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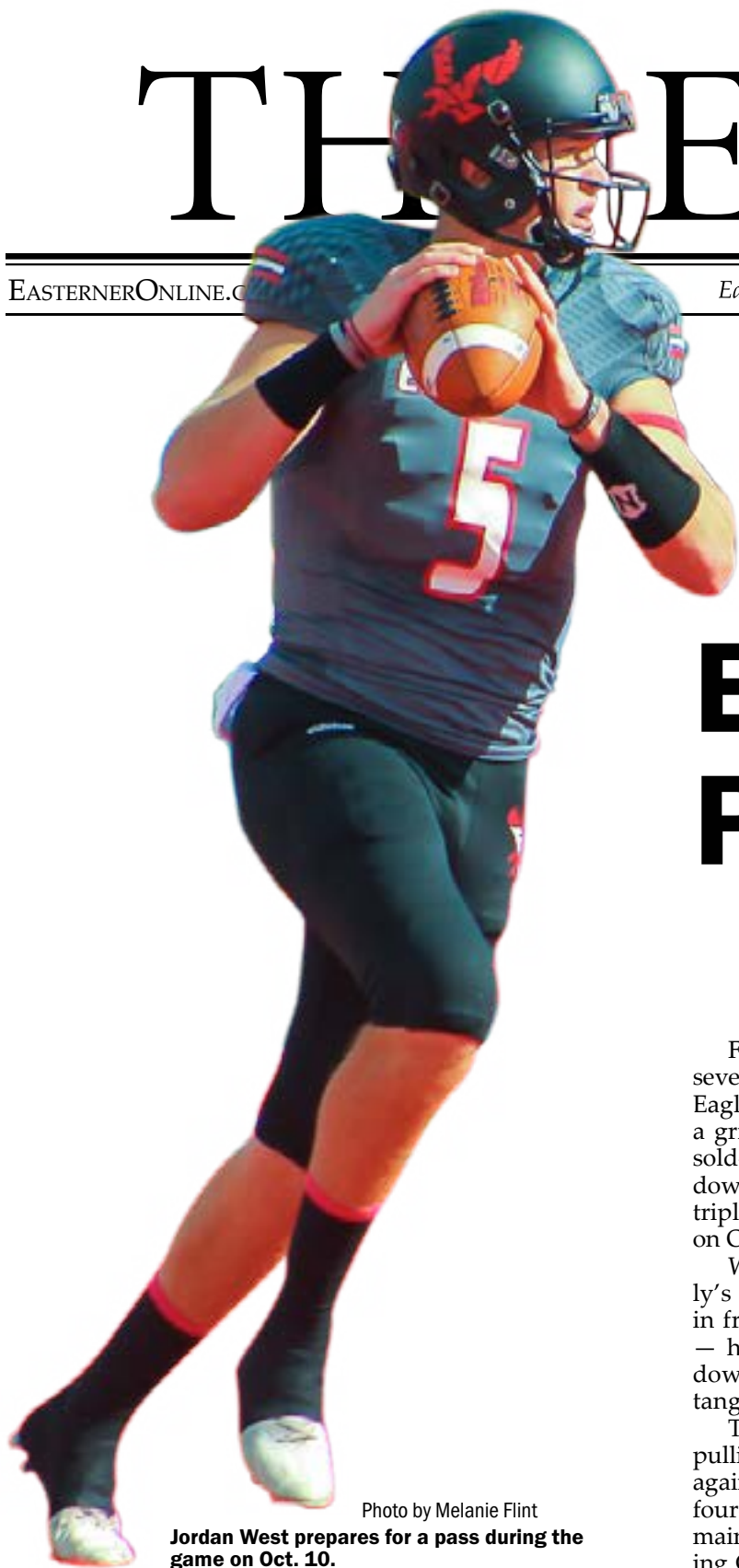


Photo by Melanie Flint  
Jordan West prepares for a pass during the game on Oct. 10.



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## EWU football beats Cal Poly for third win in a row

By BRANDON CLINE  
sports editor

For the third-straight game, the seventh-ranked Eastern Washington Eagles found a way to come away with a gritty victory. In front of the twelfth sold-out crowd straight, the Eagles took down the Cal Poly Mustangs and their triple-option offense, 42-41, in overtime on Oct. 10.

With 9:16 left in the game, Cal Poly's quarterback, Chris Brown, rushed in from 13 yards out for a touchdown — his second of three rushing touchdowns on the day, giving the Mustangs a 35-20 lead.

The Eagles responded in a big way, pulling the game to within eight points again on running back Jabari Wilson's four-yard touchdown run with 5:11 remaining in regulation. On the following Cal Poly possession, the Eagles defense forced a three-and-out for the first time all day, giving them the ball back at their own 45-yard line with 3:02 remaining in the game.

On that drive, quarterback Jordan West did what he's done all season, going 5-6 for 49 yards and a touchdown pass to Nic Sblendorio with 57 seconds remaining. West found wide receiver Kendrick Bourne four times for 33 yards on the drive, two of which moved the chains for the Eagles.

The Eagles' initial two-point attempt failed, but a defensive holding call on Cal Poly moved the ball to the one-yard line. On the second attempt, West and Wilson sold the play-action pass, allowing West to easily find tight end Terry Jackson uncovered in the end zone, tying the game at 35.

With just 16 passing yards in the game, Brown and the Mustangs were content on getting the game to overtime, with the Eagles riding a wave of momentum.

The Eagles possessed the ball first in overtime, where West found Bourne on a short route on the first play. Bourne bounced the play out near the sideline, diving just inside the pylon for a touchdown, and the Eagles took the lead for the first time since there was 7:27 remaining in the first quarter.

Starting with the ball at the 13-yard line after a personal foul call on the Eagles, it took Cal Poly five plays to get into the end zone, on Brown's third rushing touchdown of the game.

The game came down to the next play, with Cal Poly going for the two-point conversion and the win. Brown's option to Kori Garcia was well-covered by the Eagles, but it didn't matter as Garcia fumbled the ball out of the bounds, completing EWU's come-from-behind win.

"It was a wild game, and we still have a ton of things to clean up," said head coach Beau Baldwin, who moves to 47-11 all-time in conference play. "The one thing about our team — whether we came out on top or not — was that we weren't going to roll over. We still have a long way to go this year and we're finding that out more and more."

The conditions favored the Mustangs — a team with the best rushing attack in the FCS — on a windy day with gusts reaching up to 25 miles per hour. The Eagles' passing offense — top in the FCS — was obviously affected, but West remained efficient, going 27-35 for 224 passing yards, four touchdowns, and no turnovers.

The Eagles' ground game was effective as well, with Wilson rushing for 103 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries. Malcolm Williams Jr. had 7 carries for 41 yards, and the Eagles finished with 146 rushing yards on the day.

Cal Poly's ground game dwarfed EWU's though, rushing for 503 yards on 89 attempts, averaging 5.7 yards per rush. The rushing attack for the Mustangs aided in helping shadow their porous passing game, with Brown completing two of just five passing attempts for 16 yards.

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## EWU hosts first Internship and Volunteer Fair

By Zoë COLBURN AND  
LELIA THATCHER  
for *The Easterner*

EWU's first Internship and Volunteer Fair on Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Hargreaves Hall was full of opportunity for both students and the 37 local organizations that attended. It was a joint event put on by Career Services and the Office of Community Engagement.

Every year the Office of Community Engagement has a career fair. According to Employer relations manager, Nate Bryant, many students have said they would like to see career services put on a fair earlier in the year, and hopefully something involving more internships, so that's what they did.

There were paid, unpaid and for-credit opportunities for students of all majors through the broad range of organizations that attended

the fair. Popular organizations included EWU's ROTC, College Pro, Hospice of Spokane, KHQ, Mobius, the Spokane County Regional Animal Protection Service (SCRAPS) and the Northwest Museum of Art and Culture.

Romeal Watson, Internship Coordinator, felt the event was a success, despite some complaints he encountered.

"Overall most felt it either met or exceeded [students'] expectations, but students would have liked to see more of a variety of employers," he said. "In addition, the location was a little out of the way and I think many would have preferred a more central location like the PUB (which unfortunately had been reserved well into the summer). Also some would have liked more prep on how to prepare for a career."

Some students did find the Internship and Volunteer Fair

to be a helpful and wide-ranging event that provided the opportunity to network and get information from several different organizations.

Elezaveta Mikheyeba, a student pursuing a career in social work, said she liked all the different internship opportunities and was most interested in working with YMCA of the Inland Northwest while student Afaria McKinney said it was a great place to network and that he plans on following up with two groups in particular about opportunities. Students who missed the event this year might like to know there will be more opportunities throughout this year, as well as another Internship Fair planned for next year.

"We will definitely do this event again next year, although I would encourage students to keep an eye out for many of our events throughout the year," said Watson.



Photo by Melanie Flint

Courtney Catt explains to student Molly Kenoyer ways to get involved in their family outreach program.

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October 15: **Fall Frenzy:** Free festival put on by SAIL that takes place on the Phase 1 lawn and lobby at Riverpoint campus 5 - 7 p.m.

October 16: **Gamer's Club Weekly Game Night:** Come play table-top, card and video games in PUB 263/265/267 4 - 9 p.m.

October 17: **Oktoberfest:** Annual library fundraiser, this year with an Island Get-away theme. 5 - 10:30 p.m. at JFK Library

October 19: **Real Beauty Week:** Write it Down, Let it Go: Join SAIL and write down any insecurities. Campus Mall 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

October 20: **INBC Blood Drive:** Donate in the PUB multi-purpose room 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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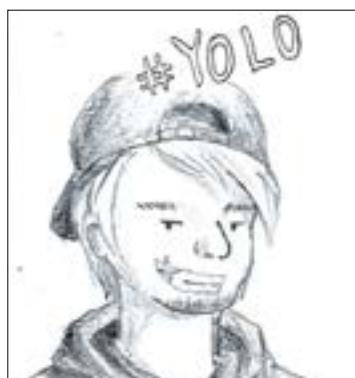


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# Lantern Festival offers break for students

## Giant Chinese lantern displays at Riverfront Park

By Lelia Thatcher  
staff writer

While there is not always much to do in Cheney, a quick trip to Spokane provides many options. Currently, the Chinese Lantern Festival at Riverfront Park may be able to give students a break from the stress of school.

It is open from 5 p.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday now through Nov. 1.

The festival is a walk-through experience featuring 31 giant lantern displays throughout the park.

Admission is \$17 for adults, which some students have said is too pricey for what is offered. EWU student Ross Henrichs said, "It is only worth going if you go at the right time, when they have the best performances, food and exhibits."

Performances are at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The performances include 5 of 7 possible acts each night: face-changing, hulusi, Chinese dance, gongfu tea ceremony, rola-bola, tai chi and wushu.

There are two cultural exhibits about Terra Cotta Army Soldiers and the San Xingdui civilization, as well as arts and crafts exhibits featuring palm fiber weaving, paper-cutting, painting, calligraphy and more, according to the festival's website.

Thursday through Saturday, authentic Chinese cuisine will be available for \$25 and discounted admission. There is also limited seating at the "Chef's Table" for \$100 which includes watching the team cook, special servings and free admission. Every night there is Asian food, pizza, kettle corn and espresso drinks available for purchase onsite.

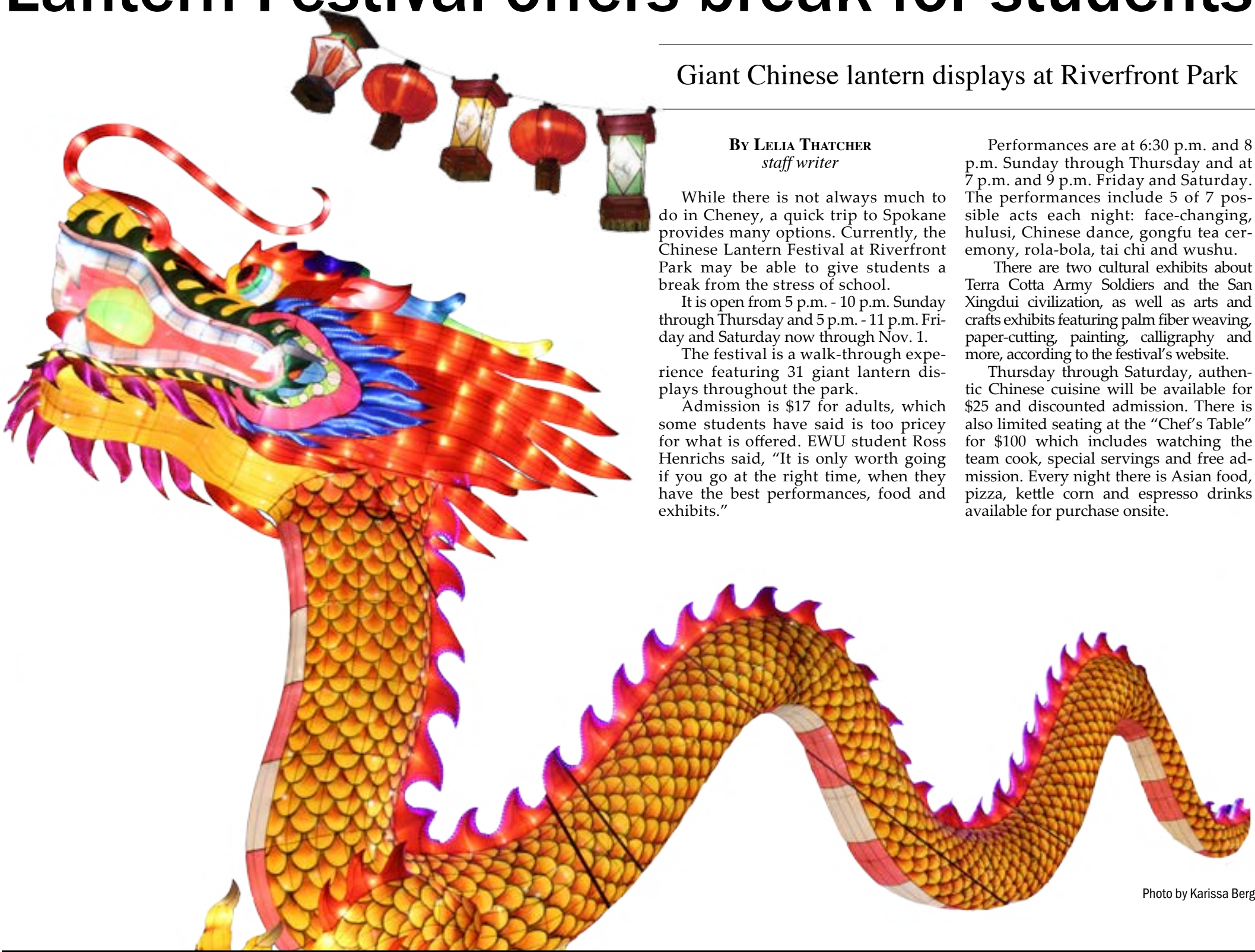


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## JFK holds 13th annual Oktoberfest



Graphic by Abbi Vance

### 2015 event theme will be Island Getaway

By JACLYN ARCHER  
news editor

On October 17 at 5 p.m. the JFK Library will hold its 13th annual Oktoberfest. The fundraiser is held every October to increase the library's collection and endowment fund. According to Carol King, director of Library Engagement, Marketing and Administration, as well as the Oktoberfest coordinator, dividends from this fund are used to purchase "books, journals, electronics and other resources needed by the EWU faculty, students and community at large."

"Last year we were able to purchase some Spanish books that we could not have purchased without our collection fund," said King.

This year Oktoberfest is expected to bring in approximately \$50,000 and 350 people. Although the 31 tables that have been reserved so far are nine short of the usual average of 40 tables, "The week is young," said King.

This year, Oktoberfest will be Island Getaway themed, featuring an authentic Hawaiian dinner and dessert, and music by Moko Jumbie and DJ X.

Students can also look forward to beer and wine tasting, a quilt raffle, and photo booth, along with yearly staples such as the annual EWU Libraries' Star Search where one student will win a \$500 prize.

Students may reserve Oktoberfest tickets for \$15. General admission is \$35, and tables seating six may be reserved for \$175.

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REVIEW

Despite the epic finale, ‘The Walk’ leaves more to be desired

The year is 1974. Frenchman and high wire specialist, Philippe Petit, traveled to New York City where, like many others, his dream of making it big in the Big Apple awaited him. Unlike most, however, his dream laid 110 stories above the street. Pressing his chin against the newly-built north tower of World Trade Center, Philippe looked up at the seemingly endless rows of windows above him completely in awe. Gazing from one tower to the next, he saw what no one else did: A platform for the performance of lifetime.

“The Walk” starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt retold the story of Philippe’s attempt to walk a wire from one tower of the World Trade Center to the next.

Coming out just seven years after the renowned documentary “Man on Wire,” “The Walk” is more of a Hollywood movie than a biographical film. The special effects and CGI were, at times, breathtaking and the 3D version may have even left some viewers nauseous. The relationships were heavily romanticized and the story was portrayed as almost comical. Realizing that the majority doesn’t watch documentaries, director Robert Zemeckis put well-known star Gordon-Levitt into a movie designed to entertain instead of to educate.

Speaking in a cliché French accent, Gordon Levitt narrated the movie from atop the Statue of Liberty. Portraying Petit as a romantic idealist wanting to send a heartwarming message to the audience, Gordon-Levitt made it easy to sympathize with him. Walking across the twin towers is insane, and unfortunately, what drove the man to this level of insanity was not well exhibited. Seeming too “sane,” the performance lacked a sense of reason and thus left the audience a little confused.

The movie relied solely on the riveting climax of the actual walk. Being able to show how extremely terrifying the walk truly was, the film captured the essence of the walk perfectly. The drawn-out scenes of Phillipe on the wire above New York City were incredible. By now special effects are just part of every movie, but there is nothing that will be able to fully prepare you for the dizzying display of the last 30 minutes. With the faint noises of the New York streets below, the wind gently whistling in ear and the wire sighing as it swayed, the tension and beauty of the walk is fully captured.

The beauty of the final half hour made the film worth watching. Though somewhat corny throughout, the movie was saved by the nerve-racking finale. As the movie came to a close, the twin towers faded from sight, and the last line hit the heart square as the realization that the towers are no longer standing came back. Overall, “The Walk” is another Hollywood dramatization of an incredible event. It fell flat when it came to the story, but when it came to incredible visual effects, “The Walk” was top notch.

Students show their love for Thomas Hammer

By ROSIE PERRY  
staff writer

With the brisk fall mornings nipping at noses and harsh fall winds blowing through the campus grounds, several students may be in search of that one perfect cup of coffee. Thomas Hammer has been serving the students of Eastern since 1994 and is located on the first floor of the PUB across from the multi-purpose room. Opening at 6 a.m. Monday through Friday, Thomas Hammer is the only place on campus early birds can go to get their fix before the clock strikes seven.

Manager Alison Grimes said she loves working for Thomas Hammer and truly believes in the products they serve.

“I love my schedule. I love all of my employees, and I really like the college atmosphere here; everyone is always welcome and happy,” said Grimes.

She went on to say, “Our coffee is amazing; the products that we use here are tested through our employees and through our headquarters. We all approve of them and it is a very consistent product as well as very high quality, and we are a local roaster so we roast our beans here.”

Thomas Hammer’s menu has several drinks to choose from, but Grimes said the two most popular drinks are the Velvet Hammer and the Jackhammer. A Velvet Hammer is an iced coffee drink with both white and dark chocolate, and a Jackhammer



Illustration by Linlin Xing

is a hot drink flavored with dark chocolate, honey and cinnamon.

Grimes wanted everyone at EWU to know that she and the rest of the Thomas Hammer family are thankful to them for making the store so busy and they love seeing all of the customers everyday.

Thomas Hammer

also serves a variety of non-coffee drinks, with their most popular one being chai tea.

EWU student Hannah Weber said, “Not only do I like how friendly the baristas are, but their chai tea is the best around.”

Thomas Hammer is also the favorite of EWU students Andrew Logan and Arik Reyes.


Logan said, “Thomas Hammer is honestly the only good coffee stand on campus.” Reyes specifically noted the staff. “The staff here is very friendly,” Reyes said. “They make me feel happy to get coffee or tea first thing in the morning.”

All three students, on average, get coffee or

tea at least three times a week and each one of them said if they are on campus they always go to Thomas Hammer.

Going off student opinion, Thomas Hammer has done a great job serving the students of EWU the past 21 years and, hopefully, will continue to do so for many years to come.

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October 5

Unknown Time  
Sexual Assault

A sexual assault was reported that occurred on Oct. 2 or 3. The investigation is ongoing and the victim has not yet been met with.

3:09 p.m.  
Intimidation

A student reported feeling concerned and threatened when an acquaintance of hers began showing up at her workplace on campus uninvited to try to pursue a friendship with her. It culminated in him cornering her and refusing to let her leave until she talked to him. He was referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities, but no crime was committed.

3:46 p.m.  
Malicious Mischief

A custodian working in Hargreaves noticed damage to his car had occurred while it was parked outside the building during his shift the night before. The damage appeared to have been caused by an individual walking across the top of the car as there were dents covering the trunk, top and hood. There are no leads or suspects.

October 7

Unknown Time  
Sexual Assault

It was reported that a sexual assault occurred on the night of Oct. 6. The perpetrator has been arrested, but the investigation is still ongoing.

October 8

1 p.m.  
Theft

A bicycle was stolen from the rack it was locked to outside of Dressler Hall. The owner had last seen it the night before at 6 p.m., and noticed its disappearance at 10 a.m. that morning. It is a 24-speed bicycle, black with gray accents, estimated to be worth \$250.

10:14 p.m.  
Marijuana

A CA in LA Hall noticed the smell of marijuana outside of a room. The resident admitted to being in possession and consented to a search, resulting in the seizure of .8 grams of the substance. The underaged student was cited and released.

October 10

12:08 p.m.  
Theft

A student had left his phone and headphones attached to a charger cable plugged into the wall during his class. When he returned for it, all had been taken. He found the headphones and cable discarded next to a garbage can on the third floor but was unable to locate the phone. There are no leads or suspects.

1:50 p.m.  
Alcohol

CAs found a resident collapsed and vomiting in the first-floor bathroom of Streeter Hall. Medics from the fire department determined her BAC to be .177 yet cleared her to return to her room. She was referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

11:35 p.m.  
Alcohol

CAs encountered a highly intoxicated resident in the study lounge in Dressler Hall. He was unable to walk and had been vomiting into a garbage can. Medics found him to have a BAC level of .235 and he was cited for minor in possession. When he was handed the citation, he threw it in the garbage can and complained that it was already out of his hands. Officers advised him to retrieve the paper, but he refused.

October 11

2:26 a.m.  
Alcohol

A resident of Pearce Hall was found passed out in a hallway on the 5th floor. He was unresponsive, but his vital signs were normal. Medics tried to start an IV because he was highly dehydrated. As he regained awareness, he became combative, mumbling incoherently about cocaine. After refusing a breathalyzer test, he was transported to Deaconess Hospital.

9:40 p.m.  
Marijuana

CAs in Dressler Hall alerted police when they smelled marijuana in the building. The occupant of the room stated that she had not been smoking, but there had been two individuals in her room earlier who had been smoking outside previously to coming in. All three were referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities.



OP-ED

# SeaWorld ‘rewarded’ in spite of cruelty

In 2013 a documentary called “Blackfish” premiered on CNN. Telling of the unknown horrors taking place behind the scenes at SeaWorld, “Blackfish” exposed the theme park for what they were doing: Making money on captured and mentally tortured orcas. Separating them from their families, keeping them in quarters too small for animals half their size, solitary confinement and lack of mental stimulation drove the orcas crazy and even led to deaths of three SeaWorld employees. Almost three years later, the park wants to expand the tank for these orcas.

After “Blackfish” came out, I am surprised that SeaWorld is even still allowed to host orcas at their parks. Being incredibly inhumane towards the animals and hiding the fact that their treatment caused them to kill employees, SeaWorld should have been forced to close the orca exhibits altogether.

The proposed expansion of the tank would take the tank from 5.8 million gallons to 9.6 million gallons. With the passing of this proposal, many animal rights activists were worried that SeaWorld would start breeding orcas due to having a bigger tank. However, when passed it was stated that SeaWorld would not be allowed to breed any orcas in captivity.

“SeaWorld has admitted that it intended to breed even more orcas to fill the new tanks, but the commission’s action today ensures that no more orcas will be condemned to a non-life of loneliness, deprivation and misery,” said Ben Williamson, PETA spokesman, in a statement. “SeaWorld is a sea circus, and the orcas are its abused elephants.”

With 24 of the world’s 56 captive orcas, according to CNN, SeaWorld has parks in San Antonio, Texas; Orlando, Florida and the original park in San Diego, California. Eleven of the 24 orcas are in San Diego.

It is insane to think that a major corporation like SeaWorld can get away with being so cruel to animals. Not only are they getting away with it, they are being rewarded. They claim the expansion of the tank will help the whales they have now. But expanding a cage doesn’t make them free; it doesn’t bring their families back and it sure as hell isn’t going to make the years to come any better for these whales.

While enlarging the tank for the orcas there now would be a benefit to them, the whole construction process will cause the whales a great amount of stress. With loud machines and construction going on the whales will become confused and uncomfortable. The last time a whale became uncomfortable at SeaWorld she dragged her trainer to the bottom of the pool.

Although the whales that are at SeaWorld now have little hope of seeing the wild, it is good that no more will be bred into captivity. According to “Blackfish” the whales bred in captivity at SeaWorld are only living 35-40 years while whales in the wild have similar lifespans to those of humans. That stat right there should have been the deciding factor in the debate over whether or not SeaWorld should be allowed to expand.

Giving SeaWorld permission to expand on the tank is just giving them a free pass. While admissions fell due to the documentary, the expanding of the tank will just attract more people.



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SAM DEAL

What’s the deal with group projects? How is it that no matter your department, there is always a set of classifications that group members fit into, while simultaneously swindling other group members into carrying the load? We can start with the fidgeting student. You know, the one who, when a question is asked, shifts their weight to one side and releases a few hushed grunts and “hmmms,” as if the answer is on the tip of their tongue and they just can’t quite remember. Those mannerisms aren’t the sign of some higher intelligence; we all know you’re just hoping for someone else to speak up so you can immediately agree with whatever they say. Please stop with that nonsense and realize you’re just like the majority of students and didn’t do the reading. Every person who did read beforehand fully understands that you came to class with all the intentions of helping the group and none of the abilities. At least you had good intentions rather than our next group member: the lazy one. Not only are you lazy but you also love group projects. From the get go you stand out because you’re so excited to work with other people from class. The rest of us can read between the lines, we know that means you’ll be absent at least half of our meetings. Don’t even bother buying the book because you’ll just bum someone else’s copy — not that you will be reading this quarter anyways.

WHAT’S THE DEAL

# GROUP PROJECTS



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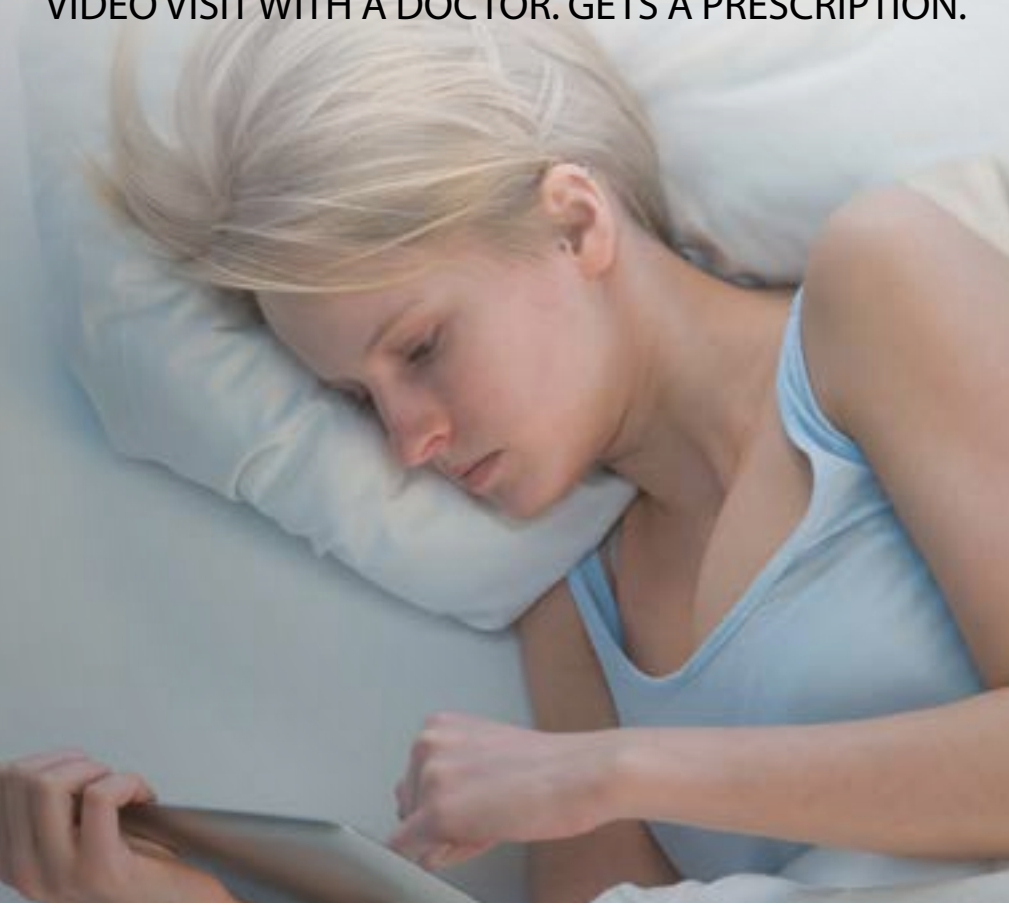
I just wonder: Why are you even here? It is clearly not for the learning experience. Now that we are halfway around the table, I have landed on my own sub-category: the scribe and presenter. No, we didn’t do the reading. Not because we forgot, simply because we chose to spend our time in another way. That’s right, my dog actually didn’t eat my write-up before I came in today. Sorry but bullsh\*\*ing just comes naturally to us and it has been that way since elementary. We were the ones forging our parents’ signatures in the sixth grade — not to avoid getting in trouble, just to see if we could get away with it.

It’s why standing in front of class doesn’t make us nervous. Go ahead and test us with a question or two. The web I’m about to weave will leave you confused yet satisfied. I might even throw in a “does that make any sense?” at the end just to really throw you for a loop. We just happened to realize long ago that this position allows for the opportunity to copy the answers from fellow group members in a somewhat productive way. Finally, we reached the team player. Props to you. You’ve never missed a class period and have always done the readings.

The end of the quarter paper, yeah, you’re definitely writing two-thirds of that. When it comes to tracking down and keeping everyone informed of due dates, that is your responsibility as well. But don’t worry we’re all going to receive the same amount of credit. Just remember you’re the only one maximizing your college experience and if by some chance you one day get a job, your efforts will be noticed. So to professors I ask: Why do you keep forcing us into these groups? They do not maximize the potential of your students and are not conducive to a productive learning environment.


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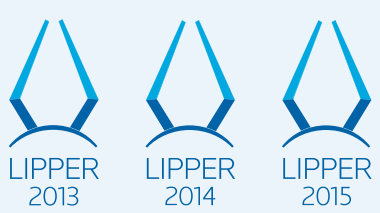
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# Eagles volleyball moves to 6-0 in conference

By BRANDON CLINE  
sports editor

The Eastern Washington volleyball team refuses to lose. After another weekend sweep, the Eagles moved to 6-0 in Big Sky conference play and now have a two-game lead on the University of North Dakota, which sits in second place in the North Division.

The first of two weekend matches came on Oct. 8, with the Eagles facing the Sacramento State Hornets, which came into the match with a 3-1 record in conference play. The Eagles took the first two sets comfortably, 25-21 and 25-18, but hit -.053 in the third set, losing it, 14-25.

With the fourth set being tied at 11, the Eagles went on a 14-8 run to close out the set and the match. EWU out-hit Sacramento State .228 to .170 in the match and moved to 5-0 in conference play.

“I think the match came down to a serve and pass game and we handled the ball really well for the most part,” said head coach Michael King. “Our ability to serve tough at critical times was what lead us to victory tonight.”

The Hornets had nine aces and the Eagles finished with six, but Sacramento State continually shot itself in the foot with 15 service errors while the Eagles had just six.

Senior Ana Jakovljevic had a match-high three aces and 16 kills, continuing her hot stretch in conference play. Libero Ryann Ensrud piled up 18 digs, and Alexis Wesley and Chloe Weber each had four blocks.

The Portland State Vikings came to Cheney on Oct. 10, sitting at 1-4 in conference after a loss two days earlier to Idaho, who were then 1-3.

Like the match against Sacramento State, the Eagles raced out to a comfortable two-sets-to-none lead over the Vikings. Portland State was held to a .081 and .024 hitting percentage in the first two sets, being out-killed ,25-20, by the Eagles.

Portland State took the third set, 25-18, forcing the Eagles to play at least four sets in consecutive matches. EWU committed 10 errors in the third set, after having just 11 errors in the first two sets combined.

The Eagles defiantly rebounded in the fourth set, reeling off eight straight points to give the Eagles a comfortable 14-3 lead and eventually a 25-14 set win.

Coach King praised the bench after the match. “I loved the energy that our bench provided, and they carried that over into the match,” he said.

Senior Allie Schumacher finished with a match-high 17 kills, while also contributing four blocks. Ensrud led both teams with 20 digs, while Alexis Wesley’s eight blocks were also a match high. Jakovljevic put up another strong performance, tallying 12 kills and nine digs, just shy of a double-double.



Photo by Karissa Berg

Chloe Weber makes a successful pass over the net against the Vikings.

**What’s Next:** The Eagles’ next four matches are on the road, with the Eagles taking on the Montana schools this coming weekend. The Eagles face the 1-5 Montana State Bobcats on Oct. 15 and the 0-6 Montana Grizzlies on Oct. 17. Both matches are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.



Cal Poly makes Eagles work to keep undefeated status during the Oct. 10 game.

Photo by Melanie Flint

## FOOTBALL: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

After scoring touchdowns on 3 of 4 possessions in the first half, Cal Poly punted on two straight possessions to start the second half. “We were starting to get into our rhythm a little bit in the first half, but obviously not the way we want to start,” said defensive coordinator Jeff Schmedding. “But that happens sometimes with those teams when you’re seeing [the triple option] for the first time live.”

Schmedding said holding Cal Poly to minimal gains on first and second down was the key for getting the defense off the field. “They’re a hard team to stop on third-and-shorts,” he said.

The Mustangs were 9-17 on converting third downs and 4-5 on converting fourth downs.

The Eagles move to 2-0 in conference play and 3-2 overall. The win extended EWU’s regular season home winning streak to 18 games, with the last loss coming in 2011 to Portland State University.

Along with Southern Utah University, the Eagles are one of just two teams still undefeated in the Big Sky. Meanwhile, Cal Poly moves to 1-2 in conference and 2-4 overall.



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