Others can get into less than favorable circumstances and become washed out. Either way, all could use a helping hand or even just someone to direct them to the student services

office. This is the idea behind the newly founded Peer Mentor Program.

The Peer Mentor Program combines the ideas and personnel from both Freshman Orientation and the Health and Wellness Office to extend yet another avenue for new students to become well adjusted to independence and the college community. The masterminds behind this student-centered service are Michelle Pingry and Dale Turner. They began last spring by recruiting highly qualified returning students to become mentors in their new program. The mentors were given some additional training and a guidebook to prepare them for the new

students that were to be assigned to them. They also have a voluntary meeting time every week to talk about concerns or ask questions of either Pingry or Turner.

The new students had the opportunity to sign up to have a mentor during summer testing sessions. They filled out a sheet outlining their tentative major and areas of interest. They were then matched with complimentary mentors whom were assigned three or more new students each. The first day of school the mentors touched bases with their new students and from there the relationship is solely up to both the mentors and the new students.

The intention of this program is to, "help students to acclimate to their new environment," said Co-Director Michelle Pingry. Mentors and their students set up meeting times to help with homework or just to socialize. The first comprehensive activity will be on December 1. The Mentor Program is taking their students down to Riverfront Park and giving them a free pass to either redeem for a free ice skating session or a movie. December 1 is also world AIDS day and there will be quite a few activities down town for the students to participate in if they choose.

At this time, the Peer Mentor Program does not accept incoming

students who have not already signed up during the summer. They simply do not have a large enough staff to support all the students in this, their pilot year. However, they are going to be expanding as soon as possible and will be taking applications for those who wish to be mentors in the spring. It is a completely volunteer position no credit or other monetary rewards are given. If anyone wishes to fill out an application and is willing to make the time commitment you may contact either Michelle Pingry in Showalter 117 or Dale Turner in the Student Enrollment office, 3rd floor Sutton Hall.

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Budget cuts take toll on ASEWU spending, travel

Henry Gottsberger
Reporter

A fact that may not be known to many Eastern students is that .5 percent of all money spent on campus projects must be used for art. This explains the "basket weave" design found on Monroe Hall and many of the other art decorating buildings around campus. Mike Irish, in charge of buildings and upkeep (excluding the residence halls and dining services) also mentioned that the large bronze eagle that many of you may have seen during homecoming is still looking for a nest. He is open to ideas as to its final resting place and current plans have it resting on top of the Eastern-100 years cement block located between Patterson and Hargreaves Halls and where it was positioned for the homecoming celebrations.

Dr. Danny Pugh, Dean of Students, reported that the ASEWU budget is anticipating a five to nine percent cut due to a decrease in money from the state. The good news is that student programs will continue. The bad news is that many of the representatives of the students here will no longer be able to attend conferences held across the nation as travel (for student government) has also been suspended due to fiscal worries. Also, equipment purchases across campus (including those for the glorious Easterner) may be put on hold due to budget constraints.

The hazardous intersection near the PUB on Elm Street (reported on earlier by the Easterner) has continued to be diligently addressed by Tiffany Manhart. She has been talking with EWU police chief McGill about this matter. Also the public is invited to share their ideas with her about ways to improve vehicular-pedestrian relations. The Cheney City Council is also being talked to about this.

Kate Moffitt was appointed to the Service and Activity Fee Committee. Renon Losse, Finance Vice President, said her appointment "will be a great benefit."

President Christian Shook spent homecoming week attending several reunions. In her spare time, she has been investigating the possibility of starting an EWU yearbook, which hasn't been done since 1971. EWU is also looking at ways to accommodate the increasingly large numbers of students here without increasing class size. In addition to expanding the numbers of credits offered in the summer, Shook said that Eastern might go to "block scheduling." Block scheduling is another term for the semester system used by schools such as UW and WSU.

Executive Vice President Dan Clark recently led an outreach program to Cheney Alternative High School. The group was comprised of other council members and some student athletes. Once at the high school, they spoke about the dangers of drug use, and the importance of planning and overcoming obstacles in life. The program was a success by all reports, and Clark is planning another one for the future, possibly at the Spokane Juvenile Center.

Christina Bresnahan-Johnson, from Student Services, also has a few projects on her mind. She is trying to establish a Parent's Room in the Child Care Center. This room, once established, would provide an excellent place for parents to hang out with or breast-feed their children privately. In response to several concerns, Bresnahan-Johnson is also working to establish guidelines for a maximum number of parking tickets that a car can get if it is illegally parked for several days. She has also been talking with the bookstore about lowering prices (unfortunately, it probably won't happen) and making textbooks available for blind or deaf students on the first day of class. Currently, handicapped students sometimes wait as long as six weeks into the quarter to get their books. As usual, Bresnahan-Johnson's trusty sidekick, a tan and white Pomeranian, was sitting in the chair next to her. No word has yet been made available as to the dog's council position. This reporter can only conclude that it is among the few observers present.

Besides getting the Cyber Café running (with help from Carl Combs and others), Brandon Schinzel from the University Advancement and Technology Committee is trying to establish a Cyber Café homepage. He is also trying to establish a program whereby students in a major can contact alumni from the same major who work in that field. This program might come in especially handy for people like this reporter, who has been reduced to gutting fish in Alaska following graduation.

The student council as a group has continued their Habitat for Humanity project. They are constructing a house in Spokane. This Friday they will meet at noon in PUB 323 and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at the PUB bus stop to leave for the project. Students are invited to help as well, and you can reach President Shook at 359-2514.

For more information on the council, students are invited to look at the council's website at ASEWU.com or attend the weekly meetings in person. The council meets Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. in PUB 323.



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POLICE BEAT

Wednesday, October 24, 2001:

Two subjects were cited in Streeter Hall for MIP.

Thursday, October 25:

A person reported that over 50 CDs were stolen from her room in Pearce Hall, while someone else reported their car was damaged while parked at Lot #13.

Friday, October 26:

Several skateboarders were asked by police to leave the campus mall.

Saturday, October 27:

A female resident of Holter House called the police after hearing screaming from her upstairs neighbor's apartment. Officers investigated, and found her neighbor was screaming at a UW Huskies football game.

Sunday, October 28:

A female was given a University Warning for an MIP.

Monday, October 29:

Possible marijuana use was reported in Morrison Hall. A juvenile was found intoxicated and passed out in the PUB, and she was taken to Spokane Juvenile. In Dressler Hall, a person reported their mail was being stolen, and it is being investigated.

As always, Campus Police wish to stress that most of their duties consist of helping people with automobile trouble. They provide many services, significantly with jumpstarts and lockouts. If you experience trouble of this kind, call 235-6235 and Cheney police will dispatch any available officers to help you.

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PTSD: study shows symptoms prevalent in EWU students

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displayed T-shirts around the PUB designed by friends and family members of victims of sexual assault.

While Kolts' research does not formally have anything to do with the CARE program, this information may be helpful to students and CARE directors alike.

"The reason why we thought this would relate to CARE, is that CARE is a group of students trying to make people aware of sexual assault, and try to reduce the frequency of sexual assault on campus. The first step in doing that is to really hit home the idea that this is a problem *here*, this isn't something that happens in L.A., or New York, or Chicago. We're talking about 36 percent of the people in our survey having endorsed some lifetime history of sexual assault or sexual coercive experience, which certainly indicates a need for an organization like CARE and for student awareness on campus."

Another important issue apparently present in the data of the 182 who were questioned has to do with something called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD]. "We didn't just ask about traumatic experience, we asked about how people responded, what sort of prob-

lems they were having related to it. Specifically, we asked about symptoms of PTSD." Signs of PTSD can be split into three types of symptoms:

The first, called Re-Experiencing Symptoms involve things like nightmares, flashbacks, intrusive recollections, either being reminded of something, or the memories just coming up by themselves.

The next set of symptoms are Avoidance and Numbing. People with PTSD spend a lot of time and effort trying to not re-experience the traumatic event. They may drastically alter their behavior in order to avoid anything that reminds them of the traumatic event. Sometimes alcohol plays a big role: Some people drink themselves to sleep, so that they won't

dream, or at least so they don't wake up if they do.

The third set of symptoms can be characterized by an inability to concentrate, or

hyperarousal/hypervigilance. Hypervigilance is being overly aware of danger. An observer may notice an exaggerated startle response, such as being really 'jumpy,' having a really huge startle to noises and the like.

"Out of 66 folks that endorsed a history of sexual assault or coercion, 13 of them—or 19 percent—endorsed levels of symptoms on the paper and pencil measure that would meet criteria for PTSD, if it was in the context of a diagnostic interview," said Kolts. "People endorsed pretty high levels of PTSD symptoms on this paper and pencil measure."

It is important to note that the survey is

not a diagnosis of these people. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder cannot be properly diagnosed without a psychological interview. The survey shows that 19 percent of the 66 people who endorsed experiencing a traumatic event also endorse behavior that is consistent with PTSD symptoms. "I'm not saying that 19 percent of these people have PTSD, I'm saying that if they presented the same symptoms in a diagnostic interview, they would be diagnosed."

"The basic message I want to communicate is that this is a problem on our campus, it does happen to people, and people are responding to it, there are people here with problems related to sexual assault, and so we really need to create a campus culture that doesn't tolerate that. Part of that means people becoming more involved with CARE, people recognizing, 'I can do something about this.'"

"I'm obligated to do something about this," said Kolts. He believes that men should be more involved in preventing sexual assault. "We've kind of been driving the effort to reduce sexual assault forever, and men haven't done much. Women aren't the ones performing the sexual assaults. The vast majority of sexual assaults are perpetrated by men, so it's our responsibility to stop it."

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New law permits warrantless searches

Henry Gottsberger

Reporter

New law allows "Suspected terrorists" to be detained indefinitely and allows the FBI to search homes secretly without first obtaining a warrant

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Peer Advice

Dear Reader:

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As for the drinking and partying, I'm sure that there are more people choosing other, more constructive venues than you imagine. Granted, four-year universities tend to attract the merrymakers as well.

Don't be afraid to let people meet you and your personality. If they choose to be ignorant and not give you a chance, then move on to the next group or club with an open mind and heart. It may take time, but you'll find your niche and then you won't even remember the meaning of loneliness. Good luck!

The Problem

Dear Easterner Advice:

I saw your ad in The Easterner and I thought I'd give this advice thing a shot. I'm a Freshman this year and at the beginning I was looking forward to school so much. I avoided going to a 2 year school because I wanted to go to a 4 year school it was my dream, but it seems like now it's just a disaster. I feel like an outsider in my classes because I live off campus. I feel like I'm the only one that lives off campus.

I'm kind of shy so I don't talk to a lot of people, but I just feel like I have nothing in common with the people that live on campus, I don't party or anything and that seems to be the thing to do, get drunk on the weekends. I'd like to join up with a club or something to meet new people but none of the clubs really hold my interest. I just really need some advice on opening up and talking to new people, I kind of fear talking to new people cause they might reject me or something. Well, thanks for listening.
-Reader

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Expert Advice

Dear Reader,

You might be surprised to know that many students feel exactly the same as you do. In fact, there is a group at the Counseling Center called "Building Connections" that was created for people who need a little assistance in how to get to know others. The group begins the first week of class in winter quarter, and you are invited. But in the meantime, here are a few things to consider. We often look at others and assume they know just the right things to do or say. Well, perhaps some people do know these things but it is a learned skill. If they learned how, you can learn how. You may think, "But I'm shy." Shy people have a few common concerns: low self-esteem, fear of rejection, excessive concern for others' approval, or the memory of past hurtful social experiences. When students experience any of these, they may be likely to avoid others, be absent from campus functions, not speak up in class, be unable to begin conversations with others, or ask someone out on a date. They might also have trouble standing up for themselves or asking for help. It's possible that the message you give others is, "I'm not interested, don't approach."

Call about meeting times for our group, or make an appointment to talk to one of us individually. 225 Martin Hall, 359-2366. Linda Russell, Counselor Counseling and Psychological Services

Letter to the Editor:

Air Force wife proud of husband who 'loves his job'

Dear, Easterner:

During the week of September 11th as I was preparing dinner for my husband Joel, my eyes and ears were riveted to the television for the fourth evening in a row. I imagine most of America, and much of the world, was also.

It had been a beautiful week in Spokane, sunny and warm. I didn't want to be penned up inside the house, but my daily routine had been inconvenienced by my husband's extra duty hours. I wanted to enjoy dinner at home and then an evening out with my husband. That wasn't to be the case.

By the time Joel got home it was late. He told me that he was

exhausted and wanted to eat and then go to bed. I should have expected that. It had been the same way the three previous nights. It made me very peevis. Another night was ruined because of his job.

After complaining through dinner, I gave in and we retired to bed early. After he kissed me goodnight he told me he wouldn't be getting the weekend off or any day off any time soon. Before I had a chance to verbally retaliate he said something that surprised me. My husband said; "I love my job!" I could tell by the admiration in his eyes that he really meant this too. He said that he is proud to be able to do what

many in this country wish they could do. He and those working beside him have the privilege to be able to do their part to, in the words of my husband, "deliver justice to those who have wronged our great nation".

My husband is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force. I am proud of him and the job he loyally does for our country. I am also proud of all of the other people that have come to aid in each of their own ways in this disaster. Firefighters, police officers, doctors, volunteers, and many others have pulled together to help strangers and brethren through this crisis.

I went to bed that night and

thanked God for all of my blessings. I was ashamed that I had earlier felt inconvenienced by my husband's job. On our wedding day I vowed to be with Joel, for better or for worse, in good times and in bad. If his country calls for him to defend her I will support him as he, again in his words, "...works to forge the swords that will be used to pierce the heart, and sever the head of the beast that has inflicted this immeasurable casualty on our country".

Nichole Fox
Junior

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Now that Homecoming's over: Waddaya do?

Seth Swift
Reporter

Well, homecoming's done with—thank Zeus—and, after all last week's festivities, there may be many of you out there thinking, "What's left? Homecoming week is over. I might as well just drink my way out of school and back into the home until next year, when mummy and daddy will pay my way back into school just in time for homecoming." Most of these people are freshmen, except—of course—my little sister.

Have no fear, though; Uncle Seth is here to get you through the rest of the year.

There are many things at school left with which you can still make some memories out of. To begin with, there are always lectures by people most have never heard of unless they were forced to do a report on them, in which case you probably won't want to attend. There is also an event that mostly takes place on Wednesdays that some people call Whizzywig, but I call it "that one thing I went to awhile ago and I think I was having fun." There are also some interesting plays put on by the drama department. One can always catch what remains of the football and the full basketball season as well. In addition, there are perpetual

parties occurring within the vicinity of campus at all times, if that's your kind of thing.

For those of you who are over 21, there is the Cheney nightlife in bars and such to explore. I'm assuming that most of you aren't of age yet, so we won't worry about that now.

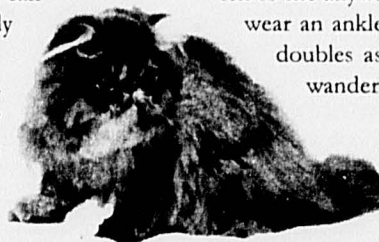
If one isn't 21 and is not worried about that now, then your options are pretty limited. Some of the legal things you can do are going to a library and reading a book, hanging out with your friends in the dorm lobby and watching TV, playing video games, listening to music, and making prank calls using funny Pee-Wee Herman voices. You can stick the back half of a kitten in your mouth for fun too, as our favorite Student Life editor could probably tell you better than I, but I don't necessarily recommend it unless things get desperate. You can also just sit around and study, which is probably last on most peoples' list, including my own.

There are also illegal things that one can do. These activities tend to be more fun, but they have much higher consequences in proportion to the activities that are legal. For example, one could steal a bunch of CDs that they don't particularly like, will most likely never listen

to, and which will probably end up as Frisbees in the long run. Then again, they could get caught by the one they're stealing from and get their butt kicked. One can also steal a car, but I don't recommend it, especially if it's my car. Students can go on beer runs as well, but make sure that you are sober. The best way to get caught is a venture is surprising out of a Quick-E-Mart with your fly down and your shoes untied. Old school, high school activities such as egging, toilet papering, and lighting bags of dog poo afire on a friends porch are also obviously acceptable, exceptionally so when one is drunk. There are also random beatings that a person could hand out to people unfortunate enough to have plans that cross with one's own.

However, in this case it's probably best that people don't listen to me anyway. I'm on probation for the next 42½ years and I wear an ankle bracelet that matches my black trench coat and doubles as a little device that lets the police know when I wander too far away.

As a result, I personally tend to play computer games with no end or point, watch The History Channel, and pray that my lady cooks some food for me. By writing this article I'm just hoping that I can vicariously live through everyone else.



I'm with the band: Respect to our marching Eagles

Emilly Lynn
Reporter

Imagine a field where 104 of the hardest-working students at Eastern are gathered together to do something they enjoy. Now, imagine that same field full of wonderful sounds you can't even begin to understand. That field is where the Eastern Washington University Marching Band practices and the noise you hear is the students warming up their instruments. When the actual practice starts, you can hear them from several blocks away. If you follow the sound, you'll eventually meet up with the band members in the field right behind the J.F.K. Library.

They greet you, at first, with their instruments raised high in the air as they gather in a circle to work on their scales. I was fortunate enough to be put smack-dab in the center of the circle while they were warming up, a treatment reserved for guests only. It was the most awesome feeling in the entire world! It was better than being able to hear the music; I could feel the music; I was in the music. It was the best way to enjoy live music I've been able to experience so far in my life.

The band majors, Troy Wageman and Haley Armstrong, who happen to wear Burger King crowns to all the practices, got so involved when they were directing the band members that they ended up jumping around on the ladder-like metal stage they had to stand on.

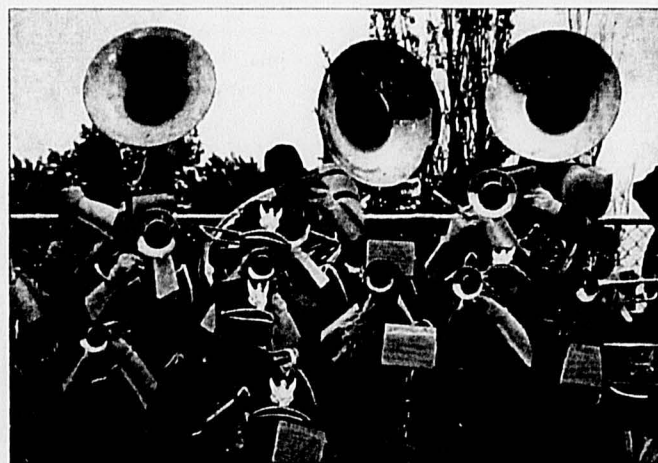
"The best part about being a drum major at Eastern is probably getting to interact with everybody and getting to know everyone. It's a lot of fun," Armstrong said.

While trying to keep her balance, Haley almost had an accident while I was there, but managed to keep her cool and save herself from tumbling off the edge. The platform was only about a four feet by four feet square, with several steps leading up to it.

"For the most part, we have a great time out here," said Wageman. That is, when it's not raining, blowing like crazy, or extremely hot outside. Band practice is an all around weather kind of thing, only designed for the student who can put up with a variety of weather conditions while playing an instrument.

Patrick Winters is the director of all the bands on campus and works very hard to get his band members ready for their shows. He knows what the formations should look like and how to improve them if it's taking too long. Mr. Winters was excited about the marching band finally getting some publicity after all the years of hard work that's been put in.

The snare drummers, better known as the snare line, were practicing for the big half-time show the band had on Saturday, where they have a little group session that shows off their talent.



▲ Tuba players in the 1970s were actually the grooviest people in the band: They swung the biggest bells, man.

The snare drummers trade off between drumming on their own drums and drumming on the drum next to theirs. They even trade drumsticks at one point during their drumming debut, a daring feat

for anyone to master. The snare drummers are: Joey Castilleja, Sam Stewart, Christopher Cree, Chris Drewry, and Craig Wende.

They perform an awesome stunt, which wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the cymbal players who keep the cymbals steady while the snare drummers beat them. There are three cymbal players in the marching band and they are: Amanda Davis, Gabby Sutton, and James Garcia. These students work very hard, almost the hardest in the band, because they have to be on the ground, standing up, running after the drummers, and marching to a beat, all at the same time. It was amazing to follow them as they practiced.

So, what's so extraordinary about our band besides the fact that the band members work very hard and get no recognition? We have an electric bass guitarist. Her name is Deidra Woods and every week, she unloads her guitar and generator from the equipment van to practice with the other band members. It may seem a little strange, but the band just wouldn't sound the same if there were no bass guitar sound.

The full effect of the instruments playing together was incredible! I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing band members while they were doing something that comes naturally to most of them: playing their instruments for others to enjoy.

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CrashPalace:

Our music man interviews frontman Marcus Maloney and gives someone a gigantic phone bill.

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

CrashPalace will soon be bigger than the Beatles. The Australian quintet has been touring the United States to support their self-titled debut album, which was released shortly before fall quarter began. Their first single in their native country hit the airwaves about two weeks ago, and they recently appeared at a large concert festival with artists such as Staind and Papa Roach. CrashPalace is well on their way to being as famous as their label mates No Doubt and Bush. World domination is sure to follow.

Some of CrashPalace's adventures on American soil have included opening for Live in Atlantic City, appearing with Shaquille O'Neill in a video the public will never get to see, playing at Johnny Depp's legendary Viper Room, and lead guitarist Jeremy "Jez" Taylor's experiments with cross dressing. CrashPalace has been on a long, strange trip that started six years ago when members of the band met each other back in high school and formed a group called Paradime. With their new name and their first CD, CrashPalace quietly invaded our shores, infiltrated our airwaves, and hung out with Gene Simmons. At the rate things are going for the band, those years spent paying their dues in Australia will soon earn them

screaming fans around the globe.

Yes, CrashPalace is that good. Their first album features incredible guitar sounds, lush arrangements, tasteful keyboard textures, sophisticated drumming, and the contemplative lyrics of front man/rhythm guitarist Marcus Maloney. The production on *CrashPalace* is absolutely flawless. Do yourself a favor and rush out immediately to obtain a copy of their album. You'll thank me later.

Their first U.S. single, "Perfect," is a fist pumping rocker with crunchy, vaguely sinister, guitars contrasting brilliantly with Maloney's smooth effect-laden voice. *CrashPalace's* opening track "Whatever Gets You Through" combines alternative rock bombast with spooky, atmospheric timbres that perfectly match the song's edgy lyrics. Other tracks, such as "Evolution" and "Control" reveal the band's British Invasion influences.

The rest of the album's thirteen songs lie somewhere between the punk-flavored aggression of "Brickwall" and the gentler acoustic sounds on "Crop Circles" and "Sit and Watch the Sky." The eclectic nature of the CD allows CrashPalace to experiment with

everything from Paul McCartney-esque vocals to creative sequencing and slide guitar. The members of CrashPalace are not afraid to go against the grain of current trends in rock music and create a body of work that relies more on interesting melodies than most of the bands that actually get played on MTV.

Marcus Maloney graciously took time out of his schedule for a telephone interview with the *Easterner*. Among other things, we discussed musical influences, guitars, and what Gene Simmons is like in person.

"As probably unfashionable as it sounds," said Maloney "a lot of that grunge stuff was a big influence on us and a lot of that old Sixties and Seventies stuff and the British bands that came out after the whole Grunge scene... went kind of weird. A lot of people were kind of panned for those reasons, because it does sound like a lot of that Nineties stuff that

came out. We're just into it. So, we don't have much choice about what kind of music we like. It's not the most fashionable record

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CrashPalace: These Aussies sent us their debut CD, and called us from Down Under for an interview

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around, but... you know, we don't tend to think like that anyway."

Maloney discussed another one of his major influences—Marvel's Amazing Spider-Man.

"I was gonna get a tattoo on my arm of Spider-Man, but then the movie was coming out and I thought it would kind of be a bit cheesy so I thought I would give it [the idea] a rest and see how the movie turns out. I'd hate it if they made a bad Spider-Man movie like they did with the Batman movie," Maloney said.

One of the things that struck me about the CD's final track "Terra Firma" is that the slide guitar riff sounds suspiciously like the trademark lick from U2's classic "Bullet the Blue Sky." Maloney seemed like an amiable chap, so I went ahead and asked him about it.

"I don't know if that was an intentional thing of our guitarist's. It's completely... dead similar, yeah. I'll have to get back and ask Jeremy [Taylor, the band's lead guitarist] about that. He was thinking just blues and stuff like that, but it's strange when a white guy who listens to a bit of U2 does a bit of blues," Maloney laughed.

Maloney had a lot of interesting things to say about the process of making their album.

"[With] Terra Firma... the keyboardist came up with a keyboard riff that started the whole thing out. We put the [sequencer] loop on there. Well, actually we bought a little Dr. Beat, which is like a little, um, sampler... this really shitty cheap sampler you can get. The loop thing came out of just messing with that, and we were originally using that mainly just to keep steady time through the record and once we started mucking around with it, it just seemed like a whole bunch of fun. That loop came from two little samples that I kind of spliced together. The loop wasn't meant to be used for anything except me just messing around, and when he [keyboardist Peter Constantinou] came up with the riff of that song, we just kind of said 'Fuck it, let's chuck this on top of it.' It sounded really good. After that we had done that, then we decided to mess with it more."

"Nothing we do, really, is consciously trying to be fashionable, which I think comes through in the record anyway because it's pretty much just classic song writing... just guitars and singing and all that kind of stuff that has been around for centuries."

"I think that's kind of what makes the record different from a lot of rock stuff that's around where people find their sound and then basically every single song on the record is, you know, a different version of the same thing. With us, I don't know if it's because of the way we're developing or whatever but you know... it's kind of a schizophrenic record in a way," Maloney said.

I was curious to find out if there had been pressure from their label, Trauma Records, to release one of the album's harder songs first instead of a song like "Crop Circles" or "Evolution."

"We have a lot of control in terms of what we write and what we get to put on the album, but at the end of the day we don't like to choose our songs because we're too subjective about it. It's always good to have input from other people... because at the end of the day it's other people who have to listen to your stuff, so it's probably best to let other people decide what to put on the radio and all that," Maloney explained.

Being the huge musical geek that I am, I wanted to know what it's like having a keyboard player in the band.

"[Constantinou is] pretty good, because he could just sit there and play, like, non-stop throughout all of the songs, but he's pretty tasteful about what he puts in and when he puts it in. He writes a lot of the music with me, so a lot of the things he does is kind of behind the scenes as well, so it comes to his keyboard playing... at the end of the day some of the stuff is his own work. Especially on the heavier

stuff, a lot of the [keyboard] textures are kind of distorted, which kind of fits in with the guitars so you're not sure what's a guitar and what's a keyboard."

Maloney frequently emphasized being tasteful, and making everything serve the song. His main guitar is not the Gibson SG that you can see in the video clips on their web site, but a used Fender Stratocaster he got from his ex-girlfriend's father that he uses because of the kinds of sounds he prefers. Jeremy "Jez" Taylor uses a variety of gadgets, such as Line 6 guitar pedals, but everything is used to achieve songwriting goals and not simply because the band can now afford to buy more neat stuff. The band recorded the entire album in two to three weeks, partly to keep costs down, but also because they wanted to have the songs ready to play live before they started. Maloney credits their producer with helping the band spend a month figuring out arrangements and finishing songs before actually logging hours in the studio. Minimalism was an important part of the process.

"The keyboard player and the drummer are trained musicians, so they spend a lot of time playing down, if you know what I mean," Maloney quipped.

Maloney's refreshingly down to earth perspective on rock star clichés, such as bad behavior while on tour and spending advance money from the record label on frivolous things really impressed me. For a 24 year old, he is remarkably sensible. This probably has something to do with experiences such as the near-fatal car accident he survived that could have left him paralyzed from the neck down, and simply learning from mistakes during the six years before CrashPalace began breaking into mainstream American pop culture. His band has a similar sense of balance and priorities.

"We try not to have too much fun and remember that it's still a job at the end of the day. If you work in bars and stuff, it's kind of hard not to take advantage of it."

The happy-go-lucky image CrashPalace conveys in the updates on their website [www.crashpalace.net] seems somewhat at odds with the serious nature of the band's lyrics. Maloney offered his perspective.

"When we were writing the record, when I was writing the lyrics, I was going through a lot of bad shit. It was kind of like being in the tail end of a party. There's a come down period. So, I suppose it kind of represents the way I was feeling at the time, and hopefully... I'm more positive now. When we do another record, maybe it will sound more positive. There are bands who do write introspectively, and then you see them in interviews and they're all miserable the whole time. You know, you've got to kind of separate your work from your personality because you'll send yourself crazy trying to escape some kind of mytho-

logical character you created or something."

Maloney used Kurt Cobain as an example. "You shouldn't be as miserable as your music," he said thoughtfully "or you'll just make your life a misery basically." [laughter]

So what is Gene Simmons like? Does he rock and roll all night and party every day?

"He was a pretty down to earth guy. When I saw him, he wasn't dressed up as 'Gene Simmons' if you know what I mean. He looks like he wears a wig... but he's allowed to do whatever the fuck he wants to," said Maloney.

CrashPalace, the debut CD by my new favorite band from Australia, should be available at all of the finer music retail outlets in the greater Spokane area. If it isn't, Maloney jokingly suggested on the band's website that we tell the band so they can find the people responsible and take more drastic measures.

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Random rants: Students anonymously kvetch

I hate the way the upstairs men's bathroom in Hargrave's Hall smells. It never fails to smell like someone's numero dos missed the bowl, seat, and lid...as soon as I walk in the door. I just about get too sick to even do my business; one or two.

It's a pain in the neck having to go through Isle Hall to get to Patterson because of the construction. The pathway is all torn up, so you can't just go around.

I liked how the book system worked in high school:

You only had to pay for the book if you lost it or some schmuck stole it. I still haven't had enough dough to buy my books for this quarter. Math books are the pits. Somebody must not have been crunching numbers very well, because one could easily buy a used car for the same price.

One of the rigors of being a student is carrying a backback, or bag, or briefcase, or what-have-you. People with those little airport-bags-on-rollerskates-with-the-little-handle thing peeve me. Especially because the mall

does not have a smooth path, like an airport. I get to hear all this clacking all the time. I keep thinking I'm in 'Nam and I'm getting shot at.

There never seem to be enough copies of the Inlander left in the bins in the PUB, but there always seems to be thousands of copies of Hear/Say, that poorly written magazine that only exists to convince the gullible to buy Nelly Furtado CDs.

I keep on falling on my ass going down the stairs in the PUB, but am not malevolent enough to sue. Them's some slick steppin's.

This may be a little out of season, but I hate how there's no Baskin & Robbins, or anything of that nature here in Cheney.

I hate how the pieces of chicken in Baldy's are just big enough to be too awkward for chopsticks.

I hate how some University employees act like they're doing a favor by talking to you, even though we pay their salaries.

Some people have a habit of dumping condiments all over the napkins in Baldy's. You know who you are. Karma will find you...maybe when you use the men's bathroom upstairs in Hargrave's. Contributed by Yoshiro.

There is not enough student participation at games or events. Like at that rally last Spring, it was at the end of a three-day weekend, and it wasn't promoted, so there was basically like three kids with candles, and all media people showed up, and there was nothing going on, so they left.

Why do I have to take gender or race-relation courses to graduate? I was raised in Seattle, so that classroom was pretty much my life, and it's not like I don't have a mother. I want a men's center, and a building to house it.

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Jeanie Bagnell Jessie Chatman

EAGLES OF THE WEEK

Jeanie Bagnell

Sophomore Jeanie Bagnell was the individual runner-up to help Eastern Washington University to a second-place finish at the Cal Poly Invitational Tuesday (Oct. 30) at Avila Beach, Calif. Bagnell, a sophomore from Edgewood, Wash., and a 2000 graduate of Puyallup High School, finished with a 17-over-par 159.

Jessie Chatman

Eastern record-setting running back Jessie Chatman rushed for 279 yards and scored six touchdowns in the Eagles 63-35 win last Saturday. Chatman is currently the leading candidate for the Walter Payton Award that goes to the top NCAA Division I-AA player. He leads the nation in rushing with 196.8 yards per game.



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Big weekend for Eags volleyball

Home stand starts Friday night

By Tom Fox
Sports Editor

The talk of this year's Big Sky volleyball season is not of the dominant teams atop the standings, but of the parity that occupy those spots.

Eastern, Weber State and Northern Arizona — all 7-4 in conference — are one of those teams sitting within striking distance of conference leader Cal State Sacramento (9-1).

The Eagles knocked off visiting Gonzaga University in three straight non-league games last Tuesday night at Reese Court.

It was the fifth sweep in a row by a Gonzaga team that has contended against some tough teams this year.

The Bulldogs' Christina Davis led all players with 13 kills, but in 36 attempts.

Katerna Chroustovsk had 30 assists for Gonzaga.

Eastern's Janelle Ruen, Lindsey Page and Courtney Bush all tallied eight kills in the win.

Setter Jessie Wright added 16 assists and five digs in the effort.

Page hit .462 with three aces and six blocks, clearly the red shirt freshman's best outing of the season.

"They are a good team," Ruen said. "They've played some really tough teams, and played them well actually, but I think we're used to our gym. It's an advantage."

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FRIDAY

Idaho State vs. Eastern
At Reese Court, Cheney, 7 p.m.

Home run



Brian Smith/Easterner

▲ Eastern hosted last weekend's Big Sky Conference cross country championships, which Northern Arizona dominated. See page 15 for scores.

Flagstaff: Battle of the big hopefuls

Big Sky's two best running offenses match up Saturday

By Tom Fox
Sports Editor

There's been an ongoing argument of which team has the best offensive line in the Big Sky Conference this season — with the top two rushing teams battling this weekend — that will be settled in Flagstaff, Ariz., when the 21st-ranked Eagles take on No. 17 Northern Arizona at Walkup Skydome on Saturday.

The Eagles are averaging 236.7 yards rushing per game (11th in NCAA Division I-AA).

The Lumberjacks (6-2, 3-2) are second (191.8) in the Big Sky and 30th in the nation.

Northern Arizona's offensive line has provided running back Marcus King with many yards this season, but not as many as Chatman.

After Eastern's 63-35 tromping of visiting Cal State Northridge last Saturday at Woodward Stadium, fill-in right guard Brandon Bouge said, "We heard NAU telling this other press that they were the best line in the conference. I think we can argue that with them."

Bouge and the Eagles line of Chris Polander, Robert Hora, James Venters and redshirt freshman Michael Roos, who filled in for injured

tightend Kyle Delorme, backed up their case when they opened up large holes for the nation's top running back, Jesse Chatman, to run for 279 yards and five touchdowns in the homecoming win.

Eagles head coach Paul Wulff said the offensive line is something they take great pride in, and having a running back tally 1,000 yards for seven straight years shows that.

And there's not many teams around the country that can say that, Wulff said.

"There's no question that over the last two weeks our offensive line has done some really good things,"

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By Tom Fox
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A coach begs for support

'Come one, come all'

Wade Benson is calling you out. It's true.

There will be open tryouts for this weekend's two-game home stand beginning Friday night when the Eagles volleyball team hosts Portland State, and Weber State on Saturday.

Recently there has been a decreasing position — that the Eagles head coach said is an imperative ingredient for his teams success down the stretch — that, yes, you can fill.

"We need you to get out and fill the seats in order to give us that 'sixth man,' in volleyball it's the 'seventh man,'" proclaimed the Eagles second year head coach after Eastern's three-game sweep of Gonzaga University Tuesday night that drew a drizzled 898 in attendance.

Benson has an open invitation for a position on the volleyball team that doesn't require any athletic persona at all.

The invasion is to fill Reese Court with enthusiastic fans that would make ESPN's College game day take notice.

The thought is to make opponents uneasy to play one of the country's best volleyball programs.

"We're 15-3 and we should be packing this place out," Benson said. "We draw good, I'm not complaining, but we can draw better. There's probably 10 teams in the whole country that are 15-3 or better.

"There's people that don't even know about the match and there's people that should be talking about it," he said. "It should become an event right now because we have a shot to do something great."

OK, he's said it, Bensons laid the ground work for the Eagles volleyball success for the upcoming two-game home stand.

His request — merely to have Reese Court filled with fans — "the seventh man," will be the difference for Eastern's hopes of closing out

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he added.

But Saturday will be the offensive front's biggest challenge against the quick and stingy Lumberjack defensive line.

Roos played both ways for the Eagles with seven tackles, one-and-a-half sacks, one that caused a fumble, a fumble recovery at the defensive tackle position, and a 2-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter.

"I was impressed," Roos said. "Coach gave me a chance, kind of unfortunate Kyle giving me a chance to get out there, and I just tried to do my best."

Roos played both ways for just one year at Mountain View High School in Vancouver, Wash., but said this was game topped his personal best.

Eastern (5-2, 3-2) totaled 363 yards on the ground and quarterback Fred Salanoa had another good day under secure pass protection with 245 yards and two touchdowns in the win.

And the defense did its job containing Northridge talented quarterback Marcus Brady.

"We talked about all week putting together a complete game, which is something we felt we haven't done all year," said Wulff.

He added that his team's performance in the second half was the most complete of any this season.

Chatman added 43 receiving yards and one touchdown and a rushing two-point conversion to top the school scoring mark and have the second best running day in Eagle history.

"We couldn't stop the great back," Northridge head coach Jeff Kearin said. "He's a great back and he did a great job. That guys had about 1,000 yards against us in his career."

As reported in the Spokesman-Review, Chatman is leading all NCAA Division I-A and I-AA running backs with 1,390 yards this season. Since breaking the school rushing record two weeks ago Chatman has amassed 3,467 career rushing yards and 46 touchdowns (21 this year), also an Eagle best.

With three games remaining Chatman needs 104 yards to break single season rushing leader Rex Prescott with 1,494 in 1997.

The best day came two weeks ago, on the road in the overtime win over Cal State Sacramento with 298 yards rushing.

For both weeks' efforts, Chatman has been named offensive player of the week for both The Sports Network and Big Sky.

For his efforts, Chatman has always remembered where the plays develop — with the big, mature offensive line.

The Eagles scored 35 fourth-quarter points, started with Kyler Randall's 81-yard punt return for a touchdown, his second return for a touchdown on the season. For his efforts, Randall was named the Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week.

Eastern ranks first in I-AA in total offense (511.1) and scoring (45.7) per contest, and Chatman is leading the nation in rushing yards (198.6) and scoring (18.6) average each game.

The Eagles and quarterback Fred Salanoa are averaging 274.4 yards passing per contest, good enough for ninth in the nation.

Northern Arizona has shut down opponent's running games, yielding just 96.2 yards per contest, but if Chatman continues to keep up his torrid streak of 575 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground in the past two weeks their average will increase.

Last week with 277 yards, it was the second most in Eastern history. The first was two weeks ago with a 298 effort at Sacramento.

The Lumberjacks have relented just 23.6 average points per game this season, 52nd in I-AA.

Eastern has scored 171 points its last three games, but relented 84 in the three-straight wins.

EWU has lost to Montana 29-26 on Sept. 29 in double overtime and to Montana State on Oct. 6, 48-38 in Governor's Cup.

Saturday's game will be televised regionally on Fox Sports Net with kickoff at 12:35 p.m.

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Volleyball: Home stand imperative in Eagles' plans

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The 5-foot-11-inch junior from Post Falls added that this home stand is important.

"These next few games are huge for us," Ruen said. "If we get these two wins, we'll have confidence going to Sac State and NAU."

As it turns out three of the four games left for the Eagles will be against teams they are contending with for seeding in the Big Sky Conference championships, which begin Nov. 15.

"All of us played awesome tonight, all of us were on," said junior middle blocker Monica Lynch, who had six kills, 10 digs and three serving aces.

"That's how we try to play every single game," she added. "Because if you underestimate a team, then they come out strong. Then you're kind of not ready to play."

In the first game against the Zags, Eastern build a 10-5 lead on a kill by Monica Lynch. The lead was one the Eagles would not lose on its way to a 30-19 win.

Game two was tied eight times — the last at 22 — and resulted in a three-point win for the Eagles, 30-27.

The Eagles were nothing less than dominating in game three, with a 30-16 win, and the night, for the most part.

"In game two I thought we were working to not really worry about the plummet, but trying to play at a high level no matter who we're playing," Eagle head coach Wade Benson said. "Gonzaga wasn't playing their best game, but we were still going to try to play ours, no matter what."

Benson added that overall his team performed well, but at this point in the season good might not get them by.

"If we're really going to have a chance to do what we really want, if we really want to reach our dreams, than we have to play three strong games no matter what," Benson said of the Eagles goal of winning the conference tournament and getting to the NCAA national championship tournament.

"It's all important for now on," Benson said. "Everybody's right there. The Big Sky's proven to be tough this year, Sac proven to be a little bit better than everybody else, but the rest are all even."

The Eagles who are preparing for the toughest stretch in their season so far took the wins with a grain of salt. And they will do it in the most imperative time of the season with four games remaining on the Big Sky schedule.

"We're taking every game, but every game's big right now," Benson added. "If we care enough about it and play well enough, we can run the whole table."

Eastern will host Idaho State Friday night, Weber State Saturday night and then hit the road to play Northern Arizona and Cal State Sacramento on Nov. 9 and 10, respectively.

The Eagle coach was impressed with the results from game one and game three but the long, drawn out game two he was not.

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6 Eastern Washington Univ	144
7 Portland State	192
8 Sacramento State	224
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Ruffling: Coach feels support needed

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the season on the winning end.

Now, what are you going to do?

SIDE NOTE: The last thing I want is this column to be some mushy cheer leading information slot, but Benson's right.

What is the student body and surrounding community doing on a Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights?

Where are those thousands of fans that attended this season's George Gee Governor's Cup football game in Spokane?

They definitely weren't at last weekend's homecoming football game — that proved to be a record setting win for Eastern — but instead, the crowd was a microscopic.

What is it about this campus that won't support its teams?

It must be that there is something missing from the program.

Let's see if this institution meets the requirements of top collegiate sporting events around the nation: 1, winning teams are needed.

Eastern has this. The Eagles football team is ranked 23rd in the nation and contending for a postseason spot with a win this weekend at Northern Arizona.

And the same is true with the volleyball team that has built a winning tradition with winning seasons for the past decade, and a 14-3 overall record this year.

2, Top facilities. Eastern, too has this — maybe not so with cosy Woodward Field, but why should it be renovated when it can't be filled by its own student body? However, Reese Court is one of the largest venues where volleyball and basketball is played in the Big Sky Conference.

3, Free stuff. Again, Eastern does this. At each volleyball game there are giveaways to fans.

4, Cheerleaders. Yes, Eastern has its own cheerleaders. It's really great. They have uniforms and everything, and the best part is they'll let you cheer along if you want.

5, You. For those of you loyal fans that have been supporting your

teams this need not apply, but to the rest of you — that's what's missing.

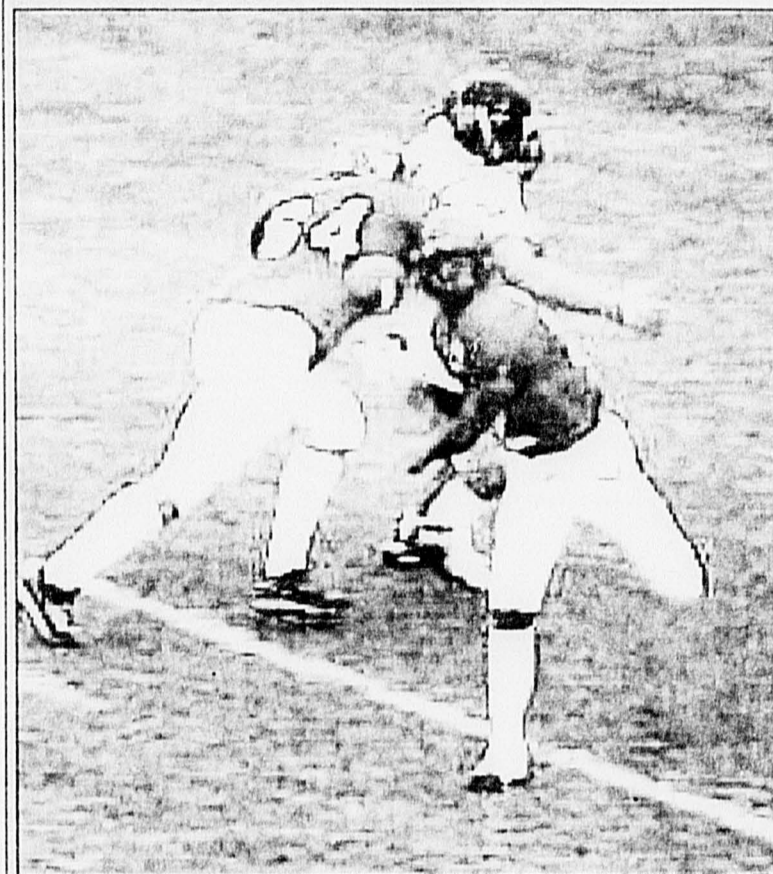
Well there's a long list of what needs to be met prior to filling a gym, or field, but why go into them, rather what would be better for your university than to be feared, because of its crowd alone?

Bensons hit the nail on the head "the seventh man," like Texas Tech's 11th man football crowds that can overpower teams play calling because they can't hear.

So to you Eastern's student body, whether you go to games or not, you are the seventh, 11th people and as Benson said he wants to have a home crowd where teams walk in to the gym and ask "What are we up against now? It's not just this team, but this crowd. They're into it," he proclaimed.

"We're tired of being good," Benson said. "We need help. To push us over the edge everybody's got to committ, the crowd, the players and the coaches, we all have to committ together.

"If we miss one of those things we'll be just good," he said. "And if we get all three, we have a great chance of being great."

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▲ Eastern quarterback Fred Salanoa threw for two touchdowns last weekend in the Eagles 63-35 win.

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