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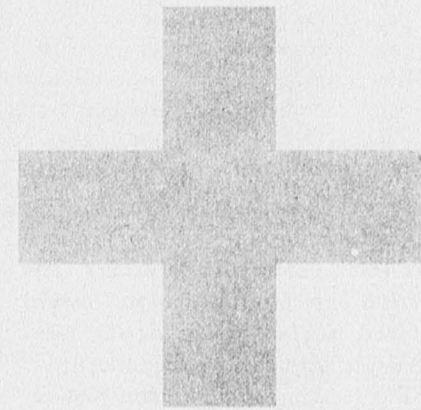
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Tuition



Next fall, costs are estimated to be **\$3,379** for instate students

Adrian Workman
Editor

At this point, it's extremely likely that EWU students next fall will be paying 14 percent more for their tuition than the current rate. Sans fees, parking fines and the like, this would put a resident undergraduate at \$3,379 per year.

When Washington state legislators met last Spring, they sought to cap

the tuition increase for schools like Eastern at 6.7 percent for the biennial budget. What happened next was impossible to predict.

"The recession hits, September 11 hits, the economy in Washington goes into the sink, and they find that they've got a big deficit in the budget," said Dr. Stephen Jordan, President of EWU.

"When they went in to cut the budget this Spring, for next year, they both cut the budget on the one side, reduced how much state money would be available to us (that was the five percent cut), but they then raised the lid on how much we could raise tuition. So they took the 6.7 [percent] lid and raised it up to the 14 percent. So they did both things to the budget at the same time."

This budget cut means a five percent reduction for EWU.

The five percent cut will not be constant across all the departments, and Dr. Jordan does not yet know which departments will be pinched harder than others.

His original concern was that a cut of that magnitude would affect EWU's capacity to deliver a quality education to its students.

"What we were going to do was offset the effects of some of the cut with some of the tuition increase. [The board] said, 'No, go ahead and do the full five percent cut, and do the full tuition increase.' They want to take some things out of the budget. They want to focus on rethinking what we're doing, and then use the new money, the new tuition income to redistribute to things that will contribute to the vision that I have laid out for the university."

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Tuition increase *from front page*

Some departments are already in a tight spot. Department deans are forced to keep tenure or tenure-track positions open in order to achieve mandated savings quotas. These savings are budget overruns that appear in departments where there is more turnover. This institution estimated that return to be three percent, which is deducted from the departments' budgets.

Departments where there is little or no turnover have problems meeting that three percent, so they tend to leave a position open to free up money to meet the savings requirement. They frequently hire lecturers instead, who don't receive as much pay.

According to an agreement with the faculty union, however, departments have to maintain a three-to-one ration of tenured or tenure-track professors to others. The actual ration gets stretched more toward non-tenured professors as department deans struggle with this savings incentive. The BOT is looking at diminishing or removing this requirement.

The general model for tuition increases is a one-to-three ratio: For every one percent budget deficit, the tuition needs to increase three percent. As of last January, projections showed that roughly \$130,000 in revenue could be expected for one percent

tuition goes up.

Dr. Jordan noted in the BOT meeting last Friday that the tuition increase is not the final fix, but rather just "buys us some time."

This is because of the financial future in this state, and thus this university will get worse before it gets better.

"My concern is that the budget for the next biennium is going to be even worse. That the economy in Washington will not have had enough time to bounce back and generate revenue... since it's so reliant upon sales tax.

"The legislature's going to be back, working on the next biennial budget seven months from now. The chance that revenue is going to turn around that dramatically in seven months is not very good. Right now, they're already projecting about an \$800 million problem for the next biennium.

If that's the case, the five percent cut will just be the starting point in a short

series of money shortages that the state government will share with this and other Washingtonian universities. "We would be forced to do additional cuts here."

According to Jordan, each subsequent cut is harder to make, and affects the institution more severely.

CATEGORY	CURRENT TUITION RATES	AFTER 14% INCREASE
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE	\$2,964	\$3,379
RESIDENT GRADUATE	\$4,758	\$5,424
NON-RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE	\$10,224	\$11,655
NON-RESIDENT GRADUATE	\$14,031	\$15,995

EWU Foundation reviving senior class gift

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

The EWU Foundation is attempting to bring the tradition of the senior class gift back to Eastern. In 1913, the senior class donated the statue of Sacajawea on the first floor of Showalter Hall. Another graduating class donated the "Pillars of Hercules" that lead up to the building in 1937. The tradition fell out of favor, and it has been 65 years since the last senior gift.

Erin Roy, the Assistant Director of Annual Giving for the EWU Foundation, hopes to change all that. Ever since GradFest, Roy and a team of volunteers from the senior class have been working to raise money and let people know about the 2002 class gift project.

"It's not a surprise that people are caught off guard by the whole concept of a senior class gift," said Roy. "The big challenge this year is to just get the word out."

A team of senior leaders chose to donate benches that will be installed in front of the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center. The benches will be accompanied by a commemorative plaque.

One bench will be installed for every \$1,000 raised. Roy is being cautiously optimistic and hopes to raise enough money this year for two benches.

"We're hoping to do a formal presentation in the Spring. The benches are going to be in place in time for commencement. We're going to be giving a formal presentation to the President too as representatives of the senior class and formally present that gift to the University," Roy said.

If you fulfill your pledges by May 31, you will be invited to the senior class culminating event on June 7 where there will be a drawing for prizes including two Southwest Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental United States.

"That is just one incentive to give," said Roy. "Seniors are also able to make their gift in honor of someone—a professor, or a parent or grandparent, or spouse, or children, or whoever it was

who helped a graduating senior get through school."

The EWU Foundation is planning to take out a full-page ad in *The Easterner* listing the names of all the people who are being honored by the pledges. All donors will be listed in the Foundation's annual newsletter.

Roy and the seniors working on the project have been getting the word out to the student body through information tables in the PUB and other grassroots activities, such as speaking with people in the Greek system. They plan to keep informing people about the project through Clubs and Organizations and "other venues available on campus."

"I have a committee of four seniors who are helping to direct the project," Roy said. This isn't just the Foundation saying you're going to do a senior class gift. We want it to be the senior class wanting to give something back. The

Foundation is able to help facilitate that."

There are several payment options for students who would like to make a pledge.

"The final payment isn't due until May 31. They also have the option of paying it right then and there in full, paying part of it and being billed for the rest, or being billed for the entire amount. You can use cash, check or credit card and gifts can also be made online," Roy said.

If paying through the Foundation's secure web server appeals more to you, the url is <http://www.ewu.edu/foundation>. First-time donors will have to register on the site. It is important to remember to type "Senior Class Gift" in the "Other" category to designate your gift.

"As much as anything," Roy said "we're hoping to get a lot of participation out of the senior class so that they're truly representative of the whole class."

Anyone who wants to know more about the project is encourage to visit Hargreaves 127 to talk to Roy or one of the seniors on the committee about the project. For more information, there is a FAQ on the Foundation's web site, or you can call 359-6358.

The big challenge this year is to just get the word out

Erin Roy

Assistant Director of Annual Giving for the EWU Foundation,

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Faculty Senate says "no" to Arena Commencement

Megan Curfman
Reporter

Eastern Washington University President Stephen Jordan proposed that the Faculty Senate consider moving Commencement to the Spokane Arena, in downtown. The Senate considered it, weighed the opinions of students, and at Monday's Senate meeting, decided that no one really wanted to move commencement into Spokane.

Dr. Jordan proposed this idea because he feels that the way the audience reacts to the conditions outside is unfair to the graduates. Commencement is approximately four hours long, the sun beats down, and it gets windy sometimes, so it is understandable that

people are uncomfortable. But when three fourths of the audience leaves before the ceremony is over, it's unspeakable.

Moving Commencement to Spokane would make the conditions more comfortable for family and friends, and would save Eastern Washington University approximately \$10,000 in set up costs. Currently, EWU has to rent a sound system, costing about \$10,000. If Commencement were moved to Spokane, this cost would be eliminated.

Students and staff, however, when asked, were reluctant to move the ceremony away from the Cheney campus. Nick Jackson, President of Faculty Organizations, believes it is a good thing to keep the ceremony on campus.

"It keeps a focus on Eastern and that is what we are striving for," said Jackson.

Having graduation on campus keeps things central, and brings the school closer together as a whole. Since they are going to work at keeping Commencement on campus, the Senate is going to try and find a way to make things easier for the audience. Christian Shook, ASEWU President, will be creating a committee to specifically address the issue of maintaining commencement on campus, but making it conducive with the audience, so everyone is satisfied. This committee will be composed of both Eastern Washington University students and staff.

"It is clear that we need equal representation from students and faculty



The Spokane Arena seats over 12,000 people, 5,000 more than Woodward Stadium.

on this issue," claimed Jackson.

If students are interested in helping to make Commencement more

audience-friendly, they should contact Shiloh Burgess at 359-2514 for ways to help.

Wilde bothered by unnecessary executive sessions

Megan Curfman
Reporter

Chantel Wilde, ASEWU Public Relations Councilperson, had some issues she needed to get out in the open and used yesterday's ASEWU meeting as a chance to speak her voice.

At the previous meeting, President Shook had stated that the reason for the delay in the appointment of the three Superior Court Justices was that the last three interviewees were unable to meet with the interviewing committee.

Wilde, who sat on that particular committee, addressed the fact that there had not been adequate time allowed to interview all the applicants, and that they had to cancel meetings with two applicants due to the committee's schedules conflicting.

"My apology deeply goes out to those last three. I take my share of the responsibility; it was our fault that the interviews were not done in a timely manner and nobody else," said Wilde.

Wilde also expressed her disappointment in the way Executive Sessions were being used.

"I personally feel that we are misusing our Executive Ses-

sions," claimed Wilde.

According to the RCW's and the Open Records and Open Meetings Deskbook, there are only three reasons which pertain to the council that allow executive sessions to be held.

First, to receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing or meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such a complaint or charge.

Second, to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employee or to review the performance of a public employee.

Third, to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office.

However, any interview of a candidate and final action appointing a candidate to elective office shall be in a meeting open to the public.

Prior to the Executive Session, an announcement that states the purpose (which should be one of the three reasons mentioned above) and the length of the Executive Session to those attending the meeting. The session cannot be held to discuss personnel matters or

"internal affairs," as they have been in the past.

"The discussion of personal matters, in general, is not an authorized purpose for holding an executive session: only certain specific issues relating to personnel may be addressed in executive sessions" (RCW 42.30.110). Wilde is willing to try and fix this problem so it doesn't happen in the future.

"I am willing to give a more detailed presentation at a future time or even ask a guest speaker from the city council to come and speak with us pertaining to the issue. I just ask that we take some initiative and fix this," Wilde offered.

ASEWU Executive Vice Presi-

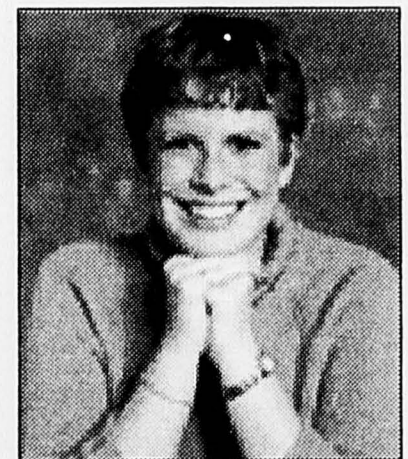
dent Dan Clark welcomed her to do just this.

"I would invite you to extend an invitation to the mayor or someone from city council. We can all learn more," he said.

ON THE SIDE...

The RCW's and the Open Records and Open Meetings Deskbook can be found at the Washington State Legislation homepage:

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Student Council**Superior Court up and running after two month dormancy**

Megan Curfman
Reporter

Wednesday's ASEWU meeting saw a number of appointments into the council and onto the Superior Court.

The council appointed three new justices to serve on the Superior Court: Lacey Sinn, Joel Luc Raveloharimisy, and Will Toler-Luna. Once these justices begin serving on the court, the court will be able to function properly again.

"After nine and a half weeks of spreading out interviews, these individuals were not only incredible, but they stuck in there. They were patient with us, but still called and checked up on things. They were very encouraging through the whole process, and that was wonderful. I think they embody what a council member should be," said ASEWU President Christian Shook.

These new additions to the court will not only make it able to function, but will make it diverse.

"This is the most diverse superior court," remarked Shook, "It has the first international student to be in any part of council. They are a great group of people who all want to serve the school through the court."

At the last meeting Shiloh Burgess had been appointed by a two-thirds vote into Council Position 1, Academic Affairs. After a look at the constitution it was discovered that although the bylaws claimed a two-thirds vote was enough to approve a motion, the constitution stated a three-fourths vote was necessary.

Since the ASEWU Constitution overrules the bylaws, the vote made at last week's meeting is considered unconstitutional and, therefore, null and void. At yesterday's meeting a new motion was made and a new vote put Shiloh Burgess into Council Position 1, Academic Affairs.

At the Board of Trustees meeting last Friday tuition increases were once again a topic of discussion. Washington State Legislation has approved an up to 14 percent tuition increase.

"From the conversation I heard at the meeting, it sounds like the board is going to go up the whole 14 percent," claimed Shook. Previously, the Board had talked about a 12 percent increase, maximum. While the reasons for this jump from 12 to 14 percent are unknown, it may be due to the five percent budget cut the school is facing. The 14 percent will have a direct impact on state need, grants, financial aid, and the amount of scholarships offered.

The ASEWU Website has not been updated in a while. This was brought to Public Relations Officer Chantel Wilde's attention during her time in the ASEWU Information Center. The Information Center allows her to talk to more students than before, so naturally she gets complaints, concerns, and lots

of questions. The Website is currently under construction, with a new look, new links to the Clubs and Organizations page, and the goal of being much more student friendly and informative to the students. Tony Curtis, ASEWU Webmaster, has been working on this particular update for a while now, and plans to have it site up and running within a week.

Wilde was also concerned about a comment made by another council member at the last meeting. It was said that the council committees', which the council selects at the start of the year and periodically throughout the year, recommendations should be abided by. The committees recommendation was questioned in the last meeting, and Wilde considered that a good thing.

"We select these people to represent our interests on these committees, but that does not mean we become a rubber stamp," said Wilde, "The day we stop asking questions is the day we start to die. I do not expect a rubber stamp on my ideas and I will not be a rubber stamp."

Her concerns were met with astonished look from a number of council members, and a few congratulated her for bringing her thoughts out in the open and speaking her mind. Wilde closed her report by stating, "If I had decided not to address these issues today, I would not be doing my job."

**POLICE BEAT****April 4**

EWU PD and Cheney Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire in the lower section of Lot #10. The car was in flames, and the fire was extinguished. The owner of the vehicle called for a tow truck.

April 5

A complainant reported two 12-year-old males throwing rocks at the JFK library windows. No damage was done, and the officers contacted the three males involved near the mall.

A written MIP was forwarded to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities for a Dressler Hall resident.

April 6

Cheney PD made a traffic stop in Lot #10 where the driver of the vehicle fled the area and assistance was called in for a foot pursuit. The subject was caught and arrested in Lot #1 and charged with a DUI.

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Scott Richter from Auntie's Bookstore will talk on *First Edition or Not? Valuable or Not?* 5:30 p.m., JFK Library Faculty Reading Room.

FRIDAY

EWU Friends of the Library Book and Record Sale, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

HOME Parent Support Group meeting, 1 p.m., Monroe 207. For more information contact HOME at 359-4237.

Softball Doubleheader: EWU vs. Washington State University. 5 p.m., Salnave

SATURDAY

EWU Friends of the Library Book and Record Sale, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

No Events Scheduled

If you or your group would like your event listed in *The Easterner's Events Calendar*, call 359-6270. Make sure you leave your name, phone number, and details on your event.

MONDAY

Learning to Start Conversations With New Folks. 6:30 p.m., PUB 206. Sponsored by Chi Alpha, for more information contact Bob at 359-5017.

TUESDAY

Free Video: "Women in Allegory: Gender and Sculpture in Two Cultures." 12 p.m., Monroe 207. For more information contact the Women's Studies Center at 359-2898.

WEDNESDAY

McNair Scholars silent auction. Bid on items like: art, learn-to-ski package for two, gourmet dinner, Auntie's Bookstore gift certificate, Mountain Gear rock climbing class, and more. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monroe Hall second floor lounge.

Dana Lyons will share his humor and insight on environmental issues. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.-9 p.m. (WYSIWYG) in the PUB MPR. For more information call Aaron at 359-4839.

ASEWU Clubs and Organizations meeting, 3 p.m., PUB MPR.

Faculty of the Year nominations are due at 5 p.m. in PUB 303. To nominate a faculty member, stop by the ASEWU Office.



Washington Educator Career Fair 2002

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April 10 at the Tacoma Dome, over 100 school districts/ESD's and 14 colleges/universities from Washington state will be in attendance. In addition, there will be approximately 70 representatives from Alaska, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, and Texas, Virginia and the U.S. Peace Corps.

April 23 at the Spokane Center, over 90 school districts/ESD's and 7 colleges/universities from Washington will be represented. There will also be over 40 school districts attending from Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, and Texas, and the U.S. Peace Corps.

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News Briefs



EWU'S ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION TAKES PLACE APRIL 29-MAY 3

Eastern Washington University's Chicano Education Program holds its annual Cinco de Mayo celebration April 29-May 3, featuring many familiar events, plus one new one – a Papel Picado Mexican Folk Art Exhibit.

The public is invited to experience Chicano/Latino culture and traditions at all the events (see schedule below), which are free and held on Eastern's campus in Cheney. The only off-campus event is the Canto al Pueblo II (Song to the Community), which will be held May 1 at The Met in Spokane and for which there is an admission charge.

The Papel Picado (perforated paper) Mexican Folk Art Exhibit will be on display for the entire

month in the Cesar Chavez Lounge of Monroe Hall. Purchased in Mexico City where Mexican folk artists used awls, chisels and special cutting blades to render intricate designs, the display is representative of the paper cutting tradition that continues to highlight religious and secular images associated with festivals.

Speakers cover such topics as Chicano literature, Chicana elderly and higher education issues for undocumented students. There's fun and food and games and much more, said Carlos Maldonado, director of the Chicano Education Program, "and I invite everyone to come."

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In regard to Palestine...

Eugene Purnell III
Contributor

Today is Holocaust Day in Israel. This is a day that all Israelis, others of the Jewish faith and all mankind should reflect upon.

It wasn't too long ago that Jews were put to death by various means. Only a few decades ago, those of Jewish faith had their homes invaded and their property taken from them by Germany's Nazi party. The Nazis felt that only those of true Teutonic origin had a place in Germany and that it was given to them by divine right of the Teutonic gods.

The Palestinians had their land taken away from them after World War II and it was given to the state of Israel. The Israelis feel that it belongs to them by divine right because of a covenant between them and God recorded in the Bible.

Surely, no one can defend that. If I or any other citizen were to claim a neighbor's property as my own because the Bible said so, we would be immediately arrested for trespassing, or shot on sight, or sent to a psychiatric hospital for evaluation.

However, due to the horrors of the Holocaust, the U.S., Germany and other governments around the globe that are sympathetic to the point of blindness ignore the brutality, bigotry, and racism that exist

in the current state of Israel.

I met a woman who is Moroccan and Jewish. She told me that while visiting Israel, she was referred to as "nigger of Israel."

In a PBS documentary about the West Bank, many Israeli people (even children) expressed not only hatred for the Palestinian people, but a desire to rid the region completely of their presence.

It seems like the U.S. government winks with an approving nod. U.S. Secretary of Defense Colin Powell says President Bush would like to see an end to the Israeli offensive.

However, we give Israel \$3 billion annually in military aid. This money is used to kill Palestinians, whether they are women, children or the elderly.

Our government says it can't afford to pay for Social Security for the masses, health care, or welfare for American citizens. Yet, we can afford to give Israel \$3 billion to protect itself from the people it occupied.

The U.S. government somehow feels that might indeed makes right.

We call people who fly in jets thousands of feet up in the sky and drop bombs on people "heroes." We call military people who are armed to the teeth "heroes" even when they fight people who merely have slingshots.

We call police officers who beat to death or shoot women, children, and old or mentally challenged people "heroes" even when it was clearly shown that the perpetrators were unarmed.

This country was built upon violence, murder and power. Yet we call Palestinian suicide bombers who have nothing to defend themselves from the Israelis but rifles and pistols "terrorists." If the U.S. government truly wants peace in the Middle East, they should cut the \$3 billion annual military aid to Israel. They should take steps to aid the Palestinians in becoming a stable democratic government and give them \$10 billion a year in military aid.

A German-speaking individual

told me that Germany provides Israel with free submarines. They do this in order to make up for the horrors of the Holocaust.

I find this hysterical. Why not give Israel free military equipment to kill others to make up for the untimely deaths of Israelis and other Jews? This is perfectly logical.

If new policies are created that protect the Palestinian people, the Israeli government will see that it can not simply sieze land and force people out of their homes like the Nazis did to Israeli Jews before and during World War II.

If we define terror as "overwhelming fear," terrorism as "acts of violence committed to cause overwhelming fear," and a terrorist as someone who "commits acts of overwhelming fear," the definitions apply to both Israelis and Palestinians along with the governments of the U.S. and other nations.

Does anybody truly believe that Palestinian people routinely blow themselves up just for kicks? This act of extreme desperation has its birthplace within the current oppressive conditions the Palestinian people suffer under the Israeli government.

In regards to the Holocaust, the only thing I as a Black American male see is that Israeli Jews have learned very well from the Nazis. So think about Holocaust Day and what it should mean.

The Easterner

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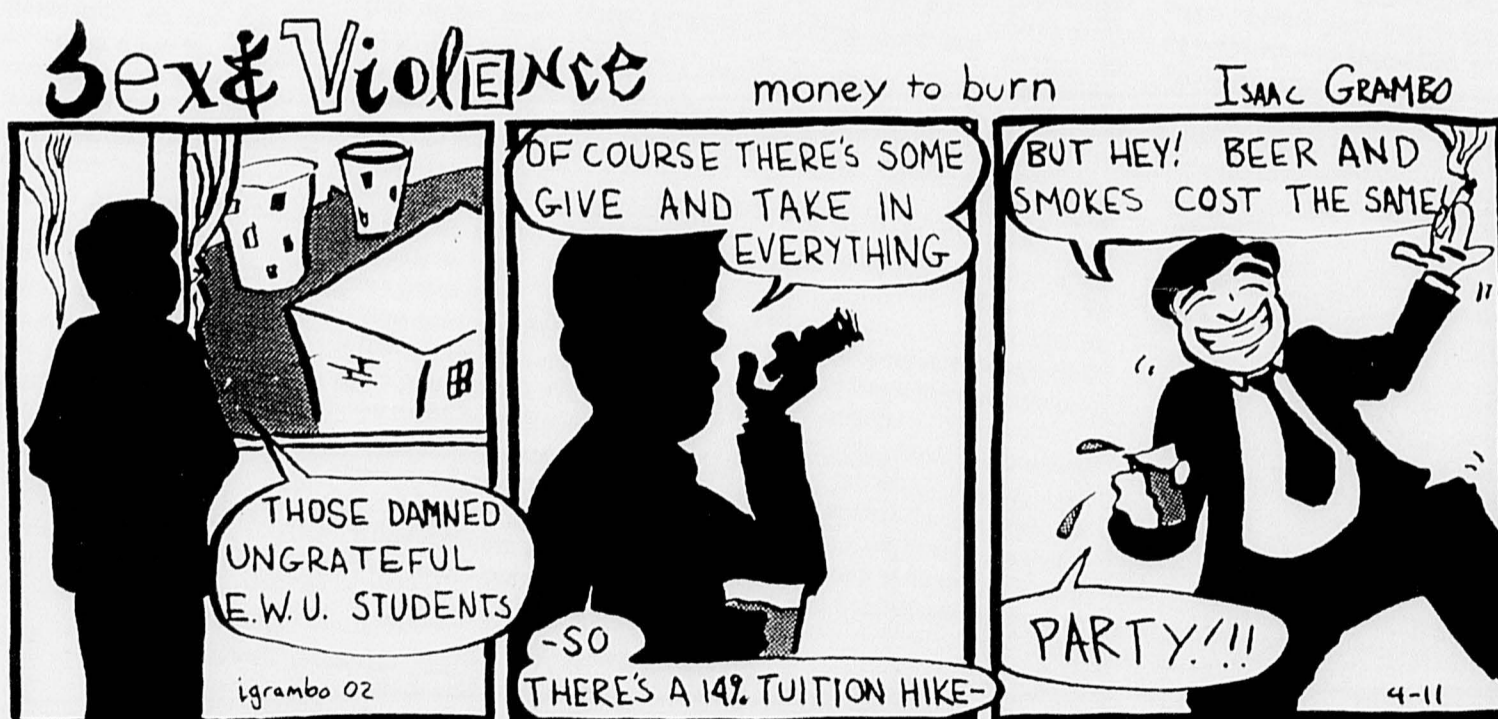
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Kenny Garrett trumps the other Kenny G

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

Saxophonist Kenny Garrett's latest release "Happy People" initially left me with a bad feeling in the pit of my stomach. First of all, the CD jacket art clearly shows his soprano saxophone. Secondly, his name is just a little too similar to that other soprano saxophonist named Kenny...

Considering how terrible most of the jazz albums that get sent to the Easterner are, and the fact that Garrett is a Warner Bros. Artist, I was very afraid. I was expecting the saxophone equivalent of a Lindsay Pagano CD-formulaic excrement dressed up with some trendy production and lots of pictures of the artist.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered that "Happy People" is actually pretty good. After getting my condemn Garrett's work, it was almost disappointing to discover that the CD is full of strong compositions, soulful arrangements, lively playing, and even some Chicago-style blues guitar by Randy Razz that would make B.B. King proud. This album is just plain fun, even if there is a little too much vibraphone in track three.

Garrett's press release accurately describes his playing as "muscular" and "melodic." Many people have probably heard something by Garrett before without realizing it. He has played with The Duke Ellington Orchestra and legendary jazz icons such as Art Blakey, Dizzy Gillespie, and Miles Davis. He has also worked with Sting, Peter Gabriel, Bruce Springsteen and the rapper GURU.

"Happy People" is Garrett's response to the World Trade Center attack. Garrett and a carefully chosen group of talented friends were scheduled to start recording the album at Oceanway Studios in Los Angeles on Sept. 11. Despite misgivings and concern about friends and family back east, they went ahead and started working on the CD.

"We decided that, for us, the best way to deal with all the crazy emotions of that day was to play music," Garrett said. "I think the feeling was that people are going to need this music in these times so the band gave it everything they had. I don't remember a lot of talking that day... just a lot of music."

Thankfully, Garrett was more interested in creating memorable melodies than in showing off how flawlessly he can play elevator music or how many exotic scales and modes he knows. He also played in the groove enough so that the quartet really sounds like a band instead of the guys he hired to play quietly while he soloed. That led to an album that showcases his interest in traditional Asian music and songs by jazz masters such as Dave Brubeck and Thelonious Monk without coming off as overly artsy or artificial. "Happy People" is an album you can listen to while you're spending quality time with your main squeeze or dancing with your shoes off in your kitchen.

Session bassist and producer Marcus Miller deserves extra ice cream for dessert for making "Happy People" sound so good. Vernell Brown's piano sits quietly in the mix, but it is still easy to hear all the subtle touches that keep his parts interesting. Charnett Moffett's upright bass has a pure warmth that almost makes it



sound like a cello at times-especially when he starts doing weird stuff with a bow at the end of "Tango in 6." Drummer Chris Dave creates a

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Hui 'O Hawai'i

Shelia King
C&O Reporter

It has finally become tolerable to venture out from under our layers of woolen winter wear and enjoy the temperate, soon to be sweltering climate of our beloved Cheney. Our whole environment is beginning to blossom and in unison seem to say, "Aloha!" As most know "Aloha" is a welcoming greeting which means both hello and goodbye in the Hawaiian language. Though Cheney lacks the tropical humidity, beautiful beaches and aromatic plant life of Hawaii, there is a group here on campus that has brought the Aloha spirit across the Pacific Ocean and has fostered their own Cultural Hawaiian paradise here on Easterns' Campus, the Hui 'O Hawaii Club.

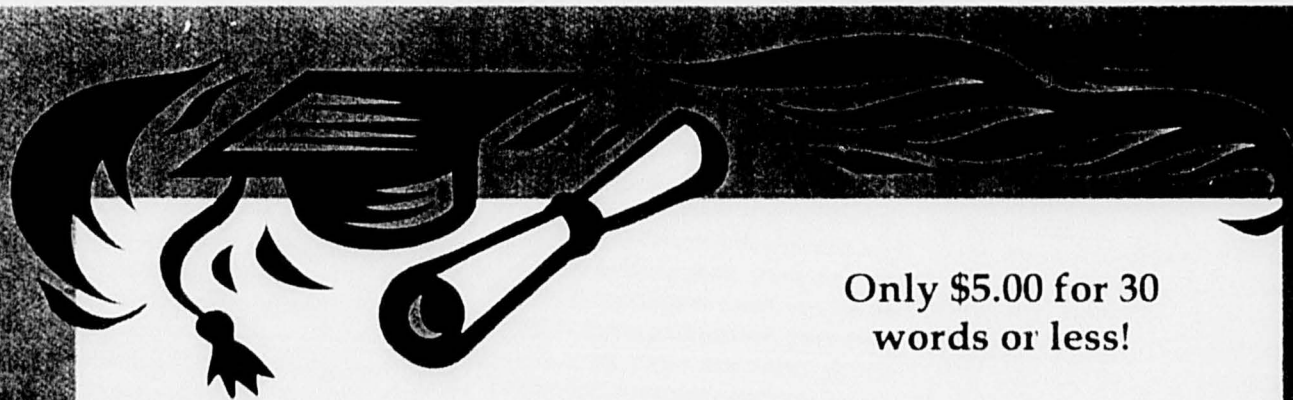
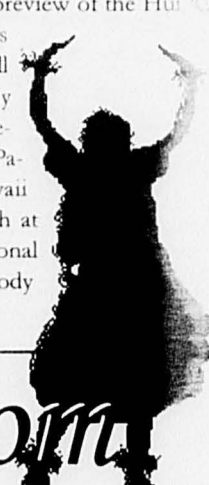
The Hui 'O Hawaii Club was first brought together by Jody Sakaba last spring. Since its creation it has expanded to 20-30 active members who put on a plethora of cultural events in the Spokane area. The club meets once a month except when preparing for its many upcoming events. The Hui 'O Hawaii club is an extremely active campus organization that has put on Hula dances in L.A. hall and just last Saturday danced at a Spokane nursing home. The club is also involved in the Pacific Islanders Association in Spokane.

Founder Jody Sakaba emphasizes that the concept of the club has evolved since its beginnings as a "support system for new Hawaiian college students," to a "way to share the Hawaiian culture."

The club is completely open to people of all ethnic backgrounds and is currently focusing on the recruitment and involvement of students of different ethnicities.

The Hui 'O Hawaii Club is currently planning their largest event thus far. They are putting on a Luau here at Eastern on May 10 in the Pub MPR. The event is catered with traditional Hawaiian food, some of which is being flown in from the Hawaiian Islands. There will also be traditional Hawaiian Luau entertainment featuring Hula dancing. Tickets cost \$14 for Students and \$15 for the general public. Students may purchase tickets on their Eagle Cards in the Tawanka Commons. Students and the general public may also purchase tickets at the University Bookstore. The Hui 'O Hawaii Club will also have a booth in the PUB every Thursday until the event is sold out. A total of 400 tickets are available.

Anyone interested in a preview of the Hui 'O Hawaii Club's Hula skills may attend a show they will be performing this Friday April 12th for Indian Awareness week at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. The Hui 'O Hawaii Club will also have a booth at the World Party. For additional club information contact Jody Sakaba at 235-9894 Aloha!



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Blind student has no regrets in sight

Alexandra Holt
Reporter

Jeremy Stanton is a 21-year-old Eastern Washington University student who enjoys the same things as others his age: the Mariners, dogs, pizza, psychology, and the color blue. The one aspect that makes him different is that he's blind.

At five and a half months Jeremy lost his left eye due to retinoblastoma, a cancer that affects the retina. He was able to see with one eye until he was five. He remembers his parents taking him to Disneyland during that time, but it's hard for him to recall what it looked like because it was so long ago.

Jeremy argues that despite his disability, he led a very normal childhood. He doesn't feel that he missed out on anything.

In school, Jeremy feels he was slightly discriminated against. When Jeremy wanted to take a cooking class, the school authorized an autistic student, but refused Jeremy. They claimed they were concerned he would cut himself with a knife.

Jeremy competed for the Lakeside High School wrestling team for two years. "I always lost, but oh well," he said.

After graduating from high school in the National Honor Society with a 3.6 GPA and a score of 850 on his SATs, Jeremy applied to Eastern Washington University due to it being nationally known for its education program and the CEDP (Counseling Education Developmental Psychology) classes it offers. He was accepted and is now a sophomore and working toward an education degree to fulfill his career dream of teaching the visually impaired.

"It's not too bad. It sucks at times," Jeremy said in reference to how he likes EWU. Laughing, he added, "They need to put Braille signs on the bathrooms."

When he is finished at EWU, he will transfer to Portland State University to participate in their master's program.

Jeremy's parents had no difficulty letting go of their son so he could live the normal college life in the dorms. He said they knew that he has the academic ability.

Eastern Washington University doesn't have that large of a campus, but for a person who is visually impaired, anywhere can get puzzling. Jeremy admits to being confused at times, especially around Williamson Hall, because of all the different walkways near that particular building.

A student at Eastern and an individual from the services for the blind escorted Jeremy around when he first arrived at college. He says he does pretty well because he has a "visual memory of the layout of the buildings."

Jeremy adds that if you get yourself lost enough, you'll find shortcuts around the campus.

There was a specific incident that happened to Jeremy last school year, when he was walking to class along the sidewalk. Some unknown source had moved a cover off of a manhole, which Jeremy didn't notice with his walking stick causing him to fall 30 feet and remain in there for an hour while city officials worked on getting him out.

Jeremy received a gash on the back of his head that needed to be stitched. His family

wanted to sue EWU and the company who was in charge of the construction on campus - whose name Jeremy couldn't remember - because neither was willing to explain that open hole or admit they were at fault.

Both EWU and the construction company admitted to Jeremy's mom in the hospital that they were wrong for the open manhole, but "they just won't do it on paper."

"It's just a lot of headache," said Jeremy as he shook his head.

Next year, Jeremy will get a guide dog. He emphasized that the term most people use is "a seeing-eye dog," which is not the correct name because it guides a person, thus "guide dog" is a more accurate description.

At 16-years-old, any individual may receive a guide dog, but Jeremy didn't choose to because of the size of his high school.

"I didn't really need it, because it was a small school," he said. "It was easy to find my way around."

Jeremy said that Eastern doesn't want a guide dog living on campus in a residential hall, but "that's illegal."

"They can go anywhere the owner goes," Jeremy said.

Jeremy lives in Louise Anderson Hall with a roommate who attends school through the AUAP (Asia University America Program). He says that he has no complaints living with an international student.

Currently, Jeremy holds a 3.6 GPA at EWU and says that his hardest class is Sociology. He "bombed the first test," but his teacher let him retake it.

Jeremy gets through his classes using a machine called "Braille 'N Speak." It's a computer with Braille symbols so Jeremy is able to type notes during class. The visually impaired learn how to use the machine in the first grade.

Also, rather than purchasing textbooks, Jeremy buys the book on cassette. When his teachers pass around handouts, he scans them into a Kurzweil computer and it reads the text back to him. The Kurzweil computer is offered to the visually impaired students on the bottom floor of Eastern Washington University's JFK library.

Jeremy adds that on occasion he does have other students read to him.

Being blind makes other people think that Jeremy is incapable of a lot of things. He doesn't mind being treated differently sometimes. He even thinks it can be funny.

"People will say 'I'll get the door for you.' I can open the door!" Jeremy laughed.

If it were a possibility for a surgery to repair his eyesight, Jeremy had a much unexpected response - he would refuse it.

"What would it gain back?" He asked. "You're used to it, and I don't think anyone (visually impaired) would."

Jeremy explained that the visually impaired grow up and learn how to survive without the ability to see, and therefore it would be a challenge to have to relearn everything again.

"I've accepted that I'm blind," he said. "There's no way I'd change my life."

Ebert dissects the genders, cuts up a large audience

Adrian Workman
Editor-in-Chief

Emilly Lynn
Reporter

I'm usually pretty skeptical when an attractive woman claims to be able to tell an audience how a man thinks. A fair amount of male rationale can be obliterated in the presence of sexual attraction. In that light, most of the stunning commentary about how women think has fallen on my ears from the televised lips of female comedians. The most blunt instrument of male pop-psyche comes from Tom Leykis, but a radio talk show is the farthest thing from a dialogue, thanks to screening

Tonight I hope to get some basic information about guys. After seeing the posters hanging around campus, I am honestly interested in what the event will actually be like. I think there'll be lots of good information that might help everyone improve their relationships with each other. Tonight should be good. Students should be piled in the MPR because it's a topic dealing with the word "sex" and anything with that word in it is bound to draw their attention.

After

I think that my previous notions were...small. Most of the ideas espoused by Dr. Lori Hart Ebert are actually quite popular, but there was some incongruity. First of all, she said that women tend to communicate through "connecting," and men tend to communicate through disconnecting (asserting their individuality). The whole point of her presentation, however, was on how disconnected the two genders really are: 'Men think this way, women think that way,' etc.

At one point, she sent 10 volunteers up to the front: Five males and five females. She said that she was going to ask the women questions only men would know, and vice versa. It was truly frustrating to watch her ask the women questions anyone would know, and ask the men questions that the women frequently didn't know. Naming three movies that starred Sylvester Stallone does not count as a male-gender question: One would have to have been tucked under a rock in Antarctica to miss his career, and the young woman who answered correctly was not one of my Antarctic rock dwellers.

Stallone's career has been huge for almost 30 years, right? The "gender-equivalent" question asked of the men regarded identifying a character in a soap opera. I don't know how the men won that one, but mad props to those responsible.

Her bit on pain is totally unfair. She made a list

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▲ Women think they have it bad? They don't have a prostate gland.

Dr. Lori Hart Ebert used humor and simple anecdotes to discuss several very serious communication problems between men and women. She captivated all students, including the ones who'd been dragged there by a friend or significant other, constantly using volunteers from the audience. Dr. Ebert wields a thick Georgia accent, and soon had everyone who attended laughing hysterically.

"You're laughing because you know it's true, not because it's funny," she said after one burst of laughter from the audience. Dr. Ebert compared the differences between the thinking of men and women and used common examples to illustrate her points.

Some of the funnier points were how women and men see pain, mirror images, parties, perfect days, and decorating differently. The hilarious drawings that went with each example made the students, both male and female, nod and clap because of how accurate

they were.

A rousing game involving ten volunteers, five from each sex, who had to answer random questions ended in a tiebreaker, with the men winning the game. For the tiebreaker, Dr. Ebert read a list of things a famous person had done. The boys knew it was Kevin Costner who played in

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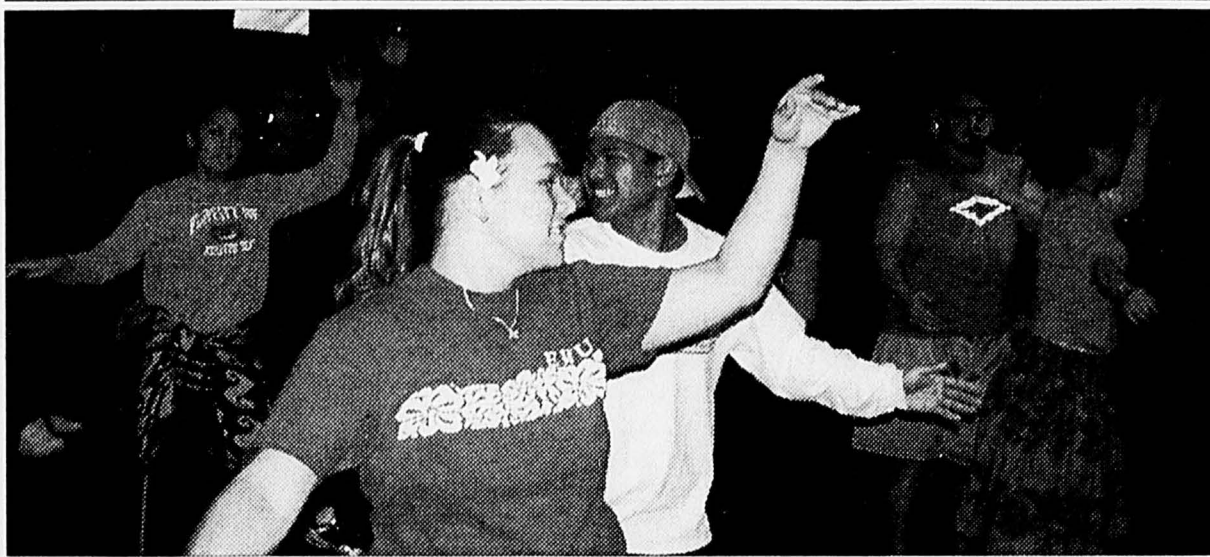
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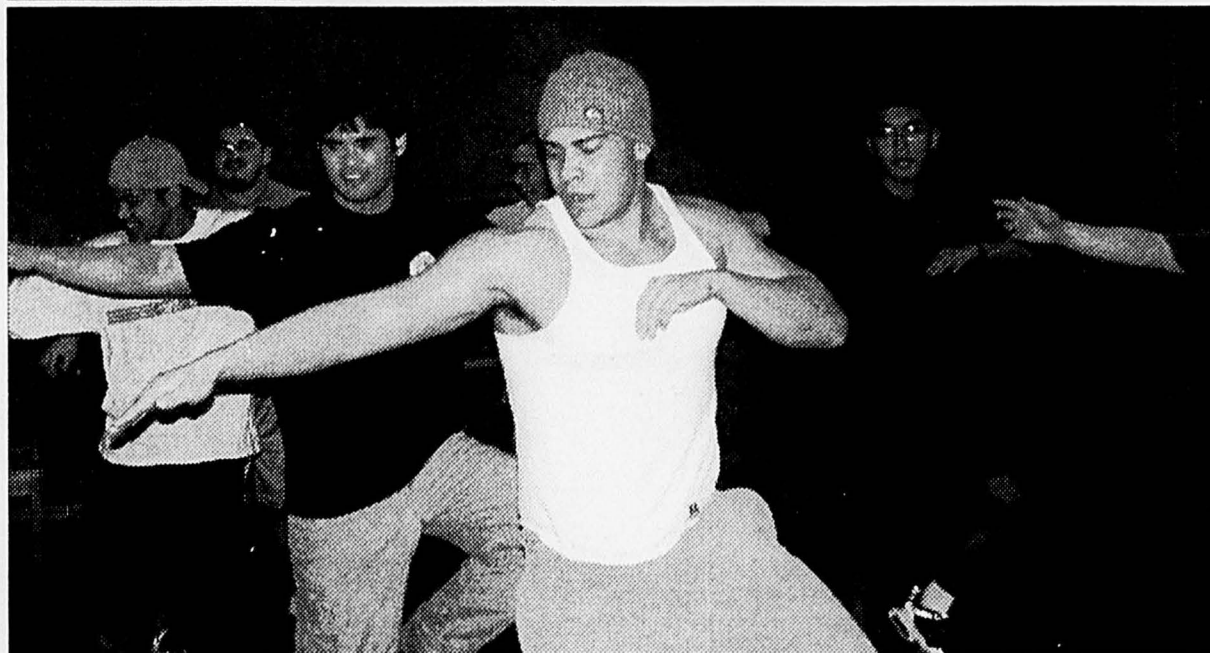
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lot of cool uptown sounds while mostly playing his cymbals. His approach is definitely preferable to the more traditional jazz drummer Marcus Baylor who plays on "Song #8."

For the most part, the guest musicians also sound terrific. Marcus Miller adds some punchy bass guitar and sweet harmonics to track one. Jean Norris, formerly of the soul duo Zhané, spices things up with some vocals on tracks two and five. Michael "Patches" Stewart adds some happening trumpet and flugelhorn to the first two songs. Randy Razz checks in for "Ain't Nothing But the Blues" and tears it up with electric guitar solos that combine some of the best elements of Eighties Eric Clapton and classic

B.B. King to create parts that are sassy and hip.

The only special guest who doesn't thrill me is vibraphone master Bobby Hutcherson. Vibraphones are cool percussive instruments that are basically better sounding xylophones, but it is very easy to get a point where there is just too much "vibe" happening. Hutcherson plays stuff that would probably be pretty cool live, but on the CD it starts seeming like overkill. Used more sparingly, the vibes would be another awesome tonal color, but Garrett let his friend overplay on a couple of the tracks he appears on.

If you're looking for a good jazz album, you can't go wrong with "Happy People"... even if the title does sound like a certain infamous R.E.M. song.

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Applications are being taken for editor of The Easterner, EWU's student newspaper, for the 2002-2003 academic year starting Fall Quarter 2002. This is a paid position. The editor hires and manages a staff of reporters and photographers, writes and edits news stories and editorials, and oversees production of the weekly newspaper. The editor must be an EWU student. Recommended Qualifications:

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ADRIAN

of all the painful things women "have" to endure, from the cold metal thingies of gynecological infamy to bikini waxes (which some guys know more than a little bit about). There were only two items on the men's list: Getting kicked in the groin and something else. What I do remember is what was not on there: Due to our inherent need to compete and outperform everybody else, men more often than women experience broken bones during sporting events, and heart attacks later in life from working so hard and eating so poorly. Testicular cancer comes to mind, and the prevalence of prostate difficulties is nothing to laugh at or ignore, either. Ours is a tough lot, if only for different reasons.

Was I just expressing my inherent male individuality while scoffing and balking at her stereotypes of how men think, or did her apparent lack of being male skew her beliefs? Almost all the authors she quoted from were female (sole exception: John Grey).

Excepting all my piss-ant antics, I thought the experience charming, and hilarious.

EMILLY

Thirteen Days, so the game went to them. Afterward, the men in the audience shouted and clapped for their fellow males, showing that they do indeed play to win.

"The number one thing we get wrong is we tend to give what we want to receive," Dr. Ebert said. She talked about what kinds of stereotypes male and female kids go through and asked if they still held the same weight as today; most students said they didn't. Audience questions were answered at the end, so men got a chance to catch a glimpse of a woman's thinking and the ladies got to do the same with the guys.

C&O CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS



Rodeo club gits up, goes

Shelia King
C&O reporter

Garth Brooks said it best, "The broncs and the blood the steers and the mud and they call the thing a Rodeo."

There is a group here on Eastern's campus that personifies this American Tradition, the Rodeo Club. The Rodeo Club has just established itself this year with around 10 members.

President Lisa Campobasso, who has been participating in rodeo circuits since she was eight, has a passion for animals and the competition of rodeo. The Rodeo club as a whole is an attempt to give other Eastern students with interest in rodeo a team and experience in the College Rodeo Circuit.

The College Rodeo Circuit includes Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Competitions are in both the fall and spring seasons.

Rodeo as a sport is extremely expensive. In order to compete in the College Rodeo Circuit there is a \$185.00 entry fee per team per competition as well as additional individual entry fees. There is also the

transportation and care of both animals and competitors to organize and consider. Most members of the Rodeo Club have their own animals and equipment.

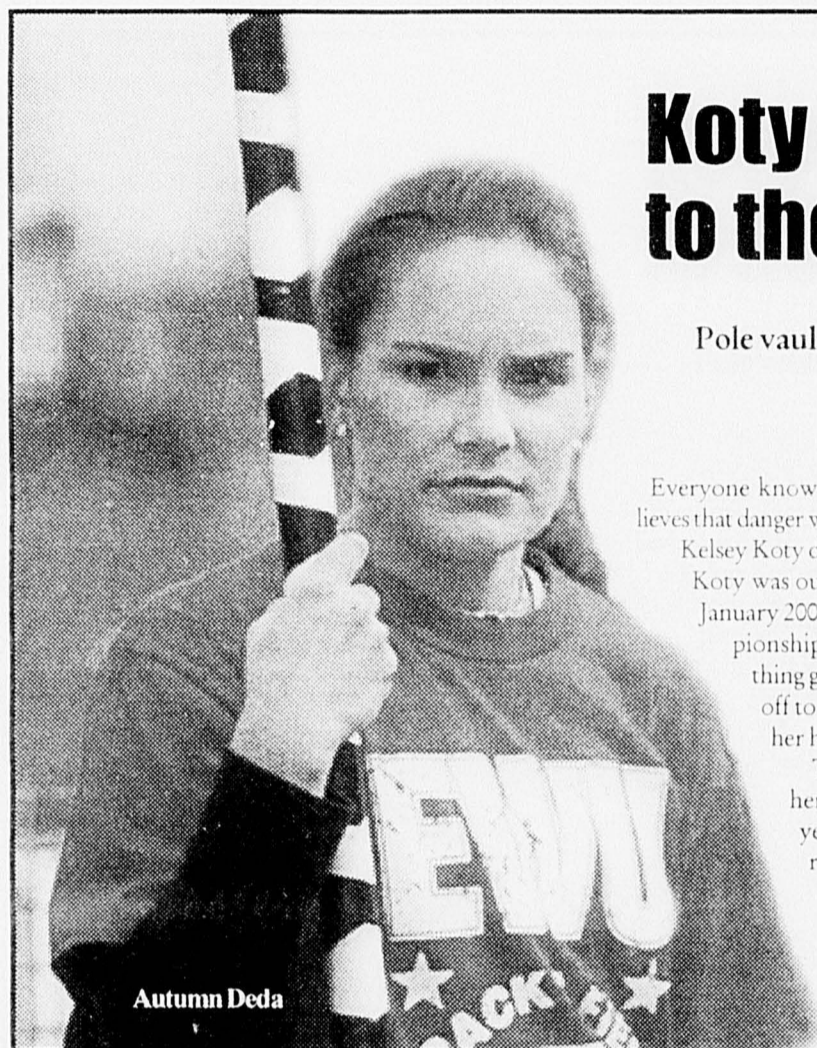
Campobasso explained that, "it is extremely difficult to coordinate and train an animal with more than one handler."

The Rodeo club does not currently have a coach, but relies on personal experience and contacts within the community.

The three club officers, President Lisa Campobasso, Vice President Erik Richmire and Secretary Dana Stone have all competed in several rodeos.

Though the other members do not have rodeo experience President Lisa Campobasso assured that, "everyone is animal/horse savvy."

The Rodeo Club hopes to do as many fundraisers as possible this spring and many members are staying in the area for the summer season to volunteer, fundraise, and practice. Anyone with or without rodeo experience who has interest in finding out more about the Rodeo Club is encouraged to contact Lisa Campobasso at 235-8382.



Autumn Deda

Koty displays courage coming back to the sport that almost took her life

Pole vaulting under fire after three die

Tom Fox
Sports Editor

Everyone knows the danger of sports. But no one believes that danger will inflict their lives.

Kelsey Koty didn't.

Koty was out for her first collegiate competition in January 2001 during the EWU Multi-Events Championships at Thorpe Fieldhouse, when something ghastly happened. She fell 9-feet, 8 inches, off to the right of the protective mat, striking her head on the tartan floor.

The fall almost ended her life. It changed her life for sure. But, back on campus this year, she will tell you different. Koty can't remember what she went through.

What she knows now is that she spent three weeks in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, underwent sur-

gery and now has two metal plates in the back of her head to reinforce the once fractured skull.

Koty was a victim of her sport, and now a statistic of what has become the most dangerous sport.

The sport has taken a blow with three deaths in the last seven months. Penn State sophomore Kevin Dare and high schoolers Samoa Fili and Jesus Quesada were killed while pole vaulting.

Others have fallen too.

And now some are taking precautions.

Recently Idaho State coach Dave Nielson mandated that all of his vaulters wear helmets.

But Koty doesn't think that will help.

"If they actually create a pole vaulting helmet, then I'll be able to make a decision whether I agree with it," she said. "At this point they wear skateboarding or roller blade helmets and I don't agree with that. They don't have a sport-specific helmet."

However, some believe helmets are not the appropriate precaution to catastrophe. The basics are.



You can't be afraid of something you can't remember. I don't really think life is worth living unless you're doing what you enjoy.

Kelsey Koty

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Sisich honored

Eastern Washington University sophomore Peter Sisich has been selected as this week's Big Sky Conference Golfer of the Week after his sixth-place finish at a tournament in Arizona earlier this week. It's the second time in his career he has earned the honor.



Peter Sisich

A 2000 graduate of Cheney, Wash., High School, Sisich was the top finisher among competitors from four Big Sky schools with a sixth-place finish at the Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational at Palm

Valley Golf Club in Goodyear, Ariz. He shot a three-under-par 213 in the tournament, trailing winner Bill Noon of Cal State Bakersfield by eight strokes.

Sisich led the Eagles to a 12th-place finish at the 18-team tournament. A second-team All-Big Sky Conference selection a year ago, he leads the Eagles with a 74.4 average in 21 rounds this season.

The next action for the Eagles is at the Big Sky Conference Championships April 22-24 in St. George, Utah. A year ago, Sisich was Eastern's top finisher in the tournament, tying for eighth with a seven-over-par 223. He was the only freshman on last year's All-Big Sky team as one of the top ten finishers at the conference tournament.

Pelluer Invite this weekend

More than 300 athletes from eight area schools will take part in this Friday's (April 12) 31st Annual Pelluer Invitational Track and Field Meet at Woodward Field on the Eastern Washington University campus in Cheney, Wash. Field events begin at 1 p.m., and running events start at 4 p.m.

Big Sky Conference rivals Eastern, Montana and Gonzaga will be the three NCAA Division I schools with men's and women's teams taking part. A handful of women's competitors from Idaho will also be on hand.

Athletes from other schools — including Whitworth, North Idaho, Seattle Pacific and Central Washington — will also compete. A total of about 325 athletes are expected after a record 476 took part a year ago.

The meet is dedicated to Arnie Pelluer, a former track and cross country coach at Eastern in 1970-71, and also a coach at Whitworth College and Yakima Valley Community College. After starting the twilight meet in 1971, later that year he died in a swimming accident. The event was renamed in his honor the following year.

Eastern women's athletes have 13 marks that have met the Big Sky Championship qualifying standards, and men's athletes have 12 qualifying marks to their credit. The women have seven athletes that have met the qualifying standard in the javelin, and the men have four in that event. The Big Sky Conference Championships are May 15-18 in Missoula, Mont.

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Spring football's here

Quarterback job up in the air

At least for awhile, don't expect to see a depth chart for the Eastern Washington University football team.

Spring practice for the Eagles begins on Saturday, April 13 in preparation for the 2002 season. For four weeks, Eastern will practice Mondays, Wednesdays (except May 1 and May 8) and Thursdays from 2:50-5:15 p.m. at the EWU Sports and Recreation Center practice fields. Saturday scrimmages will take place at Woodward Field on April 20 (10 a.m.), April 27 (10 a.m.) and May 4 (11 a.m.). Spring practice concludes May 11 with the annual Red-White Game starting at 2 p.m., also at Woodward Field. There is no admission charged for any of the scrimmages.

"We want individuals to get better this spring," third-year head coach Paul Wulff said of the main focus of spring practice. "We're going to spend time on schemes and try a few new things, but we really have to get better as football players first before we worry about getting better as a football team. We really have to focus on growing as a team, and then by fall we'll be a good football team."

The Eagles are rebuilding a record-breaking offense that led NCAA Division I-AA in offense and scoring last season with averages of 514.5 yards and

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Date - Opponent - Time
 Aug. 31 - at Arizona State - 7 p.m.
 Sept. 7 - Montana Tech - 6:05 p.m.
 Sept. 14 - Western Oregon - 6:05 p.m.
 Sept. 21 - at Southern Utah - 6 p.m.
 Oct. 5 - *Idaho State - 6:05 p.m.
 Oct. 12 - at *Portland State - 6:05 p.m.
 Oct. 19 - *Northern Arizona - 2:05 p.m.
 Oct. 26 - *Sacramento State - 2:05 p.m.
 Nov. 2 - at *Weber State - 12:05 p.m.
 Nov. 9 - at *Montana State - 11:05 a.m.
 Nov. 16 - *Montana - 2:05 p.m.

41.9 points per game. The Eagles lost 10 offensive starters from last year's squad that finished 7-4 overall and 3-4 in the Big Sky Conference.

Wulff also has to replace a trio of All-Big Sky specialists. And although the 2001 Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year doesn't have to rebuild his defense, he'll need considerable improvement from that area if the Eagles are going to contend for the Big Sky title. In all, Eastern loses 18 of its 24 starters from the 2001 season, and 23 of the team's 49 letterwinners.

"To see who is going to step up is going to be part of the fun," Wulff said. "Players who haven't necessarily played a lot in this program are going to have an opportunity to play a lot. We're excited because we know there are some good young players here. People are going to start hearing their names, and will hear their names in the next three or four years.

"It's a mixed bag right now," he

added of putting together a depth chart at this point. "We'll put people in spots to run plays, but right now we're just looking to try to get quality reps for everybody. We'll try to (put together a depth chart) by the halfway point when we kind of know where we are and the positions they'll play."

A year ago entering spring practice, all eyes were on the Eagle offense as nine starters returned to that side of the ball. This year, eyes will again be affixed to the offense but for a different reason — 10 new starters that will perform for the reigning NCAA Division I-AA champions in total offense and scoring.

"We have some players that were backups last year or were injured that do have some starting experience," Wulff said. "It's not like we're going to be completely re-vamped, but there is going to be some major overhaul in our offense in terms of personnel. We're excited because we have some players that are going to grow and develop."

Wulff has many reasons to be optimistic. Eventually, he will have back the services of a quartet of players who would have started — and possibly earned All-Big Sky accolades — if not for injuries early in the 2001 season. And Wulff replaced a large class of 19 seniors with a recruiting class that totals 31, including a trio of four-year college transfers and nine more from the jun-

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"I think eventually it will be mandatory to wear helmets," senior Autumn Deda said. "It's a good safety precaution but I think it's more inhibiting. You don't have your full vision."

Deda added that even with helmets things could go awry.

"Accidents happen. It's kind of unpredictable. Even world-class pole vaulters have accidents," she said.

It wasn't the height of Koty's attempt—She has a personal record of 11 feet—something just went wrong.

Since last year, Eastern has taken precautions to make their once regulation pit and landing pad, even safer.

Deda broke her indoor personal record with a 11-11 3/4 vault after Koty's fall.

"I didn't want to vault that day after everything happened," Deda said.

Deda, who as a senior at Flathead High School in 1998 saw freshman Joel Heuscher take a fatal fall.

"I had a lot of support from my family and our track team came together after that," she said. "But they told us that we can't walk on glass forever."

After seeing Koty's fall last year, Deda was stunned and shaken.

"I was freaking out," she said, recalling the fall. "I couldn't believe it was happening again. It was so unbelievable. It was a repeat, and it all came back in my head."

Deda said she doesn't think about what could happen when she vaults, because then she couldn't go on.

Koty thinks about getting back to her normal life, and in part, that's pole vaulting.

Her recovery has amazed her teammates and doctors.

Deda is still amazed that Koty has recovered so well, so fast.

"It's been good," Deda said. "It's pretty amazing to see her out. Every time I look at her I'm in awe. When I saw her in the hospital I wasn't so sure that she'd be back."

Koty hopes to compete again, whether vaulting, long jumping or high jumping, next year she will begin her journey back from tragedy.

Koty, red shirting this year, hopes to long jump in a meet this season and later return to competitions next winter.

"First of all, you can't be afraid of something you can't remember," Koty said. "Secondly, I don't really think life

is worth living unless you're doing what you enjoy and it's something that I enjoy, therefore, I would like to return to it."

Getting back to school was her first goal, one that doctors initially told her she could not grasp.

"It's very important to me to return to school," Koty said. "Because I had so many doctors telling me that I wouldn't be able to."

It was important for her to prove them wrong, and to prove to herself that she could do it.

Her parents were glad to see her come back to school.

And for her return to track?

She has the support of her team, community and hometown.

After the fall last year her hometown of Camas, Wash., set up a fund for her.

"It was really nice to know that there were people that were

concerned about me as well as my family," she said.

"I didn't know whether it was going to be hard or not. I think I came into it just assuming that I was back to the person that they knew me as," Koty said.

After the ordeal, Koty had to spend the summer working to get back to her original form. She spent the summer in physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, as well as attending classes at Clark Community College in Vancouver, Wash. After classes this summer she'll be back on track to earning a degree in Physical Education and Athletic Administration.

She had to learn to walk again and do the basic things that are taken for granted.

"By the end of the summer it was kind of making sure I was able to do everything on my own again so that I could live on my own again."

People have been supportive of everything that she's achieving.

"They're very supportive at this point, but yet again I'm not competing," she said. "I've yet to come across somebody that doesn't support me training."

She's currently doing modified workouts to build back her strength.

"I do feel very lucky," Koty said.

And now she's proclaiming the same as she did one year ago from a hospital bed.

"I will be back."

But anyone who's been around her knows, she's already back.

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Autumn Deda

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ior college ranks.

"We're going through a youth movement on this football team, there's no question," Wulff said. "And you're going to see it as we move into next year. We feel good about a lot of the players coming back on offense, but we lose a lot of seniors on that side of the ball. Our junior class had only eight players in it, and our sophomore class was also small. But the classes after that are large.

We've supplemented our roster with transfers and junior college transfers to balance out the classes a little bit."

The new players on campus for spring practice include University of Tulsa quarterback Josh Blankenship, and defensive backs Steve Paysinger and Chasen Walker from the now-defunct Cal State Northridge program. Four of the nine junior college transfers will also be taking part in spring drills, including highly-regarded defensive back Deonta Birdsong, defensive lineman Tony Seau (younger brother of San Diego Charger

Junior Seau), tight end Boyd Clyde and two-time JC All-America kicker Rich Heintz.

"We've never had this many mid-year players join our program," said Wulff, who enters his 10th season as an Eastern coach. "It's nice to have them in the winter because they get adjusted to school and our weight program. They're learning, and they're getting bigger and stronger. Going through spring ball will get them up to speed, and hopefully give us a leg up in the fall."

A talented group of 20 redshirts will

also get their chance to shine in the spring.

"We have some young freshmen who will have an opportunity to step in a play a little bit," Wulff said. "Some may end up starting, but it's hard to tell right now. It's exciting to give the younger players an opportunity to play when they earn it and because they're good enough, and not necessarily because they're the only player at that position."

Wulff said a trio of talented players — tight end Dan Curley, defensive end Travis Calloway and defensive tackle

Bryan Shireman — will probably miss most if not all of spring practices. All three were injured in 2001 and have combined for 20 starts in their careers.

In all, the Eagles return 31 letterwinners, including 13 on offense and 18 on defense. That list includes six returning starters — one on offense and five on defense. Players lost included 23 letterwinners (13 on offense, eight on defense, a punter and a kicker), with 18 of them starters (10 on offense, six on defense, a punter and a kicker).

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