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Editor's note:

The one with the pumpkin stencil

Eric Long | editor-in-chief



It is the week of Halloween and what better way for a newspaper to celebrate than with pumpkins on the cover and a pumpkin carving stencil on the inside?

It is always funny to me to see the extent people go to to celebrate Halloween. So much money is spent on costumes, candy, party favors, booze, pumpkins and more, all for one night. But October has become a month full of festivities. Bars host zombie crawls in the first week, reruns of "Hocus Pocus" start and pumpkins slowly rot on steps and porches, which play to overall motif of death. And how long will those pumpkins sit out? I've seen some on porches covered in snow, in January — eyes and mouths drooping, looking scarier than when they were first carved.

Now, this all may sound like I don't like Halloween, but that's not true; it's a fun holiday.

In this issue you will find a story about the disappearance of TRIO, a review of "Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension" — which may not leave you shaking in your boots — and a spooktacular Halloween safety article.

On that note, please have fun with the stencil. My staff only asks that you don't use the paper as your cleanup mat and to please tweet us @easterneronline to show us how your pumpkins turn out.

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News

EWU loses federal TRIO Grant

Academic Success Center looks to make up for the loss

By Jaclyn Archer | news editor

In August 2015, Eastern's TRIO program closed its doors. The Federal TRIO Programs, or TRIO, are a set of outreach programs managed by the Department of Education which aim to retain college students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Specifically, TRIO targets those who are first generation, or the first person in their family to pursue a college education, students who have disabilities and students from low income backgrounds.

Last year, Eastern lost its federal grant for the TRIO program.

"The grant was an extremely competitive grant. You actually had to receive 106 points out of a scale of 100 ... you had to get extra credit," said Chuck Lopez, Ph.D., explaining the point system by which the Department of Education evaluates schools applying to receive grant money.

Lopez is the vice provost for Undergraduate Studies and Student Success. The TRIO Program was a service offered through Eastern's Academic Success Center (ASC), which operates under Lopez' purview.

Through Federal grants, the TRIO program was able to serve approximately 300 students each year.

"We are going to continue to meet the needs of those students, both now and in the future," said Lopez. "We looked at the needs of those students, we looked at the programs and services that we were currently offering to those TRIO students and then we attempted to find ways to continue to provide those services."

One way in which the ASC is filling the vacuum left by TRIO is by adjusting the structure of ASC and bringing on additional staff.

"The program was facilitated by retention specialists in our Academic Success Center in Monroe Hall," said Lopez. "What we did was we shifted duties and responsibilities for our retention specialists in our ASC ... all of the TRIO students were moved from their TRIO advisor to an ACS advisor."

This move included students who had declared a major, and thus had a department



Illustration by Rebecca Savinski

advisor, but would normally have had a secondary advisor from the TRIO program.

"We were able to bring some funding together and we are hiring an advisor that focuses on first generation students ... they will have a lower caseload so that they can spend more time with our first generation students, so about 300, where our other academic advisors have a caseload around 450."

According to Lopez, students with disabilities formerly served by TRIO will maintain their access to the ASC for academic advising. Specialized support relating to their disability will be handled, as it always has been, by Disability Student Services (DSS). The same will remain true for most students from low-income backgrounds.

"Many low income students are first generation students," said Lopez. "So they will be a part of this population that our retention specialists and the first generation advisor will be working with."

Students who come from low-income backgrounds, but are not first generation

students, will be absorbed into the General Undergraduate Academic Advising system.

According to Lopez, the TRIO program funded the development of a curriculum which addressed the challenges for students most likely to be lacking in the skills, knowledge and resources gained through exposure to higher education – necessary to seamlessly adjust to college life, such as "the university culture, the university skills that many incoming students need to get on board with. Time management type things, critical reading skills, those types of skills."

"The curriculum has already been developed ... so we were able to take that curriculum, and we are offering workshops to any student that wants to be involved," said Lopez.

What students are primarily losing is flexibility. Instead of simply being able to walk into the ASC and meet with a retention specialist and receive academic advisement, now they may have to schedule an appointment at the ASC to ensure they will be seen.

Lucy Covington Center

Education center, scholarships for Native American students in the works

By Kalli Wolf | staff writer

The Eastern Washington University Foundation, which is responsible for all fundraising for EWU, is currently working to fund the construction of the Lucy Covington Center in honor of tribal rights activist Lucy Covington.

According to the EWU Foundation's informational page on the upcoming Lucy Covington Center, the vision for the Lucy Covington Center is to create a place of education for the next generation of Native American leaders, provide a community of scholars and tribal leaders as well as a gathering place for Native students, faculty and communities for a variety of events including celebrations, lectures and more.

The EWU Foundation's website also explains how Covington was a tribal rights activist in the 1950s and 60s who worked to put an end to "termination," — a federal policy designed to grant the Federal Government control of tribal land and natural resources. "Covington's actions and success contributed toward reversing the United States government's effort to extinguish its unique relationship to American Indian tribes," said the EWU Foundation's informational page.

Covington went on to be elected by the Colville business council as the chair of the Colville Indian Reservation in Washington State in 1976, making her the first woman in the United States to lead an Indian tribe, according to the informational page. Covington was one of the earliest examples of self-determination among tribal members. Her efforts provoked a change of U.S.

policy from termination to tribal independence. Covington died at 71 years of age in 1982.

According to "The Lucy Covington Legacy Challenge at EWU" informational packet, Eastern "established a contemporary American Indian Studies Program back in the mid-1960s, which has grown from a purely academic focus to include student services and research." Lucy Covington Center will express EWU's long-term commitment to the Native American community in not only the Pacific Northwest, but across the nation, according to the EWU Foundation's website. The center will help shape the next generation of tribal leaders in the spirit of Lucy Covington, as well as allow EWU to recruit and retain Native American students.

As of now, EWU is focusing on a Lucy Covington Program, which will eventually result in the building of the Lucy Covington Center. Initially, according to the informational packet, the program will provide scholarships for Native students, aide students

in securing internships and mentor-focused learning experiences, offer fellowships and research grants, as well as leadership workshops and seminars. The program will also serve to host visiting lecturers and schedule summer enrichment programs for current American Indian high school students.

The goal is to eventually create a traditional longhouse facility to allow a space for such activities, programs, offices, classrooms and storage for historical documents and materials that are

donated to the center for research and educational purposes. This facility would become the new Lucy Covington Center at Eastern Washington University.

Due to unrelated circumstances, The Easterner was unable to interview the director of the American Indians Studies Program at EWU.

All information on the Lucy Covington Center was gathered from the EWU Foundation's website and The Lucy Covington Legacy Challenge at EWU informational packet.



The American Indian Education center Currently houses the American Indian Studies Program | Photos by Karissa Berg

Stay safe over Halloween

By Roxanne George and Daisy Garcia | for *The Easterner*

As October reaches an end and Halloween weekend approaches, here are a few tips to staying safe this Halloween.

Tricia Hughes of Eastern's Health, Wellness and Prevention Services suggested that if students do go out this weekend, there is no need to drive, stating that Cheney is small enough to walk almost anywhere. Hughes said it is important to "set limits" and to have these limits in place before heading out or consuming alcohol.

Hughes reminded students choosing to go trick-or-treating to check their own or their children's candy. If any candy has been tampered with, or if students are unsure of anything that was given to them, they should not consume it.

As Halloween is on a Saturday which, Hughes said, has already been proven as a more popular time to drink, students should be aware of the signs of alcohol poisoning to look for in themselves and the people around them. Common signs to watch out for are irregular breathing, pale or blue lips, unconsciousness or uncontrolled vomiting. If students are worried they or a friend might have

alcohol poisoning, they should call 911 and a first responder will be able to determine if they need further medical assistance.

Hannah Grady, president of Panhellenic sororities and senior at EWU said, "Ultimately the goal is to keep everybody safe and okay. I know with being a part of the Greek community there's always someone to turn to if there's something wrong." Grady also stated the importance of students in general to hold one another accountable for their actions and hoped for students to "play it safe," this Halloween weekend.

Deputy Chief of EWUPolice Gary Gasseling reminded students that if they do choose to drink this weekend to not to take any drinks from people they do not know or to take an open drink, and warned students that there are penalties for underage drinking. Gasseling also said students should have fun but be responsible, advertising students to stay off streets without street lamps and not to leave friends alone.

Overall, no matter what plans students have for this weekend, please incorporate safety into it and have a Happy Halloween.

The Music Club raises awareness

By Kalli Wolf | staff writer

The Music Club in Cheney will be holding a Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser at 9 a.m. on Oct. 31 at Sutton Park, located between Washington and 7th Street. The fundraiser will last until approximately 12:30 p.m.

The fundraiser will be called No Tricks Just Treats, a costume and tailgate party before the EWU football game against Weber State. There will be live performances by various DJs and other artists from EWU. The goal is to create exposure for the club while raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness.

The club will provide plenty of hotdogs, hamburgers and refreshments. All food will be free, but donations are strongly encouraged, as Oct. 31 is the last day of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In their efforts to gain exposure for the club and Breast Cancer Awareness, the group has purchased a pair of Beats by Dr. Dre™ Solo Wireless On-Ear Headphones that will be raffled at approximately noon during the event.

Tickets are \$1 each and are available now. Twenty percent of the total proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc. If The Music Club raises \$300 they will donate 50 percent of the proceeds.

The Music Club was started winter quarter 2015 by club President Connor Phalen, EWU junior and DJ, recent graduate Isaiah Jenkins, junior Shelly Fleming, junior Mark Arcilla, sophomore Carlos Avila, senior Timothy Smith and sophomore Wyatt Walstad, all EWU students. Phalen referred to the club's creation as "a series of events."

The Music Club was created to encourage all students to get involved, no matter their level of expertise or skill sets. Phalen

believes everyone can bring something to the table, but students in the music, marketing and graphic design fields are especially encouraged to join.

"There's just no club like it in Cheney," he said. "We wanted to raise awareness for music around the area," giving local artists a chance to expand their fan base. Phalen said his goal is to "make a platform for people to thrive in their form of creativity," their mission statement being, "Amplifying creative minds."

Cameron Fleming, EWU senior and hip-hop artist, said, "The Music Club has helped me grow as a musician by allowing me to connect with like-minded, talented artists. Collaboration is what makes the world go around. Joining the music club has humbled me above all."

Although the Music Club is not directly affiliated with EWU at this time, Eastern's campus helps serve as a means for bringing in artists, hosting events, increasing exposure and encouraging students to get involved.

"The Music Club isn't strictly comprised of musicians," said Fleming. "The secret to benefiting from the Music Club is to know exactly what you want out of it and then openly communicating that to the group. Whether it's better stage presence, social media strategies or learning an instrument, it all starts with a goal."

Phalen encourages all student organizations, local businesses and anyone who is interested in having the Music Club host an event for them to contact him directly.

Students who would like to become more involved are encouraged to attend their meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. in the JFK library.

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Potential break-in at Eagle Point

Kalli Wolf | staff writer



Front entrance of Eagle Point Apartment Community | Photo by Karissa Berg

On the evening of Oct. 11, there was an apparent break-in at the Eagle Point Apartment complex located just off of Betz Road in Cheney.

EWU students Casey Bauman and Anthony Little were away for the weekend and had a close friend coming by their apartment to take care of their dog while they were gone. That night, they received a call from a neighbor stating that they had her dog after seeing him running around outside of the apartment. Bauman said the friend watching the dog had turned the lights off and locked up her apartment earlier that night around 4 p.m. Bauman and Little came directly home to see what was going on.

Upon arriving at their apartment, they found the door unlocked and the light on. After searching around the apartment, nothing appeared to be missing. Bauman believed that whoever entered their apartment was confronted by her dog and scared off. Bauman requested her locks be changed by management.

Eagle Point assistant manager Ben Grover said Eagle Point has extra security on prime party nights such as Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a potential for expansion of security patrols during weeknights. Following the apparent

break-in, he said they will most likely “step up security’s routine tasks.”

While Eagle Point is an off-campus apartment complex, it is primarily marketed to EWU students.

Connie Lovelace, a current Eagle Point resident and senior at EWU, said, “I feel safe, but you can never be too careful. If I saw something suspicious, I probably wouldn’t hesitate to call 911.”

Eagle Point resident and EWU senior Nina Wizner was a little more uneasy. “I definitely feel a little on edge,” she said. “I didn’t feel super safe the night I heard about people using forced entry, and I wasn’t happy. I’ve been more on guard when walking from my car to my apartment these last few weeks for sure.”

She went on to say, “I would have loved Eagle Point to at least post some notices around the complex about the importance of locking cars and doors. It also would have been useful for them to post the on-call numbers and [primary security guard services] to make the tenants feel more safe.”

Eagle Point manager Chris Patton said the police department could not confirm what had happened but nothing was taken. He said, “We did change the locks,” as the residents requested. Patton also said, “The City of Cheney PD will be out 3 additional times a day for patrols.”



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The ‘Activity’ needs to stop

Joe Matthews takes on the newest “Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension” movie

By Joe Matthews | staff writer

It is that time of year again: Halloween season. Being Halloween, it only makes sense that a new “Paranormal Activity” would come to theaters. “Paranormal Activity: The Ghost Dimension” is the latest chapter in the series that has seemed to enrapture audiences across the nation since 2007, when the original film was released. Unfortunately, what once had audiences screaming in the theaters now has them laughing at the stupidity of it all.

Starting where the fifth movie ended, we learn the two little girls from the previous movies, Katie and Kristi, were part of a demonic cult their grandmother introduced them to. Through teachings from a priest, the girls became avid followers and did whatever was asked of them.



“The real victims weren’t the tortured families in the movies, but the loyal paying audience.

Joe Matthews | staff writer

Jumping several years into the future we were introduced to the next set of unsuspecting victims. While putting up Christmas decorations, Ryan – the father – found an old box of tapes and a video camera. Like most would, he succumbed to curiosity and watched the tapes. He saw people he didn’t know – Katie and Kristi – being taught how to talk to a demon by a priest. Soon after this, the paranormal activity began.

Having not had enough from just the tapes, Ryan decided to try using the old video camera. Upon doing this, he discovered he could see apparitions around his house. But it was not the kind of apparition one would assume to be present; it wasn’t some frightening ghost or monster. Instead, it was introduced as what looked like bark chips swirling around in some whitish nebula. Realizing he could only see this apparition with the old camera, Ryan depended solely on it for most of the film.

Always recording, Ryan picked up the transformation of the apparition into a dark tree-like figure who began to terrorize his family and – as usual – the child was at the center of it all. Just like the past “Paranormal” movies, the creepy kid factor was heavily relied upon. The daughter – Leila – seemingly became

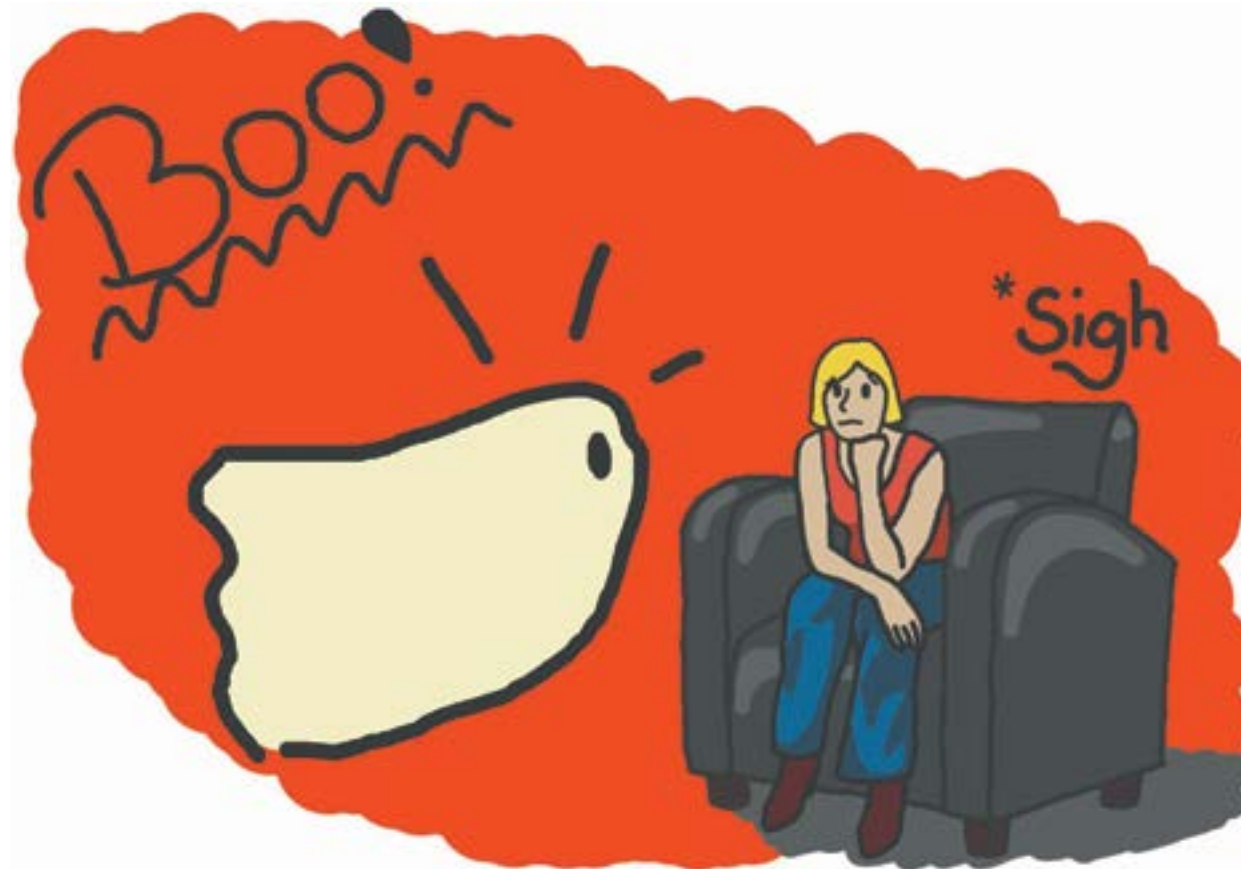


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possessed and was filmed writing demonic messages on her bedroom wall. Through this the audience learned that all the ghost wanted was to become human and he needed Leila’s blood to do so.

The conclusion of the movie was extremely unsatisfying and not the least bit scary. But that is only a reflection of how the last few movies have been anyway. With the whole “found footage” fad getting worse and worse, it wasn’t really a disappointment to see this movie turn out so poorly.

The portrayal of the ghost was lame and a far cry from terrifying – a floating cloud of bark chips isn’t going to scare anyone, neither is a tree man who can knock stuff off walls.

With the first “Paranormal Activity” making us believe it could happen to us, one would hope this theme would have continued throughout the series. Unfortunately this was a major downfall in the movie. With it being so unbelievable it was hard to get scared. From a father passively watching his daughter walk through a portal in her wall to a ghost’s hand literally ripping

someone’s heart out, the series has lost all its believability.

Seeing how the first movie had a budget of just \$12,000, it would make sense that the acting was subpar. But after five multi-million dollar grossing movies one would hope the acting would improve – especially since so many new characters are introduced each film. But, no, the acting hasn’t gotten any better. This, too, probably led to the movie not being as convincing as it could have been. Not seeming genuine, or even scared, the actors really didn’t help the movie. Little Leila probably had the best role even though her character had very few lines.

With this supposedly being the last film in the series it has become evident that the real victims weren’t the tortured families in the movies, but the loyal paying audience.

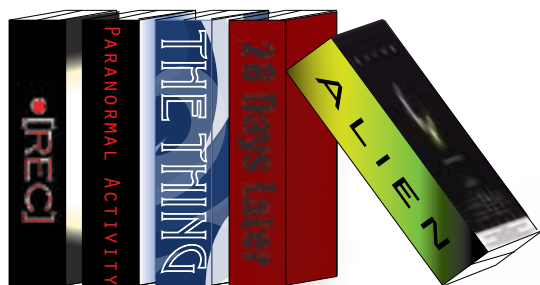
What do you think of the latest “Paranormal Activity?” Let us know @TheEasterner.



Mudd's top horror films

Halloween movie extravaganza

By Chris Mudd | staff writer



Graphic by Abbi Vance

It's time to abandon midterms and dive headfirst into candy town now that Halloween is coming up. But while we recover from our inevitable sugar coma, why not check out some horror films to pass the time? I've taken the liberty of compiling some of the best the genre has to offer, in my opinion.

To this day, John Carpenter's "The Thing" boasts some of the best creature effects in film. The 2011 remake of the film is a pathetic waste of a movie, but the 1982 film is an absolute horror masterpiece. After discovering an alien pod deep in the arctic ice, a team of researchers must survive as the creature slowly kills them off. The alien has the ability to take the physical form of any creature it kills, which makes everyone on screen a potential enemy. Like an exceptionally violent game of Clue, every scene is an adventure in paranoia. From the aforementioned creature effects to the incredible soundtrack and cinematography, "The Thing" is well worth watching.

Next up is the 2007 film, "Paranormal Activity." While over time the movie has lost some of its luster, especially in the wake of the myriad of terrible sequels that followed, Oren Peli's original film is a pretty creepy ride. The film takes the found footage formula – a movie style using first-person perspective and less-polished filming to give the impression of a real story à la "The Blair Witch Project" – and makes a pretty compelling human

drama out of what could easily be cliché interactions. The character Katie has been pursued by a demon since her childhood, and her jerk of a boyfriend attempts to prove its existence through video evidence. This is one that's best watched alone and with headphones, as the subtle sound cues are an integral part of the horror.

While "Paranormal Activity" attempts to creep out the viewer with slow and methodical steps, "28 Days Later" throws blood in their face. An action-packed zombie romp, the 2002 film directed by Danny Boyle is largely responsible for the zombie genre revival that we're still dealing with today. It's intense, bloody and terrifying in its own right. There's something about rampant diseases that freak me out, especially when that disease makes a person crave human flesh.

If zombies and demons aren't doing it for you, maybe another alien movie will do the trick. Ridley Scott's 1979 film "Alien" made the void of space scarier than it's ever been before. The chest-bursting aliens that roam the spaceship have become a staple of cinema and rightfully so. Considering Ridley Scott plans another addition to the franchise with a sequel to "Prometheus" in a few years, it's never too early to climb on board the Nostromo. Just don't poke the eggs.

Lastly "[REC]," a Spanish film by directors Jaume Balagueró and Paco Plaza which also applies the found footage formula – this

Celebrate Halloween with Harvest Fest

Young trick-or-treaters will be on campus

By Rosie Perry | staff writer

With Halloween right around the corner, the Office of Community Engagement is preparing for Harvest Fest, which will be held Oct. 30. "Harvest Fest is an annual event for all of the [kindergarten] through fifth graders in the local community to come onto campus and have a safe and fun environment to trick or treat and celebrate Halloween," said Aunja Norland, Eagle Volunteers program coordinator.

During this event there will be approximately 350 children and their parents touring the campus in groups lead entirely by student volunteers. Tour groups will be departing from the PUB starting at 3:15 p.m. and will culminate in the Multi-Purpose Room where there will be a carnival open until 6 p.m. Tours will consist of 30 children, their parents and six student volunteers.

The Office of Community Engagement partners with Cheney Kiwanis and a few clubs and organizations on campus for table rentals and carnival set-up.

Students wishing to volunteer can sign up on EagleSync and should report to the PUB Skirt at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 30 for check-in. Parents of participants can simply show up to the PUB main entrance on the day of the event to sign in their children.

The Office of Community Engagement has designed this event to be family-friendly, and parents will be able to accompany their children on the tours and back to the carnival. Amenities will be available for parents as well as their children, according to

Norland. "Thomas Hammer will stay open throughout the event so parents can get their fix," she said.

This year, Norland said she and the other workers in the Office of Community Engagement were able to secure the Cheney Fire Department as a partner in the event. Provided the fire department is not called out on an emergency, there will be a fire truck for children to tour as well.

Norland's office has been sponsoring this event for three years, but the event itself has been around for many more. Norland said the kids and parents really seem to enjoy the event as they receive a lot of positive feedback each year.

The event seems to be well received by students as well. EWU senior Nick Halverson said, "I think it's a great thing that the students of Eastern do for the kids of Cheney."

Ian Bouchard, also an EWU senior, agreed with Halverson and said, "I like this event because it's a good way for students to give back to the community."

Halloween can be stressful because safety is a big concern, but many parents likely still want their children to have fun. That is what Harvest Fest is for. The event takes place during the day so parents can take comfort in the fact that their afternoon will not be shrouded in darkness and they can still give their children a great Halloween.

time to a hotel placed under quarantine. A news reporter follows a local fire department as they examine the building, only to discover zombie-like symptoms in the tenants. The reporter ascends the building in search of the infection's source, but things only get worse from that point on. With only a few jump scares, "[REC]" is a far from a Hollywood powerhouse, but nonetheless remains a favorite of mine every October.

Horror films have definitely gained a bad reputation for terrible sequels and cheesy plots over the years, yet within the quagmire, there are some real gems that have earned their place in the filmic zeitgeist.



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Costumes uphold misogynistic values

By Samuel Deal | opinion editor

The way the leaves crunch under your feet and the fall breeze nips at your skin; the pumpkins lining streets nationwide; the sound of laughter filling the neighborhood. Halloween presents many Americans with, albeit for only one night, the chance to be a kid again and let all their adult worries drift away with the chilly, October night.

A DIYer's fantasy day that encourages community involvement while providing a platform for expression and individuality. Who wouldn't love that?

This is why it is so discouraging to see Halloween costumes that overly express gender roles and unduly objectify women. I find myself in a bit of a damper during all the fun festivities that lead up to the last day of October, because I simply cannot move past the fact that we are openly exemplifying all the unrealistic values instilled in us from a young age about gender and sexuality.

For the 11th year in a row, princesses are the top selling costumes for children, followed by Batman and then other popular super heroes, according to the National Retail Federation. It is understandable why children would idolize such imaginations in contemporary culture. Unfortunately it lays the groundwork for years of subjection to an unhealthy, unrealistic view of gender: women are dainty and men are macho.

Fast-forward 15 years from that childhood glee, introduce sex and you find a society that doesn't respect women and clearly maintains a general indifference toward rape culture. Gone away is the idea of being a little kid. The leap, while broad, is not hard to make.

I would like to clarify on two points before I move forward: women should have the power to dress however they please and victim-blaming on any level is unacceptable.

But the concept that we can judge a woman to be a slut based upon her clothing selections on every day except Halloween is ludicrous; it is for the individual to understand the concepts of general decency and determine their attire based on their personal perception of that understanding.

I am mystified by the culture we live in that tells women for one day it is more acceptable to dress in a sexual way than others. Unfortunately I am also caught asking, "Why on earth would someone feel the need to bring on such objectifications?" which are undoubtedly a known commodity.



Illustration by Linlin Xing

The idea that the way a person dresses indicates their promiscuity is in dire need of overhaul, but calling for men, specifically young men, to change seems to fall on deaf ears, and calling on women to change does nothing to get at the root of the issue and falls squarely in victim-blaming territory. I'm unsure of how solve this issue other than advocating and teaching respectful ideals to our children.

For every scantily-clad lady on Oct. 31, there seem to be multiple "Macho Men" who can be found salivating at the chance to get lucky. Seems safe, obviously all men aren't predators and there are many who share values similar to my own. Unfortunately we do flirt with a dangerous line that all too often sees personal accountability fall to the wayside.

The sexy Halloween costume seems to make this flirtation treacherously prevalent.

Overly-sexualized costumes may not void the fun of Halloween, but they definitely turn it away from being a day to embrace your inner child and show some true creativity. Besides, the best costumes are the ones that actually mean something, not the sexiest.

Eliminating gender roles via costumes from a young age is just a start. There is truly no reason a man can't be dainty or for a woman not to be macho. Then comes breaking down the years upon years of gender socialization.

Big guns won't bring big change

By Joe Matthews | staff writer

Seeing how we are on the eastern side of the state, I know there are a lot of gun rights activists and supporters out there. Realistically, it is probably the majority of people, so I know I'm treading some rough waters with this article. However, since it is a touchy topic, I feel that the conversation has to start somewhere.

I know that gun laws have been a big issue lately, especially with the recent school shootings. Some people want to ban guns completely, while others think that having guns will keep us safe. The argument goes back and forth with compromise seemingly out of the question.

So what's my stance on guns? I honestly couldn't tell you. I don't think that guns are bad, however if the world were completely gunless I wouldn't see that as being a bad thing either.

It is impossible to get rid of all the guns in the world; if we somehow managed to remove them from the country there would still be people making guns and smuggling them in. So getting rid of them is simply out of the question.

With that being said, I feel that people need to learn how to deal with guns being legal, and I'm speaking to both parties. Those who don't want guns need to realize that they are now a part of society whether they like it or not. And those who are for guns need to realize how they choose to use those guns affects people.

What I mean by this is that



we can't call the police every time we see someone with a holster on their belt, and people carrying guns shouldn't use them as intimidation.

This is my main point: I don't think that guns should be illegal, but I feel that the people wielding them should be a little more respectful when it comes to the concerns of others. An example of this: protesters carrying semi-automatic rifles through the streets.

I know it is perfectly legal to do so and I understand the statement you are trying to make. I would be upset too if someone was trying to unlawfully take my possessions. However, there are better ways to protest.

Imagine an older woman turning the corner and running into a burly guy with a decent sized gun strapped around him. It would be terrifying for her, more so then a normal protester's sign would be that is.

The point of the protest is not just to show people you want guns, but to show people that they aren't dangerous in the right hands. By wielding your biggest gun around town you just make them seem even more unnecessary therefore contradicting the whole point of the protest.

On the other hand, I understand the desire to have guns. They definitely could keep us safe in dangerous situations, hunting is a great sport and shooting for fun is just that, fun. I have no problem if you want to carry a 9mm to protect yourself. The only problem I have is the way some gun enthusiasts choose to show their support.

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WHAT'S THE DEAL?!

Campus signature collectors harass students

By Samuel Deal | opinion editor

What's the deal with campus signature collectors?



The ones who stand at strategic points around campus and pester just about everyone in order to gain the necessary number of signatures to put a proposal on the upcoming ballot.

Just this past week, I was cornered coming out of the PUB while carrying a heavy tote with both hands.

"Hello, sir, are you a registered voter? I am collecting signatures to get proposition [insert number] on the 2016 ballot," the collector asked.

Angrily, I snapped back, "Can't you see my hands are full?" Before she could respond, I continued, "Are you even a student here? Because that is what all the petitioners, like yourself, are trying to pass off as."

Turns out she was a volunteer from the organization pushing for legislative changes. And while I have nothing against the process of collecting signatures to put initiatives on our local ballots, there's something profoundly wrong with the trickery that campus petitioners employ to gain the trust of students and faculty alike.

They seem to have their routine down like the back of their hand, and many students who are just trying to reach class on time aren't willing to press further for more information on what the signature is supporting. The thinking that a fellow student supports a bill, so it must be good, isn't far-fetched — especially when interrogating this random person standing in your way will make you late for geology.

If it was out in the open that the individual blocking you was in fact not a student, then the level of trust associated would drop considerably.

Petitioners also have the tendency of being incredibly persistent and, if you happened to have a break in your schedule, watching them approach people can be quite entertaining.

During the first few weeks of school, when they swarm campus like locusts, I witnessed one follow a professor from the library steps halfway to the PUB. Seems like the motivation there runs a little deeper than changing statewide politics.

If there is nothing that can be done to remove these people from our campus due to free speech law, then as students we should not give them a second of our time.

I mean, who openly wants to be heckled into signing god-knows-what while rushing from class to class.

Letter to the Editor

Early to class, early to leave

By Cameron Moore | EWU student

We make a strong effort to show up a couple minutes early to class. It is something most of us have been taught to do. Showing up late to class is both disrespectful to the class and to the professor. Everyone is interrupted by that individual who hurriedly walks through the classroom door a couple minutes late every day. Luckily, we don't have to deal with this all too often, as very few students show up late, and even fewer students are disrespectful enough to show up late on a consistent basis.

I, however, am often confused by the way our respect seems to vanish as soon as the class period nears the last few minutes. Without fail, when the clock nears those last few minutes of

class and the professor gives those subtle hints that we are about to be released from class, I begin to hear the distinct sound of students rustling papers and zipping up their bags in an attempt to be the first out of the room. The perturbed expression on the professor's face is clear. Our professor attempts to give the class some important, last-minute information, but it is too late. It becomes hard to understand what the professor is telling us as students begin to stand up and inch toward the door. Chances are if you didn't hear the professor's closing statements, neither did anyone else. I, personally, find this just as disrespectful as a bunch of students arriving to class a few minutes late. We are respectful enough to show up to class on time; even a few minutes early. I think we are respectful enough to stay and let our professors conclude class as well. We owe that to our professors and to ourselves.

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Gun Rights - continued

With gun violence blowing up in the media right now, the reputation of gun owners is plummeting. This isn't fair to most who have done nothing wrong. There are very few people with guns who have intentions of hurting someone, so

judging owners because of a few people's actions is incredibly unfair. However, the way some activists are handling the scrutiny is inconsiderate as well. In this situation, being extreme isn't going to help anyone, it'll just add fuel to the fire that has already been burning for quite some time.

By Claire Simpson | art director

October 15, 11:30 p.m.
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

A bathroom in the PUB was found to have graffiti written on the wall of a stall. There are no leads or suspects.

October 20, 2 p.m.
THEFT

A bicycle was stolen from outside of Cheney Hall. There are no leads or suspects.

October 20, 5:09 p.m.
THEFT

A laptop was stolen from a dorm room desk in Pearce Hall, but there are no leads or suspects.

October 20, 11:26 p.m.
ASSAULT

It was reported that a sexual assault occurred off-campus on Oct. 14. A suspect has been identified, and the investigation is pending.

October 22, 12:39 p.m.
TRESPASSING

A homeless non-student was found wandering in Reese Court, knocking over garbage cans and talking to himself. Officers removed him from the building and directed him to a STA stop.

October 24, 2:25 a.m.
DUI

An officer stopped a vehicle with no visible license plates. The driver was having difficulties finding his paperwork, and the smell of alcohol was apparent on his breath. He admitted to having also taken a form of MDMA and was arrested.

October 24, 5:15 p.m.
ASSAULT

It was reported that an assault in the fourth degree was committed on Oct. 13 in Brewster Hall. The perpetrator refused to let the victim leave and was touching her inappropriately. He was cited and released.

October 25, 1:17 p.m.
THEFT

A theft occurred in the PUB, but there are no leads or suspects.

October 25, 9:45 p.m.
HARASSMENT

A construction vehicle was driving through the Townhouse Apartments parking lot! when the driver almost stuck a child. A bystander witnessed the incident and a verbal argument was sparked between the two.

EWU pride pumpkin-carving stencil



Tricks and tips for carving

Knives are best used creating the opening for the candle, not on the design itself. Get a pumpkin carving knife; they are cheap.

Make a notch or easily distinguishable shape on the top of your pumpkin so you know how the top fits without guessing. Pin this stencil to your pumpkin with push pins or tacks.

Put a combination of water and a small amount of bleach inside the pumpkin and swish it around. This will kill off a lot of the bacteria in the pumpkin and it will keep it fresh longer.

Wins stack up for EWU football

Eagles beat Bears, 43-41

By TJ Moulton | contributing writer

The Eastern Washington Eagles used yet another second half comeback to defeat the Northern Colorado Bears, 43-41, in Greeley, Colorado, on Oct. 24. The win kept Eastern undefeated in Big Sky play, improving the seventh-ranked Eagles to 5-2 overall.

Late-game heroics were needed for the Eagles as Northern Colorado erased a 40-28 deficit late in the fourth quarter to take a 41-40 lead with 1:23 to go. A catch from sophomore Terence Grady and two receptions by junior wide receiver Cooper Kupp set up sophomore punter Jordan Dascalo – thrust into kicking duties due to injury – for the game-winning 44-yard field goal as time expired.

“It’s all between the ears. For him to go out there and hit it like he would at practice with no pressure, that takes a lot of guts,” said head coach Beau Baldwin.

The Eagles’ offense was fueled by the passing game, and yet another record-breaking day by Kupp. Junior quarterback Jordan West finished the day completing 38 of 59 passes for 428 yards, four touchdowns and one interception.

Kupp added 20 catches for 275 receiving yards, both school records, while scoring three times. The running game added balance to the offense, as junior running back Jalen Moore carried the ball 23 times for 128 yards and a touchdown in his first career start.

Sophomore linebacker Jake Gall led the team in tackles for the second straight week with eight, while fellow linebacker junior Miquiyah Zamora added seven tackles of his own. Freshman defensive lineman Keenan Williams had his best game of the year, recording 2 of the 3 Eagles sacks on the day.

Baldwin is happy to return home after playing three of the last 4 games on the road. “There’s no question we’ll get that home field energy. It should have its advantages. But at the same time we still have to play a Weber State team who is playing well.”

EWU jumped to fifth in both the FCS STATS and coaches poll this weekend after its fifth consecutive win, their highest ranking of the season. The Eagles were ranked seventh following last week’s win over Idaho State.

What’s Next: The Eagles will face off against the 4-4 Wildcats on Oct. 31 at Roos Field, with kickoff scheduled for 12:05 p.m. EWU finishes the regular season with three of their final four games at home. We will be providing updates during the games and throughout the rest of the season on Twitter @EasternerSports.

EWU soccer notches playoff berth

By Brandon Cline | sports editor

After dropping two of their last three matches, the EWU women’s soccer team got back on track over the weekend, earning 4 points and securing its second consecutive playoff berth in the 2015 Big Sky Soccer Championships, which will take place Nov. 5-8 in Moscow, Idaho.

The Eagles kicked off a pair of weekend matches Oct. 23 in Greeley, Colorado, facing the Northern Colorado Bears, who sat in second place in the conference standings, a position ahead of EWU by three points. The Eagles headed into halftime down, 2-0, and were 45 minutes away from losing consecutive matches for the first time all season.

After being out-shot, 4-10, in the first half, the Eagles came out firing after the break, out-shooting the Bears a combined 16-6 the rest of the match. The high volume of shots paid off for EWU, with sophomore defender Abby Klinkenberg scoring the first goal of her collegiate career off a rebounded shot.

Klinkenberg’s goal in the 62nd minute cut Northern Colorado’s lead in half and in the 71st minute, sophomore Aimie Inthoulay tied the match up after putting away another rebounded shot. Like Klinkenberg earlier, the goal was also Inthoulay’s first of her career.

The two teams were held scoreless the rest of regulation and neither capitalized in two overtime periods either, leaving the match to end in a tie. The Eagles grabbed their 16th point of the conference season and clinched a playoff berth with two matches still yet to be played.

“We had to have a gut check at half time. Things have been tough and haven’t come easy right now so we had to have a talk at the half about what we were about as a team,” said head coach Chad Bodnar. “It’s that time of the year when balls go off of cross bars and hearts get broken or people are extremely happy and this is the time that we work for.”

It was a quick turnaround for the Eagles following the match, returning on a flight to Spokane the next morning for a home match against the University of North Dakota on Oct. 25.

Unlike the match prior, the Eagles got off to a hot start in their final home match of the season, with redshirt sophomore Delaney Romero scoring her third goal of the season off of an assist from freshman Devan Talley in the 11th minute. The Eagles would take the 1-0 lead into halftime and were hungry for more after taking an astounding 23 shots in the first half.

After scoring her first goal of the season two days before, Inthoulay followed it up by notching the unassisted



Cooper Kupp dives with the ball in hand during the game on Oct. 24 | Photo contributed by goeags.com

match-winner in the 56th minute, putting the Eagles up; 2-0. North Dakota would pull a goal back in the 89th minute, but it made no difference with the Eagles securing the victory and the crucial 3 points.

The Eagles ended the match with 38 shots, 21 of which were on goal. “You always hope to finish most of your chances in front of goal, but North Dakota’s keeper did a very good job today,” said Bodnar. “We were a little unlucky on a few of them, but at the end of the day, the win is what matters and it’s encouraging to see us continue to progress with this style of play.”

What’s Next: The Eagles close up regular season play with a match in Moscow, Idaho, against the University of Idaho Vandals on Oct. 30. The match is scheduled for 3 p.m. The Vandals sit at 9-0 in conference play and have clinched the Big Sky regular season crown and the right to host the Big Sky Soccer Championships. EWU is tied for second place with the Bears, who take on North Dakota in their final regular season match.



Emily Bringgold dribbles the ball down the field during the Oct. 23 game. | Photo by Melanie Flint

EWU volleyball splits weekend matches for second week

By Brandon Cline | sports editor



EWU volleyball members cheer on their team. | Photo contributed by goeags.com

In the final half of four-straight road matches, the EWU volleyball squad split two weekend matches for the second-consecutive week, sitting now at 8-2 in conference play and atop the North Division in the Big Sky.

The Eagles came out flat in a straight-sets loss to the Idaho State Bengals on Oct. 22, who sit atop the South Division with a 9-1 record. EWU bounced back two days later on Oct. 24, dispatching the Weber State Wildcats in three sets.

Final Score: Idaho State University defeats Eastern Washington University, 25-15, 25-17, 25-16.

What It Means: The Eagles fell to 7-2 in conference play and dropped their second-consecutive match, something they had not done since losing three-straight matches from Sept. 10-12. The Bengals improved to 8-1 in Big Sky play and moved to 9-1 two days later after beating the University of Idaho.

Turning Point: The Eagles held an 11-10 lead in the first set, but the Bengals went on a 15-4 run to close out the set and maintained momentum throughout the final two sets of the match.

Key Statistics: The Eagles’ hit percentage in the match was just .053, compared to a .256 hit percentage for the Bengals. Senior Ana Jakovljevic led the Eagles in kills with seven, while redshirt senior Alexis Wesley had a team-high three blocks in the match. The Bengals’ Tressa Lyman had a match-high 12 kills.

What They Said: “Our group is still growing and developing. We need to learn how to play better on the road,” said head coach Michael King. “We didn’t make the finishing touch on the ball tonight on our blocking and it seemed our blocking was a slight step behind. We will keep getting better and I do believe our best

volleyball is still ahead of us.”

Final Score: Eastern Washington University defeats Weber State University, 25-13, 25-20, 25-18.

What It Means: The Eagles improved to 8-2 in Big Sky play and are two games ahead of Idaho for first place in the North Division, with six conference matches remaining. The Wildcats dropped to 1-9 in the conference and sit in the cellar in the South Division.

Turning Point: After dropping the first set 13-25, the Wildcats played the Eagles tough in the second set, with the set tied at 19 apiece. The Eagles won 6 of the final 7 points in the set, going up two sets to none in the match and proving to be too much for Weber State.

Key Statistics: Senior Allie Schumacher recorded a match-high 10 kills, while redshirt senior Alexis Wesley and freshman Jessica Gilbert each added nine kills themselves. Gilbert also had five blocks in the match, and as a team the Eagles had a hitting percentage of .333 compared to the Wildcats’ .099.

What They Said: “I thought we handled the ball well tonight, and when we do that, it allows us to run our offense well,” said King. “Our middles attacked with aggression and intelligence and the few parts of our game we’ve been working on really clicked for us tonight.”

What’s Next: The Eagles return to the friendly confines of Reese Court, where the Eagles are 5-0 in conference. The three-match homestand begins on Oct. 29 against the University of Montana, followed up by a match a day later against Montana State University. The final home match of the season is on Nov. 5, when the Eagles host the 9-1 Northern Arizona Lumberjacks.

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Public Hearing on Proposed WAC Changes

Eastern Washington University is proposing the following changes to Washington Administrative Code:

- 1) repealing chapter 172-124 WAC, Disposition of obligations owed to university by students, and amending chapter 172-144 WAC, Special charges—Financial responsibility; these revisions are needed to update university standards and processes for handling recovery of debts.
- 2) amending chapter 172-100 WAC, Traffic and Parking Rules; these revisions are needed to add rules related to the use of electric vehicle charging stations on university property and to more accurately reflect current organizational operations and practices.
- 3) amending chapter 172-121 WAC, Eastern Washington University Student Conduct Code; this revision modifies student disciplinary council pool composition, notification procedures, sanctioning procedures, and related provisions to better support university needs and to better comply with Title IX and the Violence against Women Act.
- 4) adopting chapter 172-110 WAC, Drones and Model Aircraft; codifies rules related to the use of unmanned aircraft on or over property owned, operated or controlled by Eastern Washington University; these rules are needed to protect personal privacy and ensure public safety.

Proposed rule changes can be viewed in the Washington State Register, at:

<http://lawfilesexternal.wa.gov/law/wsr/agency/EasternWashingtonUniversity.htm>

EWU will conduct a public hearing on these proposed rule changes on November 12, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in Showalter Hall, Room 201, Cheney, WA 99004. Members of the public may testify at this hearing and/or submit written comments. Submit written comments by 5:00 p.m. on November 10, 2015, to: EWU, University Policy Administrator, Office of the President, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004; e-mail tlutey@ewu.edu; fax 509-359-7036.

Additional Information:

- (1) Date of Intended Adoption: November 20, 2015.
- (2) Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.35.120(12).
- (3) These rules are not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.
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- (5) No small business economic impact statement has been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW. These WAC revisions do not impose a disproportionate impact on small businesses.
- (6) A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. These WACs are not considered significant legislative rules by EWU.