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Bush buckles on student loan plan

Jeremy Kramer
News Editor

College students facing thousands of dollars in loan payments will not be forced to take on higher interest loans for their education.

In its attempts to address a \$100 billion deficit in the federal budget, the Bush administration announced last week that it may get rid of the federal fixed-rate student loan consolidation program, according to a report in the May 1 issue of the *New York Times*.

The plan would have prevented millions of college students from consolidating their government-backed loans, and require them to refinance them with a variable interest rate.

The proposal meant that a typical student loan borrower with a \$17,000 student loan debt would pay \$2,800 more over the life of the loan than a student who was able to consolidate their loans using a four percent interest rate. A Pell grant borrower would pay \$3,100 more on a \$20,000 loan.

The plan would have saved the government \$1.3 billion.

"As someone who went to school on Pell grants and student loans, I know that we need to make a college education more affordable, not more expensive," said U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA). "But, education is getting more and more expensive and college students in Washington state are now faced with double-digit tuition hikes."

The idea was proposed last week by White House director Mitchell Daniels. On Tuesday (April 30), Democrats sent a letter to President Bush saying that they would oppose the plan.

"We believe strongly that our government should make it easier for low and middle income students to attend college, not harder and more costly," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (Dem-SD).

The current loan program began in 1986. It allows college students who have several loans to combine them into one loan. The loans have a fixed interest rate (no higher than 8.25 percent) and can be repaid in as much as 30 years.

But critics, including Republicans and private lenders, say that the current program has allowed high-income students to consolidate their debts at the government's expense. Government officials said that the current program has cost them billion of dollars.

"We are talking about doctors, lawyers, and others," said David Schnittger, a spokesperson for U.S. Rep. John Boehner (R-Ohio) chairperson of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

"We are pleased that the Bush administration has decided not to seek changes in the current federal student loan program," said Mark Brenner of the College Loan Corporation. "This decision is good news for students and their families."

There are three types of loans that students at Eastern can choose from. The first two loans are student based loans. The third is parent based.

The Federal Perkins Loan is available to undergraduate students with financial need who meet the priority funding deadlines. The interest rate is five percent. Loan repayment begins nine months after students leave school or drop below half-time status.

The Federal Stafford Loan Program provides two types of loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. Eastern certifies each

applicant's eligibility for both loans. Money for Federal Stafford Loans is provided by banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations.

The Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan is based on financial need. Need is not required for the Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan.

Loan repayment begins six to nine months after leaving school. If you are offered a Federal Subsidized or Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, additional application steps may be necessary.

In addition, first-time Stafford loan borrowers are required by Federal regulation to attend a Loan Information Session before receiving loan funds. Students can complete this requirement by visiting <http://www.bankamerica.com/studentunion/counseling> or <http://www.edfund.org> (click on EdTest link).

A good credit rating is not necessary for students to apply for these loans.

The Federal PLUS Loan is for parents of dependent students and is not based on financial need. However, parents must have a favorable credit rating. Parents may obtain a PLUS Loan to make up any difference between the cost of attendance and the amount of financial aid received.

Interest rates on the Stafford and PLUS loans vary. The Federal Government pays the interest on each student's subsidized Federal Stafford Loan until loan repayment begins.

The borrowers are responsible for the interest on unsubsidized Federal Stafford and PLUS Loans.

Student loan interest may be tax deductible. When deciding to borrow, students should consider their total loan debt, and the expected monthly payments.

The following web site can be used to cal-



▲ U. S. Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) was a prime supporter for dumping the non-consolidation bill.

culate the interest and payments on each student loan: <http://www.edwise.org/edwise/repayment.html>

"The consolidation of fixed rate student loans has made higher education a reality for millions of students in this country," Brenner said. "Quite simply, the current system works."

Meanwhile, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said that if there was no congressional support, than the bill would not have moved anywhere; however he said that the Bush administration will, "continue to work with Congress to find a solution."

No alternative plan has been mentioned by anyone in Congress.

Enrollment numbers continue to set records

Eastern Washington University continues to set enrollment records.

There are 8,362 students taking classes during spring quarter, according to final 10th day enrollment figures released Monday. This marks an increase of 347 students over spring quarter a year ago and is the sixth consecutive quarter of record enrollments at the university.

"This is good news," said EWU President Dr. Stephen Jordan. "It shows continuing confidence in Eastern by our students. We are pleased we can offer the

kind of quality, affordable education that prepares our students for the economy of the future.

"These numbers also pose a challenge for us. We need to make critical decisions now in how to manage our growth and whether we can continue to keep growing as we have, in light of current and foreseeable budget cuts from the state."

Dr. Jordan outlined some of the issues the university is facing.

The state's 2002 supplemental operating budget reduces funding for colleges and universities by \$54 million, with Eastern's share

of the reduction being \$2,369,000. However, the state's regional public institutions have been given permission to increase tuition up to 14 percent for resident undergraduate students.

Eastern's 8,362 students equate to 8,084 full-time equivalent students (FTEs). Averaging the number of FTEs for fall, winter and spring quarters determines the average annual FTE number, which is 8,421 for Eastern for 2001-2002.

Eastern received funding from the state for 7,933 FTEs, meaning the university is educating 488

more FTE students this year than the state has funded. That's a dollar value of \$2.5 million not received by the university to fund those 488 FTE students.

"This is a tough problem," Dr. Jordan said. "We have some flexibility, but we cannot continue this way. We do appreciate the fact that the Legislature has approved funding for 84 additional FTEs for 2002-2003, but we still have to address the strategic question of how to maintain quality and accommodate all the students who want to attend Eastern."

Enrollment numbers

Spring '02	8,362
Winter '02	8,615
Fall '02	9,029
Spring '01	8,015
Winter '01	8,256
Fall '01	8,597

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Councilman's ethics led to career in politics

Buck Estes
Reporter

Spokane City councilman Al French spoke on campus on the issues regarding ethics and politics in today's society.

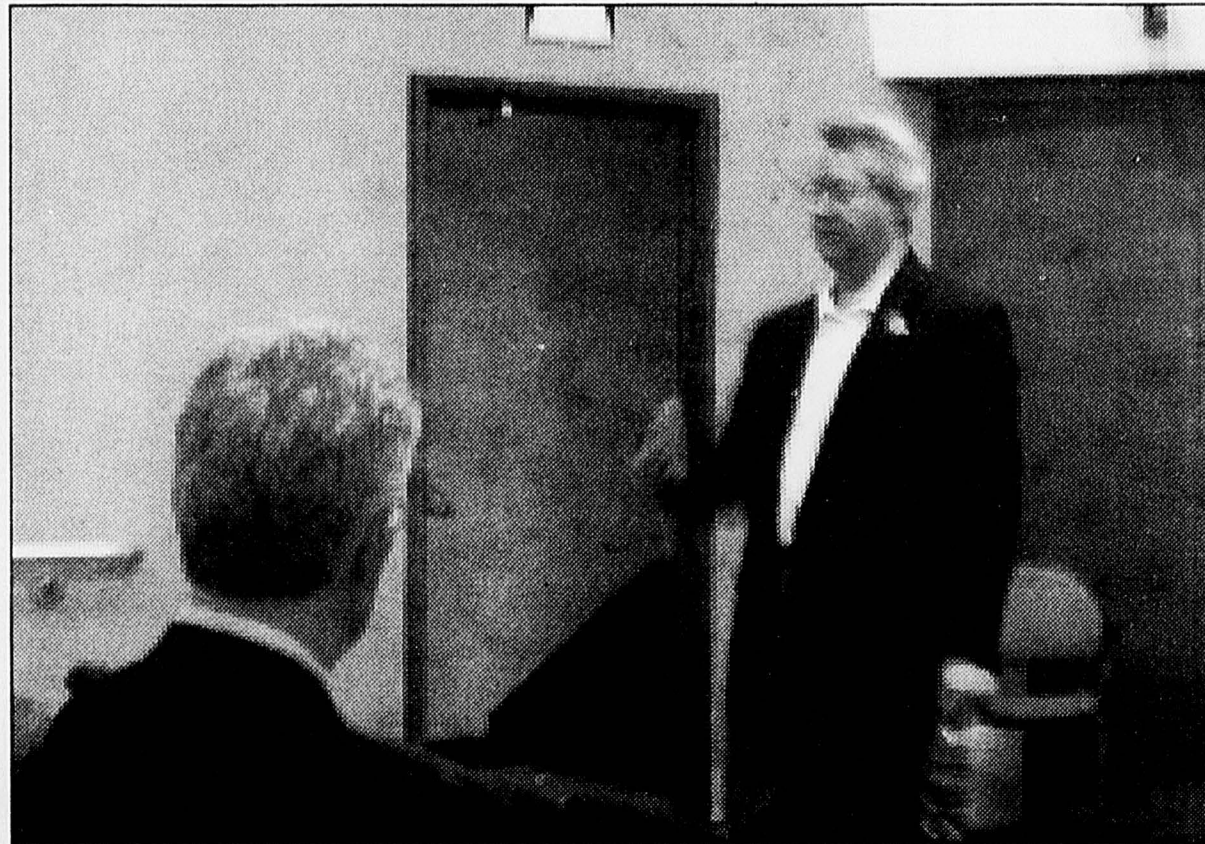
Eastern President Stephen Jordan introduced him to the audience saying, "you need to be in politics to change anything."

French, who is an architect by trade has worked on many projects in the Spokane area including the Northtown Mall.

He also founded the Nevada Ledgerwood Neighborhood Council. It is a committee of parents in his northeast Spokane that have rallied together to improve the conditions of their neighborhood.

It all began when French looked at the city of Spokane through the eyes of his teenage daughter and realized that he didn't like what he saw. Crime and poverty were both very large problems in the area, so French did something about it.

He formed the Nevada Ledgerwood Neighborhood Council, which acquired two houses-one for police units to patrol the area and another facility for those who are interested in becoming certified in childcare. Both of which have



▲ Spokane City Councilman Al French speaks to President Jordan about his political career.

improved the quality of the neighborhood.

"The power of neighborhoods, people coming together to deal with their collective issues" is what he credits for all of the positive development in the area.

"Architects are just problem solvers," he added.

He doesn't consider himself a hero or anything like that for what has taken place in the neighborhood, but instead he would rather be labeled as a "servant leader."

French says that neighborhood activities are where his roots are.

French said that he does credit his leadership skills to his college experience at the University of Idaho from 1972-77 and was an active member in the archi-

tect department.

He said that the Marines were also a building block of his leadership skills. That is where he learned "command leadership." But also he admits that a lot of what he has learned about being a leader began back when he was in Boy Scouts.

On the issue of ethics and politics, he stated from personal experience on the Nevada Ledgerwood Neighborhood Council "we don't have an ethics policy" he said "because what might be ethical for one person may be something totally different for someone else." So for that reason he says to "push the envelope, by changing what is defined as being ethical."

French stated that he's "not a politician." But, if he were to pass on words of wisdom he would recommend, "identifying the needs and create solutions to solve those needs. And to push the envelope, because if you don't things don't change."

The Spokane City Council meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at Spokane City Hall.

SUMMERSESSION 2002

They're all over campus - the faces of students who take summer courses at Eastern. Some take them for a few extra credits and others to explore places they've never been before.

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of
Summer

Legislator speaks on failed bill

State Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez-Kennedy (D-Seattle), will speak on "House Bill 2330--Temporarily Unsuccessful" at 11 a.m. Friday May 3, in PUB 204.

The unsuccessful would have allowed undocumented students who graduated from Washington high schools to pay in state tuition rather than out-of-state tuition that most currently pay.

Gutierrez-Kennedy's talk, will be followed by a reception and is part of Eastern's Cinco de Mayo celebration. For more information, contact the Chicano Education Program at 359-2404.

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ASEWU talks free papers, more paid parking

Megan Curfman

Reporter

Eastern's leadership conference was not an extreme success, but it was by no means a failure. The recap meeting had not yet been held, and once that has occurred, the council will have discussed what worked, what didn't, and what should be changed.

Chris Schwartzenberger, Athletic Affairs, who held a workshop during the conference, commented that he thought it was "over planned and under advertised."

According to Title IX laws and regulations, women and men should have equal representation and opportunity in athletics. Currently there are more men's sports and a higher percentage of men participating in Eastern Athletics. In order to fix this imbalance the men's golf team will be eliminated and the number of players on each men's team will be reduced. There will also be the addition of another women's sport, most likely Junior Varsity track.

The City of Cheney has a new parking proposal that will be voted on in the near future. They are considering putting 550-600 new parking meters from 2nd street to 6th street. As these meters will line the streets, residents would most likely have to have parking permits in order to park outside their homes. Whether or not these permits would cost money is unknown at the time, and the proposal itself is still being considered.

The chair of the English department brought a request to the Undergraduate Affairs Council, asking that all remedial courses be completed before a student becomes a sophomore (in terms of credit only). However, for this to work successfully, scheduling problems need to be addressed.

This proposal would only work if students could get the classes they need when they need them.

ASEWU President Christian Shook remarked, "The scheduling problems need to be worked out before these decisions can be made."

ASEWU is looking to get involved in the New York Times College Program, which provides free papers to the school for four weeks to gauge how many students are reading the newspapers. Once the NY Times has gauged how many students choose to read the newspaper, EWU can work out a deal with the NY Times and the Spokesman Review to have free papers provided on campus for students. Along with the free news, the NY Times will provide one keynote speaker per year at EWU leadership conferences. This would help EWU to get great speakers and attract more students to our conferences and our campus.

ASEWU is also hoping to participate in Habitat for Humanities June Build, where 10 houses are built in 10 days. Any and all students are encouraged to take part in this generous activity. Any students interested in helping out should contact the ASEWU office at 359-2514.



EWU

POLICE BEAT

April 20

Officers issued a written warning during a traffic stop for speeding at the 900 block of Salnave Road.

April 21

EWU PD and Cheney PD caught and arrested three males fleeing at the 200 block of 3rd street for MIP and obstruction.

A University Townhouse resident was transported to a local hospital after reports of abdominal pain.

April 27

A male subject in a domestic violence dispute fled the scene at 1320 3rd Street. A notification to turn himself in was issued.

April 28

Pearce Hall residents reported a rowdy crowd causing a stir on the 6th floor of the building. Police responded but found no one in the vicinity.

EWU PD assisted Cheney PD with a domestic custody dispute in progress with locating a female subject who had fled the scene in a white Geo Metro.

ASEWU meets
Wednesdays at 2:45
p.m. in PUB 323. All
students are encouraged to attend and participate.



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Eastern Environmentalists meeting: 12 p.m., PUB 321. For more information call 359-6019.

Math Club meeting: 2 p.m., Kingston 227. Refreshments will be provided.

International Affairs Club presents, "The Situation of Children in Guatemala." 12 p.m. Monroe 208.

FRIDAY

Attention Sky watchers: The George Stahl Planetarium is offers free shows to EWU students (\$1 for non-students) every Friday night. 7 p.m., Science Building Room 239. For more information contact the Physics Office at 359-2334

Special guest Speaker: State Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez-Kennedy (D-Seattle), will speak on "House Bill 2330--Temporarily Unsuccessful" at 11 a.m., in PUB 204.

SATURDAY

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SUNDAY

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MONDAY

CARE meeting: Creating a Rape-free Environment has their weekly meeting. 3 p.m., PUB 311. For more information call 359-4279.

TUESDAY

International Affairs Club meeting. 2 p.m., Government Lounge (second floor Patterson Hall).

SEAL Meeting. SEAL is a peer education group that focuses on issues concerning college life. 4:15 p.m., Morrison Hall Conference Room. For more information contact Jeremy at 359-7151.

WEDNESDAY

Circle K Meeting: Learn about community service projects and meet new people. 6 p.m., PUB 323. For more information contact Kevin at 359-7618.

WYSIWYG: Two time NACA comedian of the year Eric O'Shea will perform from 7-9 p.m. in the PUB MPR. For more information contact Aaron at 359-4839.

Remodeled Monroe Hall recieves Masonry award

Monroe Hall, one of the six buildings that make up the Eastern Washington University Historic District on the National Register of Historic Places, has received the International Excellence in Masonry Award from the Mason Contractors Association of America.

Monroe Hall, originally built in 1915, was

reopened this past fall after a \$6.4 million renovation project which included gutting and completely redoing the interior of the structure and constructing an addition which nearly doubled the building's size to 50,000 square feet.

The 1st place award in the rehab/reconstruction category from the Mason Contractors As-

sociation of America acknowledged the successful accomplishment of creating and completing a design which complimented the historic context of the original brick building.

Originally a u-shaped building, Monroe Hall now has an infill structure with a new curving brick façade using two colors of brick for a cus-

tom blended color harmonizing with the old brick on the original structure. There are two precast stair towers at the sides of the addition which serve as transition elements that visually tie the new construction to the old, said Martin Sweet, project architect with Integrus Architecture, the firm which handled renovation of Monroe Hall.

Mike Irish, associate vice president for facilities and planning at Eastern, said the three-story Monroe Hall had been well used over the years, but was severely rundown. The most serious problem was that the original masonry structure lacked the stability to withstand serious seismic activity. The new addition now serves as an anchor for the original building, which is tied to it on three sides.

Monroe Hall is one of six original structures at Eastern, all of which were formed into the EWU Historic District in 1992 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Monroe Hall served as a women's dormitory in 1916 and was a residence facility for men, then women and men again before ending its career as a home for students in 1968.

Monroe Hall is now home to Eastern's African American Education Program, Chicano Education Program, Women's Studies, Academic Support Services, the McNair Scholars Program, University Graphics and Client Services.

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Job market not as dismal as it seems

Despite tight job market, jobs are plentiful

Catherine Semrod
The Shorthorn (U. of Texas-Arlington)

(U-WIRE) ARLINGTON, Texas — The job outlook for the 1,350 University of Texas-Arlington graduates in May is less monumental than in recent years, but jobs are still plentiful in many sectors, according to recent surveys.

Hiring projections for 2002 graduates are down 20 percent from 2001, according to the Job Outlook 2002 update, a report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Despite a tighter job market and more selective hiring practices, employers are seeking students from many degree programs.

"It's not as dismal as it seems," Career Service Coordinator Kimshi

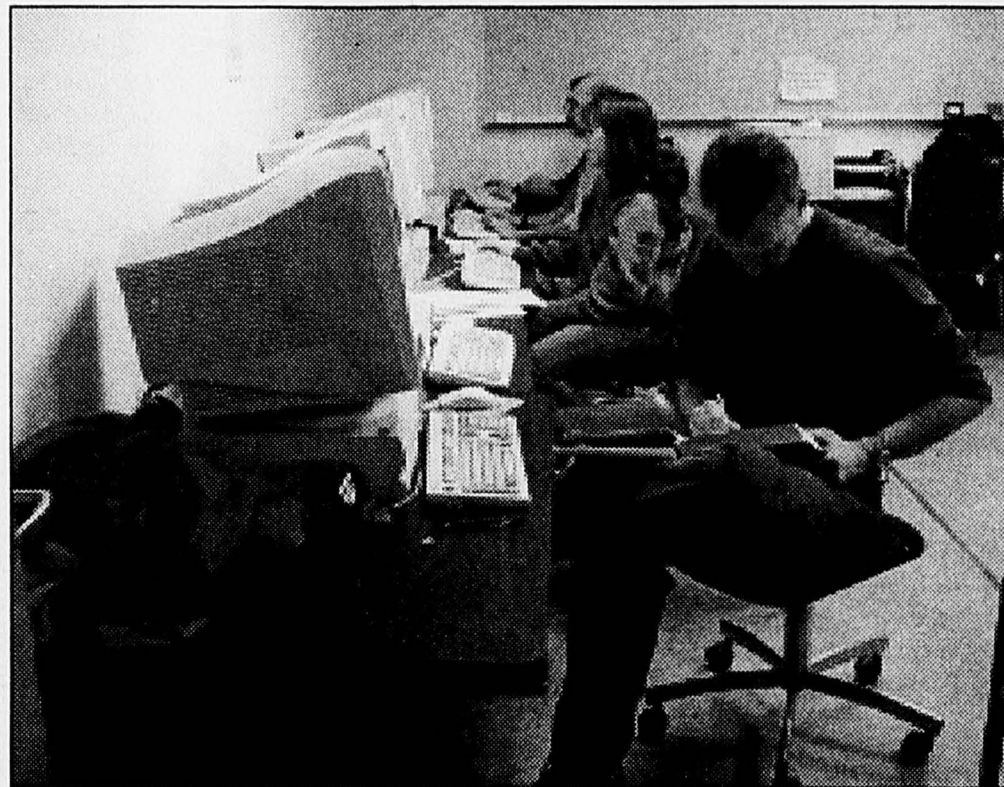
Hickman said. "Two out of five employers are maintaining the same level of hiring as last year. Overall, only 30 percent of companies are hiring fewer grads."

Each year more than one million students in the United States graduate from both private and public colleges, with more than 70,000 coming from Texas.

Although hiring percentages are lower for computer science majors, Ramesh Yerraballi, the computer science and engineering graduate adviser, said the better students will not have a problem finding a job.

"In the last couple of years, the boom was so high that students were holding multiple job offers," he said. "While it's not a bust, it's certainly more selective."

He said it is more difficult in a tight market for international students because



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▲ Eastern students train hard to compete in today's job market.

of costs and time constraints involved in obtaining visas. Yet, slightly more than one-third of employers who responded to the 2002 Job Outlook Survey plan to recruit international students, mostly from

the north-east region of the country. The survey also indicated international students, with high-tech and engineering degrees, have the most opportunities.

Graduate schools across the country are seeing substantial enrollment increases and UTA is part of the trend that is typical in economic dips, Graduate Admissions Dean Phil Cohen said. The number of new graduate students increased by 78 percent in 2000.

In spring 2001, it jumped another 46.3 percent and again by nearly 28 percent in spring 2002.

In addition to laid-off workers, the increase in graduate school enrollment comes

from a cross section of job fields, Cohen said.

"Students with bachelor's degrees come to grad school to boost their credentials," he said.

"People who already have jobs may see a bad turn in the economy and often think maybe it's time to go back to school to enhance their credentials."

Hickman does not recommend students to attend graduate school in lieu of seeking jobs in a tight market. She does, how-

“People who already have jobs may see a bad turn in the economy and often think maybe it's time to go back to school to enhance their credentials.”

Phil Cohen
University of Texas

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Office workers need attitude change

By Emily Lynn
Reporter

Oh no. Not another one. The blue card in my mailbox can mean only one thing: trouble. Trouble because I have to go around the corner to the office. Trouble because I have to deal with the worker who's on duty. And trouble because they won't want to get my package for me.

When the office workers of my hall are on duty, they're supposed to be ready to help residents with problems. They appear to have forgotten this responsibility. Every time I have to bring a blue slip into one of them, they give me a mean look, glance at what they were doing before I came, and slowly get out of their chair. Why is it so hard for office workers to get up and give people packages?

It takes all of about two minutes and doesn't require more than a few steps to the mailroom.

Something needs to be done. There are good office workers who manage to do their jobs without being nasty to anyone. Others should do the same.

The first thing that needs to change is the office workers themselves. After being snapped at for bringing in one of the dreaded blue strips, one worker glared at me and went to get my package. As if it wasn't her job to get it for me. Unfriendly workers need to take some kind of "How To Pretend To Be Happy" class so no one gets glared at for simply coming to claim what is rightfully theirs.

Next, the office shifts need to be divided up. Good workers should get first choice of what hours they

want to work. Grumpy workers would get very little time in the office until they turned themselves around and started acting better toward others. This would create a nicer environment for those office workers who are nice, of which there are few.

And finally, those who aren't trying to improve their attitudes should be given warnings and if they don't improve, they should be fired from their office job. They'd be put into a mailroom shift where all they'd have to do is put the mail into resident's mailboxes.

While these may seem a little drastic, dealing with grumpy people isn't fun for anyone and residents deserve to be treated with respect when they go to pick up their packages. They are paying good money to stay in the dorms, so why aren't residents get-

ting what they pay for? Office workers are just like Community Advisors: they have to deal with residents all the time. As a result, they need to be watched more closely and if need be, temporarily suspended from their job until they can prove that being nice is something they can handle.

I'm not asking for a major revolution here; just a few more happy office workers. For the few who are doing their jobs, keep it up. Residents care about how their package gets delivered to them: with a smile or with a frown. As for the blue cards, waiting a few hours until a new worker comes on isn't such a bad idea. Especially when you'd rather not risk the wrath of an unhappy employee who'd like to make you feel bad about picking up your package.

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Roads leave commuters in a rut

By Scott Sawyer
Contributor

Commuting on I-90 to the EWU Cheney campus proves a driver's dexterity, and for a lack of a better word, gumption. No matter if the vehicle glides down the road at 40 m.p.h. or barrels across the asphalt at 80 the lateral whipping action caused by deep grooves in the roadway brings new meaning to the term white-knuckled driving.

Why are main thoroughfares, like the interstate, in such disrepair? A common excuse for the roadway ruts is that some motorists use studded snow tires, which destroy the roads.

Blink, blink... this has got to be the problem because there are two side-by-side ruts, and they are on the same roads that people drive studded tires on. However a flaw in that pass-the-buck logic can't be overlooked since ruts litter the roadways of western Washington, where very few drivers use studded tires.

Another argument that begins to bring the focus toward the real culprit is the use of SUV's. The large gas guzzling behemoths are heavy, but once again too much effort is being spent placing blame where it has little right to be.

Grooves in the roads are prima-

riarily caused by over weight diesel trucks. Over the past decade the trucking industry has exploded. With that growth came competition that lead to heavier loads for the benefit of a healthy bottom line. Consumers may get cheap shipping on a new computer, but the lack of road safety becomes an inevitable tax.

If Washington State cannot keep up with repairs, or if engineers are unable to develop a sturdier road foundation to accommodate the increased load capacities of the trucking industry then action needs to be taken at a national level.

A simple across the board solu-

tion could be a mandatory tax placed on all trailer pulling diesel trucks. Consumers would end up paying for this through added costs in products and shipping, but at least the trip to the store would be a lot safer.

But since owners of studded tires are far less powerful than large shipping conglomerates the debate will possibly produce a law against studs. This may be the best solution since the ruts will remain and another excuse will be eradicated. Nevertheless it is a good bet that the use of science fiction hovercrafts may be in use way before a safe, smooth drive to class is possible.

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Letter TO THE EDITOR

Dear Easterner-

In the years since I pledged a fraternity, I have wondered what it is that people have against us. As a pledge, I was berated constantly, but never by my future brothers. Instead, I was a victim of constant verbal assault from non-Greeks. To them, I ceased to be Aaron, and became "Frat Boy."

Now I hear that some people think I'm in a cult.

The highlighted phrase from the article is, "If fraternities don't kill you, chances are fair that they probably won't make you stronger either." Yet, it is these very efforts to make our members stronger, better people that the article takes exception to. It bashes Sigma Phi Epsilon's "Balanced Man Program" as nothing more than indoctrination. While I am a member of Pi Lambda Phi (and thus no expert on Sigma Phi Epsilon), I think it is safe to assume that this program is similar to our "Well Developed Man Program." This program is a series of steps designed to encourage excellence in all areas of achievement such as health, academics, and civic responsibility.

You berate us for not helping our members be better people, and then blast us again when we do try. It seems as if we are judged before we even begin. You might call this pre-judging, or prejudice. Fraternities are one of the few organizations left that people don't feel bad in judging by stereotypes.

As for drinking in fraternities, I was a member long before I ever took a drink. I had decided for myself not to do that, and the brothers respected me for it. I took a lot of good-natured ribbing, but what's wrong with that? Some may bring up the peer pressure factor, as some pledges are purportedly duped into strange rituals, like drinking as part of induction. Well, some people are dumb enough to sign credit card applications without reading them, too. Are we going to see an anti-credit card movement?

As Pi Lams, we have one of those ritualistic actions that all members are required to do. We have to dedicate ourselves to the elimination of prejudice. Not what you were expecting, was it? We're not required to screw goats or chug Bacardi. Instead, we are required to treat everyone equally.

I won't try to pretend that fraternities are innocent teetotalers. I won't pretend we're a church youth group. However, if all you have to judge us by is a funny movie from 20 years ago, then shame on you.

-Aaron Gutierrez
Pi Lambda Phi

Triplett is uninformed and bigoted, say Greeks

I read your most recent edition of *The Easterner*, and I was appalled at the image you gave to Greek organizations. It was encased with negative and very biased opinions, backed up by only one name and with no exact source.

I am a member of Eastern's Greek system, and a I am very proud of it. I also know about the "many horror stories" associated with Greeks. This does not mean we encourage it to keep happening. I believe that all Greek organizations acknowledge that these things have happened, and are working to see that they never happen again.

Regarding the comment, "being in a fraternity could kill you": I ask, Nowadays, what can't? Going to school on the wrong day in seventh grade can kill you. Being a naturally curious five-year-old and finding a "squirt gun" in a closet can kill you as well.

How would you know what rituals are? I have never seen a Pledge being beaten or humiliated. Nor have I seen my sisters—or any Greek member—as "infallible or nearly invincible."

I would like to say that at least we agree on one thing, Mr. Triplett: "Greek life has been positive for many people." You need to understand, however, that it is positive for more people than you give it credit for.

-Alli Smith
Alpha Xi Delta

The article, "Brotherhood or Brethren" was written without any journalistic integrity. Brian Triplett did not research this topic, and instead decided to improvise. I thought a reporter was supposed to at least examine both sides of an argument before reporting. Triplett read and quoted only one book, which must have made him an expert on fraternities and sororities.

Many of the hazing stories that Triplett chooses as examples are incidents that happened as many as 10 years ago. He also only uses examples for the most extreme cases, which I—and every other member of the Greek community would agree—were bazing and morally wrong. Fraternities and sororities have changed dramatically in the past 10 years, but are still paying the price for mistakes that were made before us.

Finally, Triplett refers to a program that Sigma Phi Epsilon has been praised and admired for since its development in 1994. The Balanced Man Program is a program that focuses on developing members through campus involvement, community service, and even making career contacts for post-graduation success. The program is nothing like "Greek fertility clubs" and—in two years as a member—I have never seen anything resembling Triplett's researched "ritualistic sex and drinking." Triplett never contacted anyone in the Greek system to research this article. My question to Triplett and to the rest of the Easterner staff is this: Are you striving to be journalists for a respected newspaper, or the storytellers of *The Enquirer*?

-Eli Kerr
Sigma Phi Epsilon

As the Greek Community became irate after the release of Brian Triplett's article entitled "Brotherhood or Brethren," I took a step back and rolled my eyes. Once again, Greeks have been the target of a vicious public onslaught brought forth by the individuals who think they have a concept of something they do not understand. But, I cannot say that I am surprised, and I cannot say that I am upset. The last time *The Easterner* took a stab at the Greeks, it humored me to think that 400 students in an institution of 10,000 were such a threat that student reporters found it necessary to quell this four percent with public criticism.

But now it's getting a little old. This time it was annoying. Although many do, I do not take Triplett's commentary personally. I can appreciate the ambitions of a journalist, but this was uncalled for. The comments directed toward the Greeks are false and inapplicable. Greek-wide, we foster a harmonious system wrought with individuality and concern for each other. No Easterner article will ever destroy that.

Mr. Triplett: If you would like to explore this subject with some objectivity, I implore you to contact myself or any other chapter administrative head. I am proud to be Greek at Eastern Washington University, and my pride only intensifies when stereotypes are thrown my way.

-Nicholas M. Anderson
Chapter President, Sigma Phi Epsilon

In addition to having served as President of Inter-Fraternity Council, ASEWU Superior Court Justice, and Vice President of the Criminal Justice Club, I am also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity here at Eastern. I would like to make a few comments in regards to the opinion piece, "Brotherhood or Brethren," by Brian Triplett, which appeared in your last issue.

First of all, I enjoyed the first part of the article referencing Professor Nuwer's work, I am familiar with some of his articles, and he brings up strong points about what some sororities and fraternities have done in the past. With the exception of spelling the names right, at no point in the article was Mr. Triplett even remotely accurate in reference to EWU's chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Where did he get his erroneous information? What were his sources? Who did he talk to?

After the third paragraph, Mr. Triplett goes not only off topic, but also into a tangent similar to "Mein Kampf," by Adolf Hitler. Mr. Triplett's article was nothing more than a bigot's tirade. Discrimination comes in many forms; ethnicity, social class, religion, and now social clubs and organizations. EWU is an institution where such discrimination has no place. EWU stands for the bringing together of diverse cultures and viewpoints. I for one hope that all students—Greek or otherwise—will stand up with my fraternity and myself and fight against prejudices of people such as Mr. Triplett. Thank you.

-Will Toler-Luna
Sigma Phi Epsilon

FROM THE EDITOR

Thank you so much for your letters.

First of all, I must insist that Brian Triplett's article was no journalistic endeavor; it was [and may very well still be] an opinion of his. I and editors past have run some pretty racy stuff in the "Opinion" section, and that is its luxury and office.

The Greek system, while comprising a small part of the student body at EWU, is still a fixture here in Cheney, and is thus not immune to a good-natured jab now and then. The Easterner has ribbed several prominent, local features of life in this community, be they individuals or organizations. Our cartoonist, Isaac Grambo even made fun of us once.

We are not an office of Grecophobes here. I currently employ two members of fraternities, and a former Pledge. I feel that I can personally consider several Greeks as close acquaintances, if not friends.

I hesitate to see this article's publication as a vicious attempt to dismantle Greek life. If there was any method to this madness at all, I decided to publish this article because—as many

Greeks indicated by their letters—not enough people know enough about Greek life, and are thus (like Triplett) more than a little bit skeptical about it. I saw this as a relatively rancid opportunity for Greeks to explain why Greek life exists. Several of the responses educated me, and I hope they inform others as well.

About the hazing: Officially, it never happens. Hazing is defined and made illegal by Washington State laws. When Greeks I've spoken with tell me about things that have happened to them in their pledge days (things that I think could qualify as "hazing"), they are very

careful to tell me that it 'was no big deal,' and tell me so only under the condition of strict non-disclosure; a condition I will honor. My point: Unofficially, it happens.

Mr. Triplett is an accomplished writer, and is one of the best music reviewers this publication has ever had. His reviews have also appeared in *The Inlander*. Were he to make an investigative article of Greek life at EWU, perhaps Sigma Phi Epsilon (or any other fraternity) and he could collaborate on something where he would actually rush, and write about his experiences as a member. Heh.

Madonnafest rocks out Gonzaga

Malory Mishler
Reporter

Would Madonna be proud? Fourteen bands played for 13 hours last Saturday at Gonzaga University including: The Harry Ostrom Mocket, Big Bing Theory, Midnight Rollers, Foot Shod, Y Los Otros, Sage, Blumbucks, Tripp Pete, The Last Word, Epicus Dwarficus, Elderstaar, Whisper Above Screaming, Ten Minutes Down, and Altercate. Gonzaga's Madonna dorm should be thanked for cramming this hall program into an all-day event. In retrospect, it appeared to be a success.

The sun was scorching by noon and parts of the crowd were kicking back with Frisbees while others vegetated in the sunlight. The air reeked of barbeque coals and smoke. Kids were dragging old couches out onto the lawn for the show, and some people who were scantily clad really should have put on more clothes. There are certain things in life that someone with a delicate gag reflex shouldn't have to see. The first band I witnessed should be one of those things.

Epicus Dwarficus (Count Ecilam on vocals and guitar, Sword Master on keyboard, Jar Jar on bass and Primal Screamer on drums) in my opinion were not the right introduction to Madonnafest.

The band was the opposite of music to my ears—complete with sadomasochistic outfits, KISS-ified face paint, wigs, whips and chains. It was bad enough that my sidekick (codename: Lolita) and I had to wake

up early on a Saturday morning to sit outside on Gonzaga's Foley Lawn, but upon arrival Lolita and I were shocked. Who would have thought that price-less and pricey Gonzaga would have allowed such an interesting display? It probably took longer to apply their make-up than the time slot they were given to perform.

I found that their chords were predictable and the vocals often seemed inappropriate in tone. Think light scream-core plus 80s keyboard meets a pre-pubescent Cradle of Filth. I won't verbally castrate the band, but I most likely won't be found moshing, skanking or belly dancing at an Epicus Dwarficus show any time soon. Dwarficus, if you're reading this, keep hope dormant.

The 12:45 slot was a treat. Prosser's very own Altercate graced the stage and thankfully re-set the mood. The soothing, yet amplifying Silverchair-esque vocals were complimentary with the rough melodic instruments electrifying the heated air.

If the band remained true to their live performance, I would definitely invest in their CD. Vocalist and guitarist Jordan Thompson, bassist Scott Ritchie, guitarist Ryne Heintz, and drummer Derek Ingalsbe definitely have their shit together. They should, because the band recently celebrated their five-year anniversary.

Altercate has been together since about eighth grade. To the band, the name means "sudden outburst of raw emotion." According to my dictionary, it means an angry or noisy dispute or to wrangle. Same difference, I



Malory Mishler/Easterner

Ted Teske of 10 Minutes Down puffs away at Madonnafest Saturday.

suppose. The crowd responded well to Altercate. Heads were rocking and feet were tapping—there was maybe even a little swaying. It was the most movement I had seen the audience project until that point. The chicks moved more than the guys. Being lightly romanced by Altercate's lyrics the ladies hopped up from their seats post-set and promptly flooded the band at the back entrance of the stage. I think I witnessed the exchange of a few phone numbers.

Driving two and a half hours into

Spokane was more than worth it for some of the members of Altercate.

"Considering the time of day and how many bands were playing, the turn out was positive. Any show where potential fans might be is always well worth the distance," Thompson said.

Altercate's third demo CD is due out at the end of April. Expect a full-length CD this summer. For more information about the band, hit up their newly revamped web site at www.altercate.something.net.

When the once playful audience began to wind down for nap time as the sun seemed to be setting, they received a rude awakening from Elderstaar (Leon "Martyr" Josaitis, Jeremy "Oracal" Rice, Jae "Israel" Ham, Brian "Alkemi" Wendt, and Adam "Amiko" Twiggs). My sidekick and I couldn't help but notice the crowd's response to this musical revival—especially one gentleman in particular... The Dude in Blue. The Dude in Blue was moshing, tossing, throwing, and on the verge of having seizures as he rocked out to Elderstaar's power chords and power lyrics. The Dude in Blue danced the dusk away. It was kind of like an accident. You couldn't help but stare.

"Fans like that pump us up! It gets all of us going and makes us proud to be invoking this kind of enthusiasm," Elderstar said about the Dude in Blue.

The band considers their fans family. One example of this awkwardly functional family is the addition of Mr. Preston. Preston was a fan who conveyed his adulation through an e-mail to the band. In response, Elderstaar wrote him back and invited him on tour with them. Needless to say, they've been like brothers ever since. The Spokane natives have already made a name for themselves by touring through Canada and around the Northwest. Check out www.spokanebands.com for information about upcoming Elderstaar shows or check out their web site www.elderstaar.com for more information.

10 Minutes Down was the second to last band of the night. They seemed to be the most anticipated by the audience. Before the first note was tooted or the first chord was strummed, fans herded to the front of the stage for a better view. Lying about my newspaper importance, I crammed my way next to the stage and under the tent where the acoustics did no justice. The speakers were facing out so it was difficult to catch the lyrics over the instruments. However, I think I caught the right drift.

I've never been so entertained by songs I declared hatred for during the 80s. 10 Minutes Down (Mike Renes on vocals and trombone, Ted Teske on vocals and trombone, Bill Weeks on trumpet, Robbie Daytona on guitar, Kyle Bradshaw on bass, and Jon-Michael Fernely on drums) opened with some Van Halen, and progressed

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How badly drawn is he? Let's see

MusiC SHOWS AND CDs

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

If Badly Drawn Boy is good enough for Bono, his music is good enough for me. My favorite singer in the world hasn't steered me wrong yet (well, except for Zooropa and that weird concept album U2 did with Brian Eno), so that would be enough reason for me to groove to the odd folk-pop stylings of Damon Gough, the British songwriter hiding behind the odd band name if I hadn't already discovered some of his older songs and decided that I really liked his stuff even if I could never remember any of the lyrics.

Gough was given his chance to burst into mainstream pop culture when British novelist Nick Hornby, the music snob and prose master who wrote "High Fidelity," recruited the badly drawn one to contribute some songs to the soundtrack for the movie based on his third novel "About A Boy." Gough was originally supposed to come up with two or three songs, but he ended up crafting the entire soundtrack. The Five For Fighting song you may have heard in the commercials for the movie is a decoy. The soundtrack CD is 16 tracks of badly drawn goodness that my editor hates, but I personally find soothing and intriguing.

Hornby can describe Gough's music better than my semi-professional hack work ever could.

"What I like about Damon's music is that it is recognizably English without all the irritations that implies," Hornby says in the press release. "It's got soul, it's literate without being pretentious, the quiet bits aren't wimpy. It's not boorish... What else is there?"

"About a Boy" features Gough's trademark quirky chord progressions and soft tenor promi-

nently. His tunes combine elements of Burt Bacharach, Paul McCartney's goofier tunes such as "When I'm 64," and Elvis Costello after he started mellowing out in a way that isn't ironic at all.

He obviously takes himself seriously even when he's throwing in vaguely kitschy piano or string arrangements that sound a little too much like something from an old MGM musical. There is a sincerity to his work that I find quite appealing, and his gentle voice is comfortable like a decent pair of hiking boots.

Frankly, this isn't Badly Drawn Boy's best work. Still, you get to hear him play guitar, flute, harmonica, piano, French Horn, xylophone, bass, and apparently everything else except the tuba in various configurations ranging from playing everything himself to jamming with small combos to recording with the London Metropolitan Orchestra. It's an interesting experiment that includes everything from incidental music that sounds suspiciously like disco to the strange hybrid of Randy Newman and The Moody Blues called "A Peak You Reach" to the quasi-Baroque "Dead Duck." Track three, "Something to Talk About" is the only song that really represents Badly Drawn Boy's regular sound and it's a lot happier and poppy than most of his stuff.

"About a Boy" doesn't really make me want to see the movie, which stars Hugh Grant and Mummy series babe Rachel Weisz, and it doesn't make me want to read the book either, but I get a kick out of it. The melodies are strong enough that with more macho arrangements, this could conceivably be one heck of a rock album. What we get instead lacks testosterone, but the implied manliness still comes through the mellow tunes in a way that you might find pretty catchy. If nothing else, it's worth listening to simply because it's genuinely different from all the Coldplay-type bands who seem to be dominating the "alternative" rock scene right now and it's a heck of a lot more creative than the stinking Goo Goo Dolls' latest CD.



Damon Gough: The Badly Drawn Boy.

Why don't we have this here?

Alec Radford
Reporter

Every year at Washington State University there is a golf tournament, a special kind of golf tournament known as "Senior Golf". What they do at Wazzu is remove every aspect of the actual sport, except for moving from one location (holes) to the next.

What Senior Golf consists of is drinking in large groups from about 10 a.m. to anywhere between 6 and 7 p.m. And when I say large groups, I'm talking four to six hundred people all bunched together in the middle of the street being happy, faded, and all sorts of twisted.

This has been a tradition for years now, you may recall the riot that broke out during Senior Golf way back in 1998. Luckily, this WSU holiday hasn't been subject to any riots or other major acts of violence since then, which makes it a very exciting event to attend.

This year's Senior Golf took place last weekend and I was lucky enough to attend, and I must say that it is well worth the hour and a half drive.

It reminded me of a small scale Mardi Gras (I've never actually been to Mardi Gras) without all of the beads and nudity. Though if the weather were a bit nicer I imagine the latter would be in abundance. The streets were blocked off, the police were cooperative, and the telephone poles were fit for climbing.

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Mothers, children seek refuge

Cara Lorello
Reporter

Last weekend I spent my Saturday afternoon in a muggy cafeteria surrounded by a couple of rowdy, screaming toddlers, two disgruntled teenage mothers and a bowl of rotting fruit. After spending six hours in this mayhem, I was happy to return that evening to my dingy but clean and secure apartment, which I saw in a whole new light. I had seen a side of life that I never knew existed—and sadly common.

For a recent midterm project, I had to contribute six hours minimum of volunteer work and put together a lengthy reflection paper about my experience and its relation to a moral issue. I wasn't up for serving food at a soup kitchen, and I didn't think I could handle walking into an orphanage or animal shelter. Nursing homes, for me, were out of the question. The one thing I can't stand is seeing old folks in pain and despair, or being mistreated but too out of touch to defend themselves.

After some searching, I found a volunteer position at Anna Ogden Hall, a community shelter for women and children. I offered to teach an open art workshop in basic drawing for the

women of the shelter over the weekend. I spent the night before laying out a lesson plan that would cover the basic techniques of two dimensional figure drawing and include some tips on how to shade and distinguish light sources from dark areas. I had taught similar classes for kids in the past while in 4-H, and figured this would not be too much of a stretch from my experience.

On the day of the workshop, I was greeted by the staff outside a guarded entrance and had to ring a buzzer to get in. I set up shop in the cafeteria and waited around for a good 40 minutes before a small handful showed up. There were two young women in their late teens, one Hispanic and one African American, each with a newborn and a toddler in tow. I asked if they had any day-care facility that they could leave their children temporarily at, and they informed me that during the weekend, there was practically no one around but a small group of staff working and residents like themselves with nothing to do.

Well, I said, then it was a good thing I came along because now they had something to do with their time. They got their pencils ready and I retrieved the bowl of fruit from the kitchen staff to use as our prop model. A few of the pears were browning and had a foul smell. None-

theless, they only had to draw them, so I set up a display and we set to work. The next three hours were not at all what I expected.

First I demonstrated how to draw a rough sketch and worry later about the details. I must not have made that point very clear—both the girls made very few marks on their papers for fear of making the picture look bad. I tried to reassure them that I was here to help and show them a fun time.

They each sat mutely throughout my demonstrations and more or less watched me do their sketches, saying "Here, you do it—you're better than me anyway."

I felt a tad disappointed and unsure of how to respond to their lack of enthusiasm. Then I stopped after reminding myself that these women had probably never had any formal instruction, unlike myself and needed my patience and benefit of the doubt.

Their attention was also taken away from focusing because their children were being busy while I was instructing. The little toddler must have climbed up onto the table 20 different times and nibbled on our props. The young Hispanic mother's baby awoke from his nap due to all of the reprimanding from the toddler's mother, Tanesa, and had to be nursed. His mother left the cafeteria and that was the last I saw of her. She never had the chance to finish her work, and I felt saddened but also sorry for her and the rest of the young mothers at the shelter whose time was no longer just their own.

Tanesa, who was working on her drawing diligently even though her feisty daughter was bouncing off the walls, shared with me her story and some of her feelings about living in Ogden Hall. She indicated to me that she was happy to

be living in a place where she didn't have to pay any rent, and the food, although it was donated food, was free.

Another resident, who introduced herself as Megan, who had dropped in briefly to watch our progress told me about a few rules the shelter required that she found irrational at times. Once, she had been late getting to the cafeteria for breakfast because her child was sick. Because she was late to get to the serving line, there was no food left and she and her baby could not eat that day. I knew that Ogden Hall was a non-profit organization, so practically everything they had,

whether it was food, utensils, etc., was all received from donations. Looking around the shelter, I could tell that this place was in need of donations. But I was greatly impressed by the good people who worked hard in providing this close-knit, secure facility to help women and children.

By the time my workshop was through, Megan had to leave to change her son's diaper, the toddler had put her half-eaten fruit back into the bowl and left with her mother to wash up for the evening meal, and I returned the still fresh fruit pieces back to the kitchen and disposed of the rotten and nibbled-on ones.

I was relieved when I left, but otherwise felt humbled by the experience. I've often heard people say that you should never judge anyone until you've walked a mile in their shoes. I saw what life was for a group of homeless women and children confined to a shelter. The things I saw gave new meaning to my life, and made even the smallest of blessings seem gigantic. It brought sadness to my heart, but a small amount of hope in that I was there to listen to what these women had to say and offered what I could to make their day somewhat fun and enjoyable.

Next time I hear my folks tell me it can always be worse, I won't roll my eyes and think, "It will never happen to me."

Madonna: would she be proud? *from page 9*

nice to have veteran rank."

10 Minutes Down has a new live CD out that was recorded at the Met. Two new tracks and three off the first album plus an interactive CD for 10 bucks sounds like a deal to me. The band hopes to hop on the Vans Warped Tour again and maybe even conduct a two-week tour at the end of July. For more information on these fellows, go to www.10minutesdown.com or www.spokanebands.com.

If you missed Madonnafest, shame on you and hold your breath until next year. If heat stroke, whips and chains, and a little bit of 80s cover-ska is your bag, then I suggest you mount up on Madonna in 2003.

into Wham! and Beastie Boys. They played a medley consisting of Kriss Kross, the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air theme, and Skee Lo, and sealed it with a finale of Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do (I Do It For You)." The tent was shaking as the boys rocked the crowd with energy and enthusiasm. During their rendition of Madonna's "Material Girl," Renes invited Madonna fans on stage for support. It was great.

When interviewed post-show, Ted "Reverend Theo Delicious" Teske filled me in on their notorious Gonzaga status.

"We love playing here," Teske said. "Gonzaga seems to be the band's 'common link.' This is our fifth year playing Madonnafest. It's

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Mariachi on in to Cinco de Mayo

Emily Lynn
Reporter

One! It's a miss. Two! It's a miss again. Bean spitting is harder than it sounds. Bystanders watched, amazed that someone was willing to try to get one bean into the clay pot that sits only four feet away. This thrilling activity was just one of the ways students could participate at the Booth Fair on Wednesday afternoon.

There was also a Piñata breaking, jalapeno eating contest, a game of "rooster," and face painting. "Rooster" is a game played by tying balloons to peoples' shoes and then seeing who can survive until the end without having their balloon popped.

Students from different on-campus groups watched their tables as people passing by stopped to look at what was being offered. A huge red and white tent was full of traditional food for students to buy. An all-

royalty have to do during their one year reign and how she enjoyed helping others. "We do community service, which we probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to do if we weren't part of the royalty," Villegas said.

The Princess, Jennifer Nunez, said she loved doing her community service and wants to continue volunteering, even though her year is up. Nunez said being the Cinco de Mayo Princess was "a privilege because you have little girls looking up to you and wanting to come to Eastern and into a higher education. We want to emphasize the higher education."

While they both loved being royalty, they said it wouldn't be hard to give up the title because they could still continue doing what they had been doing before.

Maria Brambila, Diana Baylln, and Linda Tejeda were the designated face painters for the event and had their table ready to go long before anyone

up steadily.

Judy Williamson, a student who was watching the Mariachi band play, said, "The best part of the event is that it's outside."

Williamson was just passing through when she saw a ton of people, so she decided to check it out. She, as did so many others, stopped to listen to the music as it blasted from the speakers near the band. Little children danced as the music took control, daycares led their children into the mall area, and students of all backgrounds stopped to watch the Mariachi band sing.

Dr.

Maldonado said the Cinco de Mayo celebration was going to be big. After seeing the mall as crowded as it was this afternoon, he was absolutely right about that. With this kind of a turnout, next year's celebration will have a lot to live up to. Everyone who helped put the Booth Fair together did a great job and it turned out just like Dr. Maldonado said it would.



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Students gathered in the sun to listen to a mariachi band celebrating Cinco de Mayo.



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women Mariachi band performed in the beautiful sunlight. The day couldn't have been better for the Booth Fair.

Who would have guessed that this celebration would have royalty? The Cinco de Mayo Queen and Princess were both wearing white sashes as they helped out with the food. The Queen, Marisol Villegas, talked about what the

started requesting designs. The three face painters were so enthusiastic when I came over to their table that they shouted, "A lot! We have a lot of children coming in, so we're expecting to paint a lot of faces."

They were disappointed when not many children had shown up during the first part of the morning, but as the Booth fair went on their business picked

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On track to success

Expect more from Ulmer

Tom Fox
Sports Editor

At this time of spring, it's more about finishing what you started than beginning new endeavors, competing and completing a season of sport than entertaining another. Everyone looks for closure.

I guess I have a hard time letting myself down, so I make really high goals.



Stephanie Ulmer

In Stephanie Ulmer's case, it's the bounce of a basketball, the release point on a javelin throw, the competition. In her first season at Eastern on a collegiate basketball court, the freshman started before an ankle injury brought her to the sidelines. And, now, in her first track and field season, Ulmer has qualified with a throw of 140-10 for the Big Sky Conference Championships in Missoula, Mont., on May 15-19.

Ulmer is taking on both sports as a challenge. She attends class and works out for both sports each day.

"It's kind of a handful but it keeps me busy, I guess," she said. "I never actually dreamed of starting (basketball) as a freshman, or even getting the quality minutes that I did as a freshman."

And with limited preparation, Ulmer has thrown the javelin well



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Luke Vincent intercepts a pass against Central Washington as his brother Doug watches during in the Eagles large-margin victory.

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Vincent in the middle of things

Tom Fox
Sports Editor

Should opposing running backs purge through Eastern's defensive front next fall, they will meet the Vincent brothers.

Javelin throwers in the Big Sky will meet Doug Vincent later this month.

Doug, a freshman, along side his older brother Luke, a junior, will anchor the Eagles' line backing corp., and you can bet they'll be in the middle of things next season.

"I just feel more comfortable with a family member standing three feet from me," Luke said. "We had a lot of fun with it."

And Doug has taken that same attacking mentality to track and field and qualified for the upcoming Big Sky Championships in Missoula, Mont., May 15-19 with a mark of 192-10.

"He's got a natural reaction for football," Luke said of his brother. "So everything just comes to him, he doesn't have to think too much about it. Same with that javelin throwing."

Doug didn't begin to throw the javelin until his junior year in high school, but the progression has been stifling. Each week he would gain as much as 10 feet to his personal record. And this year,



He took me under his wing and showed me the ropes," Doug said. "It's made things a lot easier."

Doug Vincent

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Chatman, Sherrod in NFL camps



David Sherrod



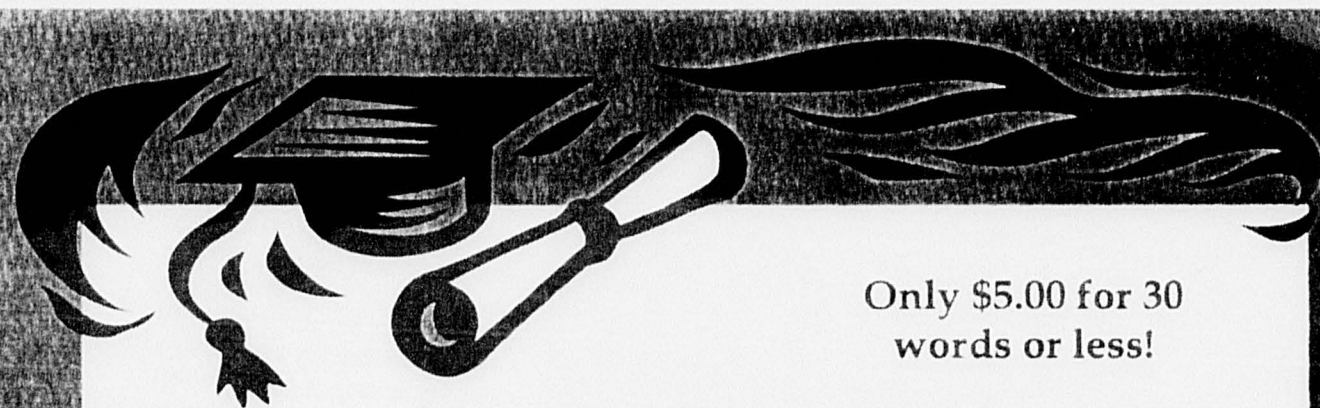
Jesse Chatman

Former Eastern Washington University football standouts Jesse Chatman and David Sherrod signed on with NFL teams last week after they were not selected in the amateur draft.

Chatman, Eastern record holder for points, touch downs and yards, signed on with the San Diego Chargers on April 25 as one of 19 rookie free-agents.

Chatman is one of eight tailbacks in camp with the Chargers, who hail the league's top back last season — LaDaninian Tomlinson.

Sherrod, a offensive lineman, too, signed as a rookie free-agent, with the Oakland Raiders.



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Eagles performing early on the gridiron

On Saturday, 11 new starters on offense made little difference. The yards and points just keep coming and coming.

Eastern Washington University's offense — without a single starter on the field from last year's squad that led NCAA Division I-AA in total offense and scoring — scored eight touchdowns and rolled up 384 yards of offense as the Eagles completed their second week of spring football practices with a 61-play scrimmage at Woodward Field in Cheney, Wash.

The passing game was particularly sharp, as starter Josh Blankenship and reserves Erik Meyer and Eli Marsh combined on a 26-of-40 performance for 322 yards and six touchdowns.

"We had some good success," Eagle head coach Paul Wulff said of the offensive explosion. "We wanted to throw the ball quite a bit in this scrimmage against the man coverage we knew our defense was going to play."

A year ago, Eastern finished 7-4 and broke over 50 records behind an offense that averaged 514.5 yards and 41.9 points per game. But tackle Justin Nipp was the only starter back from that squad, and he sat out Saturday's scrimmage.

Blankenship, a senior transfer from the University of Tulsa, completed 10-of-14 passes for 138 yards and three of the touchdowns. Meyer, a freshman redshirt from La Mirada, Calif., was equally productive by completing 11-of-15 for 130 yards and two scores. Senior Eli Marsh from Newport, Wash., was 5-of-11 for 54 yards and one score.

Freshman redshirt Raul Vijil from Pasco, Wash., was on the receiving end of touchdown catches of 11 and 20 yards, and was the leading receiver in the scrimmage with four catches for 54 yards. Kyler Randall, a second-team All-Big Sky Conference selection a year ago as an Eagle backup, caught three passes for 63 yards, including a 26-yard touchdown grab from Blankenship.

Other Eagles who scored touchdowns through the air were Peter Coombe, Richmond Sanders and Bennie Clay. Sanders finished with three catches for 36 yards.

"All three quarterbacks did well," praised Wulff. "They made a lot of improvement from our first scrimmage, as did our receiving corp."

Wulff was particularly pleased with

the pass protection provided by Eastern's offensive line.

"I was really happy with the protection from our No. 1 offense line. The guys that started out there did a nice job protecting the quarterback and showed some chemistry," he said.

On the ground, Eric Kimble and Reggie Witherspoon added touchdowns as the Eagles rushed for 79 yards on 19 carries, not including a pair of sacks for a negative 17 yards. Darius Washington rushed seven times for 31 yards and Witherspoon and Kimble added 25 and 23, respectively. Starter Jovan Griffith sat out the scrimmage.

Defensive tackle Tony Seau, the 310-pound brother of San Diego Charger All-Pro linebacker Junior Seau, led the Eagles defensively with five tackles. Jessy Hanson also had five, and Josh Artis, Deonta Birdsong, Steve Paysinger and Jesse Hendrix all added four tackles each. Paysinger, Artis, Hendrix and Chasen Walker also broke up passes. Paysinger and Walker are newcomers from the now defunct Cal State Northridge program, and Birdsong is a talented transfer from Fullerton Junior College in California.

Jason Koster and Justin Brester each had quarterback sacks for the defense, which didn't allow a touchdown in last week's first scrimmage of spring practices.

"Defensively we were playing without some starters, and we didn't play with a lot of emotion," explained Wulff. "The defense did not have a good day, and that's something that obviously has to be corrected this week. We still think that we're doing some good things, but we definitely need to shore some things up this week."

Eastern also received a good look at new kicker Rich Heintz, who was a two-time All-American at City College of San Francisco. He made field goals of 42, 39 and 33 yards, but missed from 43 and 41 yards. His 41-yarder was partially blocked by Hanson.

"He's showing progress through the spring, and this was the first opportunity to kick in a scrimmage situation," Wulff said. "He hit a couple of nice balls and did pretty good. He's going to continue to improve, and he showed some nice signs."

Upcoming Schedule . . .

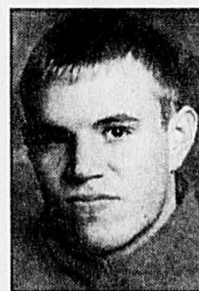
Spring practice wraps up on May 11 with the annual Red-White Game that starts at 2 p.m., followed by the 21st Annual Orland Killin Auction-Dinner-Dance at EWU. The already sold-out 15th Annual Football Coaches Spring Golf Tournament takes place May 10 at Indian Canyon Golf Course in Spokane.

More information on any of the Orland Killin Weekend activities can be obtained by calling 509-359-2463.

Outstanding Performances

Mike Oien (Sr., 3L, Knappa, Ore. - Knappa HS '97)

Oien won the javelin throw competition in the twilight portion of the prestigious Oregon Invitational on April 27 with a throw of 210-11. His victory was the second-straight by an EWU athlete in that event at the Oregon Invitational, with 2001 All-American Ryan Cole uncorking a winning throw of 244-7 a year ago. Oien finished second in both the hammer (195-5) and javelin (211-3) in the university/open division at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in Walnut, Calif., on April 20. His effort in the hammer ranks as the



Mike Oien

third-best in school history, ranking only behind Noah Chambreau (195-8 in 1995) and Les Timm (200-5 in 1996). At the Pelluer Invitational on April 12, Oien was a three-time winner with victories in the discus (173-10), hammer (187-8) and javelin (202-7). His throw in the javelin makes him one of six Eagle men (14 including the women) to qualify for the Big Sky Conference Championships in that event. His other career bests are 175-8 in the discus and 215-0 in the javelin. He has earned All-Big Sky Conference honors six times in his career (top-three finish in individual events), including the 2001 Big Sky discus title.

Josh Arnold (Fr., HS, Spokane, Wash. - Shadle Park HS '01) — pictured at right just a freshman, Arnold had a 1:52.90 time in the 800 meters to win that event during the day portion of the prestigious Oregon Invitational on April 27. His time just missed a spot on EWU's all-time top 10 list in that event, but did

meet the Big Sky Conference Championships qualifying standard of 1:53.75 as one of five new qualifiers for the Eagles last week.

David Stoddard (Sr., 1L, Waterville, Wash. - Waterville HS '97 & North Idaho JC) Stoddard recorded a season-best time of 53.42 in the 400 meter hurdles to place fourth in the twilight portion of the prestigious Oregon Invitational on April 27. A year ago, he had a career-best time of 52.57 in that event to rank fifth in school history. Stoddard also qualified for the Big Sky Championships in the 400 meters with a winning time of 48.81 at the Whitworth Open on April 20.

Brandon Hauver (Sr., 2L, Moxee, Wash. - East Valley HS '97 & CC of Spokane) Hauver recorded the 10th-fastest 1500 time in school history with a 3:52.17 time to place 10th in the twilight portion of the Oregon Invitational on April 27.

Branden Fuller (So., HS, Tacoma, Wash. - Lincoln HS '00)

Fuller had the ninth-fastest 3000 steeplechase time in school history with a 9:16.52 clocking en route to placing second in the day portion of the Oregon Invitational on April 27.

Ben Snyder (Jr., JC, Marysville, Wash. - Cascade HS '98 & Clark CC) — pictured at right Snyder recorded the sixth-best hammer throw in school history (186-6) with a ninth-place finish in that event in the twilight portion of the prestigious Oregon Invitational on April 27. At the Al Manuel Invitational on April 6, he placed third in the shot (48-4 1/2), fourth in the discus (164-0) and fourth in the hammer (183-8).

Alex Moon (Fr., HS, Spokane, Wash. - Shadle Park HS '01)

Moon placed second in the 400 hurdles during the day portion of the Oregon Invitational on April 27, recording a 53.73 time that ranks as the 10th-fastest in EWU history.

Friday, May 3 - at Stanford Invitational - Palo Alto, Calif. (Mike Oien, Ben Snyder, Kelli Holloway)
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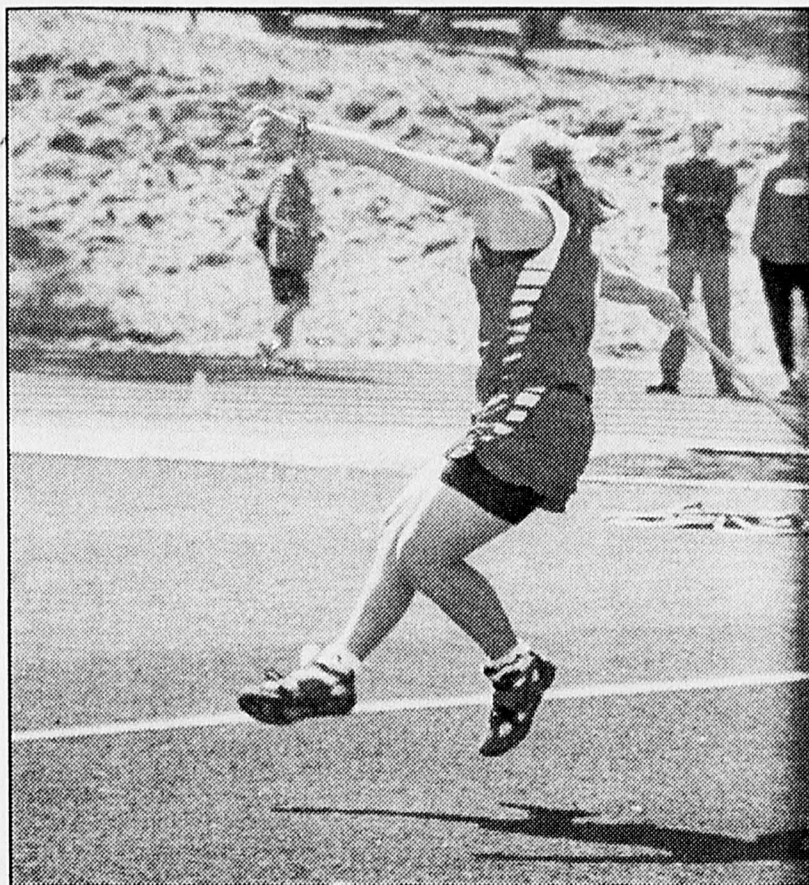
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An Eastern athlete readies to throw at Whitworth two weeks ago.

The Eastern Washington University men's tennis team finished fourth at the Big Sky Mountain Regional in Pocatello failing to qualify for the conference tournament. Overall, the men finished the season 2-13 with match wins over Gonzaga and Whitman at home.

Individually, freshman Aaron Heier compiled a 4-16 record at the number one singles position and finished 5-8 with doubles partner Brandon Hair. Heier was the only Eagle to win a match at the prestigious ITA Regional VII Tournament in Las Vegas. Lone senior Khamphone Voraphaychith ended his EWU tennis career with a 4-15 singles season at the number five position.

The Eagle squad boasted eight freshmen, one sophomore and one senior.

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enough to qualify for conference championships.

"I'm pretty proud of myself for what I've done," she said. "I've accomplished more goals than I thought I would."

And she had high standards coming out of high school.

"One of my goals before I got here was to make an impact on the basketball team. Also to qualify for the Big Sky in track. I guess I have a hard time letting myself down, so I make really high goals."

Ulmer was highly recruited out of Ellensburg High School after excelling in both sports; however, Eastern was the lone school that entertained the idea of the business administration major competing in both basketball and track and field.

And the coaches are glad they did.

"To be able to do two sports, it takes a special person and she's done that," Eagle basketball coach Wendy Schuller said. "We feel really lucky that we have Stephanie and Eastern should feel lucky to have such a quality individual."

This year, Ulmer was honored as an All-Big Sky Academic selection.

"Freshman year is hard enough, but to be able to contribute in two sports and do well academically is really special," Schuller said.

And Schuller sees more potential for Ulmer.

"She's one of the hardest workers that we have. Combine that with the talents on the court, she's going to do some very good things here."

"She's just a tremendous athlete, first of all," Schuller added. "She has good speed and quickness to go along with her tremendous upper strength."

"We see great things in the future with Stephanie," Schuller added. "She's going to be a great, great player for us, and a key part in our rebuilding process."

Last year, Ulmer uncorked the nation's top javelin throw for high school girls with her mark of 177-9 at Ellensburg's Keith Jewett Invitational. The throw is Washington State's second best all-time, and eighth best all-time nationally.

"My high school coach said it only takes one throw, so I guess that was my one throw," Ulmer said.

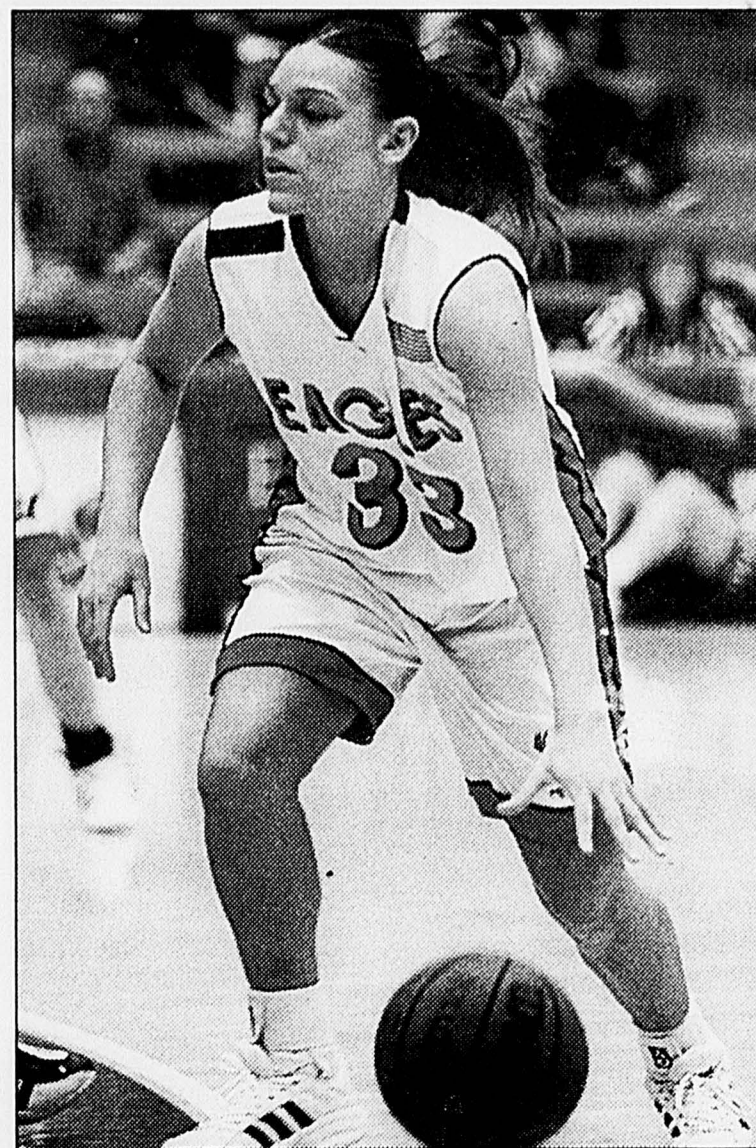
She then went on to win her first state championship with a throw of 157-9, after finishing third in both her sophomore and junior years.

Ulmer also placed second at state in the discus, behind Eastern teammate Shannon Groh.

As the spring track season is winding down, and Ulmer's schedule has multiple tasks, she knows just one throw can place her atop the podium in Missoula.

"I hope to place, if not win it," she said. "I kind of set high expectations for myself."

And she kind of lives up to them.



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Eastern freshman Stephanie Ulmer started in basketball last winter and has qualified for Big Sky Track and Field Championships, held later this month.

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at Eastern, he's doing the same.

"Football's my main thing and track's always something I can do so I might as well try it out," Doug said. "That's the way it was in high school. I went out just to keep in shape for football and I ended up throwing pretty good."

Doug, the 2000 Washington State Football Defensive Player of the Year, was a highly recruited athlete coming out of Pasco High. His brother was not.

However, the two are proven contributors on the gridiron.

"We don't have many first year athletes come in and contribute right away very often. It's fun to have kids come in and help out the program." Eastern football coach Paul Wulff said.

"It's pretty overwhelming," Doug said of his success this year. "First of all I didn't expect to come here and play and start for football, that was a big surprise for me."

And qualifying for the javelin has been a bonus.

Following his brother from Pasco High where the Vincent brothers helped the Bulldogs win two Class 4A State Championships in 1998 and 2000.

Next fall, the two brothers hope to lead the Eagles in the same championship direction. And they know what it takes to get where you want to go.

Luke was the No. 6 linebacker as a walk-on freshman for the Eagles two years ago.

"I think everyone's forgot that I was a walk-on," Luke, now the No. 1 middle linebacker said. "Just the thought of being the starter in college-level football and to just keep pushing yourself to get to that spot. After the first two years, I put in enough time to never quit, even if I didn't start."

Luke made sure that his brother would learn from his experience right away.

"He had half the defense down before we even started," Luke said. "I think he had an advantage over the other freshman because I had him in here watching films with me all the time; and learning everything like he's supposed to be doing. It made him mature faster than the other ones."

"He took me under his wing and showed me the ropes," Doug said. "It's made things a lot easier."

"It's something that I'd never dreamed of," Doug added. "I'm definitely learning from him. It's just a whole different mentality with my brother. I look over and he's next to me and I have so much more confidence. Because I know that he'll be there backing me up and he knows I'll be there backing him up. That kind of confidence is amazing."

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