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A new year, a new voice

As with many things on a college campus, people come and people go, leaving behind legacies for the next group to build upon.

Here at The Easterner we are no different.

As Volume 67 comes to an end, our new editorial board is excited to take over the longstanding responsibility of running EWU's student newspaper and continuing to become more essential the readers.

Our new editorial board is comprised of editors from varying sections and positions, including Editor-in-Chief Rosie Perry, Managing Editor Bailey Baer, News Editor Brad Brown, Chief Copy Editor Natasha Nellis and Art Director Abbi Vance.

With this current issue, we will begin to impart our vision for The Easterner, starting with our new weekly editorial. Here, we will be able to express our opinions about issues relevant to our community at EWU. We will do our best to represent student interests, and if we don't get it right, let us know.

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PLUS one-on-one tutoring available in the fall

By Josh Svik | contributing writer

For those who have a hard time getting back into the swing of things during fall quarter, there is no need to fear; PLUS one-on-one tutoring for fall quarter is here.

PLUS Groups are available to all EWU students, but for those who prefer more focused and individual collaboration, PLUS one-on-one tutoring is now available for the 2016 fall quarter.

These PLUS one-on-one tutor sessions meet two hours per week and seek to assist the student's performance in their particular subject of concern.

"The student signs up online by filling out a 'Tutor Request Form,'" said PLUS desk assistant Brianna Griffin. "They try to keep the tutors and tutees matched up based on the subject they apply for, but it's not always guaranteed."

Griffin said even though subject-specific tutoring is not always guaranteed, the tutors still put a lot of time into the program and make sure the students are able to succeed academically in every way possible.

"I've had a tutor this entire spring quarter and it's helped significantly," said sophomore Kyle Hickman. "I prefer more individual work rather than group work, and the time I've spent working with my tutor has bumped my grades up."

Griffin said the schedule is dependent on both the tutor and the tutee. When they meet for the first time, they discuss their schedules and decide when the best times to meet would be.

"When they initially meet, they collaborate and figure out when they are both free," said Griffin. "The schedule has flexibility though. It can change

week to week depending on their individual schedules and if they're too busy."

Once the schedule is finalized, the tutor and tutee agree to a 20-30 hour commitment, which comes out to meeting two to three hours every week for the entire quarter.

According to the EWU website, the tutee is supposed to complete his or her reading and homework before the tutoring session so the tutor can spend the time going over the ideas the student has identified as being the most difficult.

"One of my friends told me about the one-on-one tutoring," said sophomore Cole Honold. "I've already filled out a form requesting a tutor, so hopefully I end up getting one."

Unfortunately, filling out a Tutor Request Form does not guarantee that a tutor is available or one will be assigned. Applications for tutors are available to fill out once the student is registered for the next quarter.

The program has a first-come, first-serve basis, so applications should be filled out and sent in as soon as possible to have the best chance of getting a tutor.

"I already sent in the request form for next quarter, too," said Hickman. "I highly recommend this program to everyone at Eastern."

Students who want to sign up for this program can do so on the EWU Library website.



Photos contributed by EWU libraries

Paws and Relax

By Devante Gaillard | contributing writer



SAIL is providing finals stress relief with pet socialization

Photo contributed by | Google images

When the stress of finals has students down, EWU wants them to get their faces licked.

Paws and Relax is an on-campus event happening today where students can socialize with pets from 10 a.m. to noon in the JFK Library Reading Room M17.

The pets are coordinated and provided by the Pet Partners of Spokane, so there is no need to bring your own.

“One of the requirements, just for the university, is that animals need to be certified as pet therapy or service animals,” Sundi Musnicki, adviser for campus programs, said.

The pets and their owners are visiting on a strictly volunteer basis. Finding pets and owners with proper paperwork and availability reduces the number of pets that can attend.

“Sometimes, we have a ton of students and not enough animals,” Musnicki said.

The ratio does not take away from the experience with the pets.

“The students really love it. I think they’re animal-deprived because a lot of them grow up with pets and can’t bring them to school,” Musnicki said.

Paws and Relax started in fall of 2014 and has returned every dead week since.

“I definitely think there’s a correlation between pets and stress relief,” said Musnicki. “The companionship, and petting can be really relaxing for the animal as well as the handler.”

SAIL hopes to continue doing Paws and Relax events for students.

“We’re open to changing things up and trying new things to be more available for students,” Musnicki said.

For students unable to attend today’s event, many shelters in the Spokane area offer volunteer programs where they can regularly socialize with cats or dogs.

Shelters like SpokAnimal and the Spokane Humane Society have volunteer positions open for those willing to donate their time.

As part of other dead week events, SAIL will be holding a Sugar Rush event in the library lobby tomorrow from noon to 2 p.m. Students can play a game to win some candy to make it through finals week.

Companionship, and petting can be really relaxing for the animal as well as the handler.

Sundi Musnicki | EWU campus programs adviser

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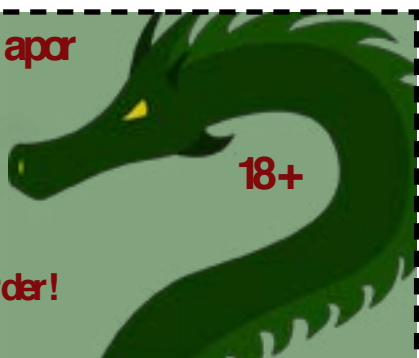
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EWU-Rockwood partnership benefits students

By Kalli Wolf | staff writer

Costs of Washington universities health and wellness fees

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Graphic By Alyssa Scheller

Every quarter or semester, EWU students are charged a mandatory health and wellness fee. This fee is \$91.23 a quarter or \$136.85 a semester, and this fee covers the health and wellness center on campus, as well as the Rockwood clinic.

Dennis Wilson, director of EWU student financial services, said the mandatory health and wellness fee is legislative. "The RCW is a Washington state code [that] allows the board of directors at universities to designate certain fees as mandatory," he said.

Eastern's contract with Rockwood allows students to visit the clinic at no cost, depending on the severity of care needed.

"We have a really, really good partnership with Rockwood," Wilson said.

Staff from Eastern's Health and Wellness Center meets with Rockwood employees regularly, and Wilson meets with clinic staff once a quarter to discuss updates and issues.

Students like Lori Fry, however are not happy about having to pay the mandatory fee. "As someone who already pays for health insurance, I don't think that I should be required to pay a fee through the school," Fry said.

It is important to understand the health and wellness fee is not insurance however. "The fee covers the items that Rockwood agrees to cover, which is actually quite a lot," Wilson said.

Through the health and wellness fee, Rockwood covers injuries and illnesses such as the common cold, sprains and burns.

Eastern's health and wellness fee is unique from other universities Wilson said. "What makes the contract with Rockwood unique is a partnership, ... so I really think that Eastern students are getting a better deal because you're actually getting Rockwood versus a campus-based health center," Wilson said.

Costs at other state universities range annually from \$255 to \$360.

On top of the quality of care, students are also able to access any Rockwood location. Wilson said this is extremely beneficial to students attending the Spokane campus, as well as those who reside in Spokane rather than Cheney.

Despite this, Fry still does not think students should be given a list of mandatory fees.

"Since there are people who are at different stages of their lives, I think that the health fee should be optional," Fry said.

The fee covers the items that Rockwood agrees to cover, which is actually quite a lot.

Dennis Wilson | EWU director of student financial services

For more information on Rockwood services, students can visit <https://access.ewu.edu/health-and-wellness>

A century of student experiences discussed at Auntie's Bookstore

By Montse Franco | contributing writer

EWU Professor and Spokane historian William Stimson, Ph.D. talked about his newest book at Auntie's Bookstore on May 27.

'Instilling Spirit: Students and Citizenship at Washington State' is a collection of tales comparing current student involvement to pre-World War II involvement.

Stimson said he has seen a drastic change in students at EWU while he's been here teaching and hopes to bring back the missing pieces to help increase student involvement in the community.

Using Washington State College — now Washington State University — as an example, Stimson talked about the kind of college experience that trained what has been called, "The Greatest Generation" prior to World War II, according to Auntie's Bookstore website.

While in graduate school at Washington State College getting his Ph.D. in history, Stimson was hired to write a book about student life for the university's centennial celebration.

Stimson said he wrote letters to all alumni in the first century of Washington State College's existence for the project.

"The biggest group of letters came from students in the '20s and the '30s. They wrote long letters which talked about their college experience," said

Stimson. "It was evident they enjoyed their college years."

What inspired the content of his book were the letters he had acquired, along with 'The Greatest Generation', a book by retired NBC journalist Tom Brokaw, as well as the book "Bowling Alone" by Robert Putnam.

The title, 'Instilling Spirit', has deep meaning that students today would interpret differently than those in pre-World War II, Stimson said.

Spirit in those days applied to everything that was public life. "It was the willingness to contribute to a larger cause, which was the theme of college life," Stimson said.

According to Stimson, university presidents also contributed to the spirit of the university. "University presidents were much more involved in student life and student direction, preaching to

students in effect," Stimson said.

Students were instilled with the idea of having to go out and do something for society.

Spirit today is different for many reasons. One of the reasons Stimson talked about was the rise of tuition. In that time, tuition was very low and some schools were free.

"Typical students in those days already believed society had given him or her something," Stimson said.

Today with tuition being so high, students have the mentality of graduating and going out to do something for themselves to be successful and pay off their debt.

"The way students were treated, by raising tuition drastically, I believe dampens the sense of obligation to society," Stimson said.

"It was the willingness to contribute to a larger cause, which was the theme of college life

EWU professor | William Stimson, Ph.D.

to create a sense of community at the beginning of college," Stimson said.

While schools are trying to figure out how to bring back that sense of spirit, the experience is still vastly different.

"Freshmen were getting redirected by sophomores and being told that they had a responsibility to be active and attend football games, support the debate team and attend the school plays," said Stimson. "They encouraged serving the community by volunteering and cleaning the campus."

All these actions were being instilled in them as freshmen and this became a way of living, always giving back.

"I heard the people tell me about their college experience when I was a graduate student, and then I came here and have taught for [27 years]; I've seen what it is now and the contrast is interesting and edifying," Stimson said.



Stimson



Cheney local ready to re-energize downtown

By Kalli Wolf | staff writer



Section 13 located in downtown Cheney | photo by Carleigh Hill

Section 13, formerly known as Asylum, is a newly owned and renovated bar in Downtown Cheney.

Tracey Showalter, Section 13 owner, and her husband bought the bar in February and started renovations in April.

Showalter's husband was born and raised in Cheney. After meeting in Colorado and having three kids, the two decided to move their family back to the Cheney-Spokane area. Once the bar went up for sale, Showalter said her husband had to buy it. "He is just obsessed with, you know, wanting to feel like Cheney is coming back to life," she said.

Before Cheney became Cheney in 1883, it was known as Section 13, which is where the bar's name derived from.

Section 13 features a main floor bar, as well as a basement with a smaller bar, chairs and a pool table.

"We had a soft opening on the thirtieth of April, but our official opening was Cinco De Mayo," said Showalter.

Section 13 manager Jacquelline Whelham said the environment is very laid back. "The atmosphere that's here now is really pretty chill, everybody is just having fun," she said.

Whelham said they have students who come in and study, as well as older clientele. "It's a mix of everybody and that was one thing we wanted," she said.

The bar features card games, dry-erase walls in the bathrooms, darts, pool and more.

"It's really cool inside," said EWU student Cassandra Fogel.

Section 13 has a different special each day. "We do everything from ladies night to a military discount. We also now sell kegs," said Whelham, making the Section 13 the only place in Cheney to sell kegs.

Another aspect that makes Section 13 unique is all eight TVs are on their own receiver, making it possible for customers to watch many different sporting games at once. "If somebody wants to watch a particular game we like to promote that," Showalter said.

Showalter said her husband wants to promote football season at the bar, including Eastern football as well as the Seahawks games. "[It's] a good place to come watch your favorite sporting event," she said.

Section 13 opens at 11 everyday and is open until two or close, depending on how busy the bar is. "We have been doing really well on the weekends," said Showalter.

"It's great to have a new bar in Cheney," Fogel said.

From 11 a.m.-4 p.m. the kitchen offers Panini sandwiches and a couple of salads, while nighttime food options include wings, fries and a few salad options.

"We want everyone to feel welcome here," said Whelham.



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Spotlight on EWU seniors

Kaya Mills

“I have learned to address my patient’s thought patterns, habits and beliefs

Physical therapy major

“I feel lucky to have learned from my Eastern professors and students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program to see each patient as a whole person. Beyond this, in an effort to treat the whole person, I have learned to address my patient’s thought patterns, habits and beliefs as well, because the mind exerts powerful control over the body.

I accepted a job at Four Pines Physical Therapy in Jackson Hole, WY that will include development of a program to treat residents of a nursing home in their apartments two days per week.”



Macy Nolan



“I plan on staying in Washington and getting a K-3rd grade teaching job at an elementary school

Early childhood education major and special education minor

“My experience at EWU was amazing. I absolutely loved the education program. After college I plan on staying in Washington and getting a K-3rd grade teaching job at an elementary school. I also plan to further my education while teaching and obtain a master’s degree.”

Zachary Russell

“I learned to appreciate the professional work field

Environmental science and biology major

“I have enjoyed being out in the field this quarter and it has prepared me to start doing field work right when I join the workforce. This last year of school I learned to appreciate the professional work field for which I will be entering. I’m looking to get a job working in the field so I am not confined to an office. I want to spend the first few years being outside doing sampling work of some kind.”



Sydney Porter



“I’m starting a job in June in management for Flying Pilot J

Business marketing major, decision science minor

“I transferred here from Walla Walla and I really enjoyed EWU. I’m starting a job in June in management for Flying Pilot J, which will relocate me to Knoxville for training. I will be coming back to the west coast once my training is over and opening up my own store either in Oregon or Washington.”

Shasta Foster

“I am happy to leave here with a bachelor’s in PR, and a smile on my face

Public relations major

“I loved going to EWU. Every memory I have made here is great. Eastern is a great school, and the faculty in my department really had my best interest in mind. I am happy to leave here with a bachelor’s in PR, and a smile on my face knowing I will make it in the ‘real world.’ After graduation I plan to move to Portland, [Oregon], and nail a job at Nike. We will see what the future holds.”



Hussain Almakramy



“I started ... in the winter quarter 2011. I had no English before that, so I started from level one and now I’m going to graduate in the summer quarter

Manufacturing technology engineering major and construction management minor

“I started my English program at the ELI [English Language Institute] at Eastern in the winter quarter 2011. I had no English before that, so I started from level one and now I’m going to graduate in the summer quarter of 2016 majoring in manufacturing technology with options, and I have a minor in construction management. I was 27 years old when I came to the states and now I’m 32 years old. My plans after graduation are to choose a career in the manufacturing/engineering field and some day continue my education in Washington state.

Tiffany Wong

“I want to become the teacher who will be able to guide my students to become the best they can be.

Math secondary education major, art and applied development psychology minors

“I want to become the teacher who will be able to guide my students to become the best they can be. I want to share my love for mathematics and show them math [is not] scary at all. I failed math throughout elementary school and middle school but now I am graduating with a math degree. I hope that my experience could encourage my students to be successful in mathematics and life as well. I want to be the teacher who makes a difference in my students’ lives.”



Ai Ogata



Athletic training major

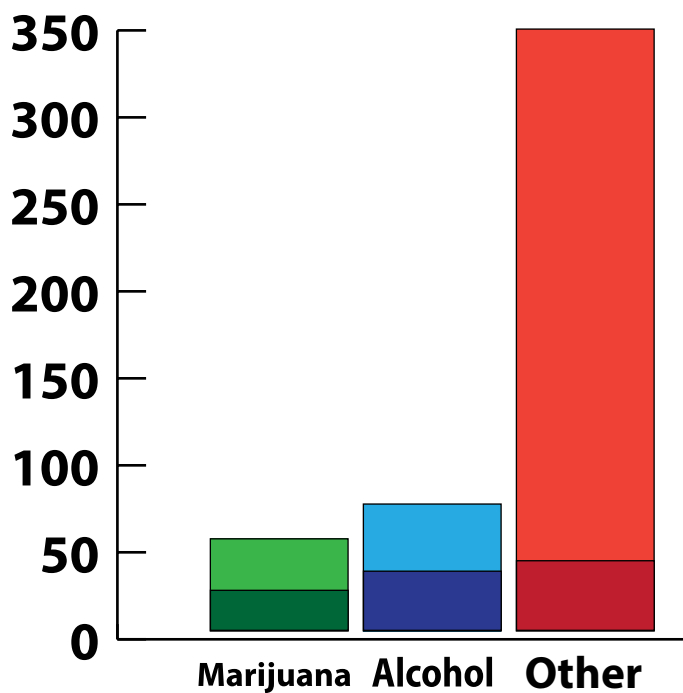
“The athletic training program gave me great clinical experience with the EWU football team and confidence in my abilities. I would like to improve my athletic training knowledge and skills further through an internship after graduation.”

Steven May



Business administration major

EWU was a great experience for me. I learned so much from the business program and I met loads of interesting people along the way. After I graduate in June I’m going to move back to the Tri-Cities and start the job hunt. Thanks to Eastern I feel pretty confident about entering the business world.



The bars represent the amount of reports received for each category. Arrests are the overlapping dark bars, the rest were sent to Student Rights and Responsibilities or given a citation | graphic by Abbi Vance

EWU has always been deemed a safe campus, and we here at the Easterner thought it would be a good idea to get an overall number of how many incidents occur on our campus throughout the school year. There was a total of 472 reports that came through the EWU Police Department to date since the start of the school year on September 20, 2015. Out of those 472 reports, 53 had to do with marijuana and 73 had to do with alcohol. There was a total of 97 arrests made by the EWU Police Department in this time frame.

Top Police Beats of the year

*Chosen by the Easterner Staff***

Alcohol - October 11

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.

Theft - November 20

A female staff member in Hargreaves Hall saw an older man leaving her unattended office. It was found that he attempted to steal her wallet but turned it back over to the employee. Police were called and made contact with the man. He was an elderly gentleman who was found to have a warrant for theft out of Colorado. He was arrested.

Motor Vehicle Theft - January 28th

A dining services golf cart parked outside Reese Court during the basketball game was stolen. An employee for dining services reported the cart stolen and 40 minutes later two unidentifiable males were seen driving it. The cart was left and recovered. The investigation is ongoing.

Marijuana - February 19

A resident in Dryden Hall refused to let officers in her dorm after CAs reported the smell of marijuana outside. She claimed the odor came from her brewing tea. Nevertheless, she was referred to Student Rights and Responsibility.

Alcohol and Disorderly Conduct - March 6th

Officers responded to a report made by the resident life coordinator of Streeter Hall. Students were reported throwing items out dorm room windows at passersby, including eggs, cookie dough, potatoes, pots and pans. Officers were able to locate the room the items were being thrown from. Four students were in the room, including the female student the room belonged to. The room was searched and alcohol bottles were discovered. The female who the room belonged to was arrested for minor in possession, and all students were referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities for disorderly conduct.

***These were chosen from previously printed Police Beat reports.*

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OP-ED

Senior reflects on looming graduation

By Ryan Arnold | contributing writer

June is fast approaching, and seniors at EWU are feeling what some call “senioritis.” Although there are not any medical studies backing this term, the phenomenon can be very real for some.

Commencement simultaneously marks the completion of a journey while allowing new journeys to present themselves. Some may plan on finding jobs, traveling or continuing their studies either at a different university or by staying home at EWU.

Personally, graduate school calls my name. As I graduate on June 11, I get a long break of two days, after which I get to start graduate studies on June 13. Having a lack of a break is not a bad thing; it just makes the transition more stressful.

I prefer life in the fast lane because I feel as if I get to experience more things.

Unfortunately, this is my sixth year as an undergraduate student and my philosophy of life didn’t connect with my studies. But that is beside the point. I am hopeful that this transition goes as smoothly as possible and that one day I can venture back to EWU.

As it stands, the lack of a break could be worse. Seeing that the graduate program is a mere 13 months, there is little to complain about as I still get winter break and a few holidays mixed in. Optimism is the key to success in this situation and I am hopeful that it will all work out.

Breaking emotional ties at EWU and then transitioning my mindset to a new university will be a transition that I will not forget. EWU has supplied the tools for greater application in the real world, and I feel that most students can relate. Although there are times of academic frustration, the environment that EWU supplies students is set up to create bonds that last for a lifetime.

To all graduating seniors: congratulations. I hope that whatever path life leads you down supplies happiness and fulfillment. As we leave the nest of EWU, our emotional ties here at EWU will always connect us. Thanks for the memories.

OP-ED

Blame lies with students for low voter turnout

By Joe Matthews | opinion editor

Every spring, EWU hosts elections to determine the upcoming student council positions and every year the voter turnout seems to become more and more abysmal.

With slightly over eight percent of eligible students casting their votes this year, the problem seems to lie in either the work put in by the candidates or the lack of concern for Eastern’s future by the students.

The PUB was littered with signs for each candidate, Facebook was blowing up with reminders to vote, even Eastern’s homepage reminded us to cast our ballots, yet still hardly anyone voted. Seeing that decent effort was made, the blame falls on the student body. With a vast majority of people not voting, the question is why.

“I just remember back in high school when someone ran for class president or whatever, they promised a bunch of things and then nothing around the school changed afterwards,” EWU senior Nathaniel Loague said.

Voting gives a voice to everyone, but if people don’t see the changes they were promised, their motivation to vote is lost.

“I’ve been here for four years and not voted once. To me, nothing has changed. That just makes me think that school elections don’t really matter,” Loague said.

Voting should matter to students since it presents the opportunity to change one’s environment; however, if they can’t tell the difference from one year to the next, they won’t continue voting. Not only will people not vote, the lack of initiative by those voted into office to see that their promises are kept will cause a decline in trust in the whole system.

Though I doubt that everyone distrusts the system, it still comes as a great surprise to me that so many people didn’t vote. Voting isn’t a hard thing to do. Eastern’s website makes it incredibly easy. With the accessibility out of the question for being the problem, it must mean that most people simply just don’t care.

“If I’m being honest, I kind of just forgot,” said EWU junior Megan Start. “I guess my vote might have made a difference because not many people voted, but it doesn’t really matter to me.”

So, some students don’t see any changes made and some really don’t care. Either way, we are facing a problem that needs to be addressed before all trust in candidates is gone, or no one cares enough to vote at all.

Easterner Asks:

Did you vote in the ASEWU elections? Why? How do you think the school or candidates could better promote the elections?

Senior Joshua Lang:



“No, I didn’t vote, I actually never have because I never know anything about the candidates. If they promoted what they were going to change around campus I might be more inclined to vote. I’ve seen their stances online, but the brief bios don’t really tell me who they really are and what exactly their goals are for the upcoming term.”

Sophomore Makai Barnett:



“Yeah, I voted this year, but only in the primaries. The guy I wanted to win didn’t so I didn’t care about the general election much. If they really wanted more people to vote they could send out ballots through email like they do the school surveys. More people would vote if they didn’t have to spend the time looking for the ballots and it was just sent to them.”

Junior Anthony Rolley:



“No, I didn’t vote this year. I didn’t know any of the candidates so I couldn’t really vote fairly. I wouldn’t mind seeing an actual debate. I think that by allowing the candidates to talk among themselves and other students they would see an increase in voters.”

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EWU track and field says goodbye to 15'-16' season

By Grace Pohl | staff writer



The EWU track and field season has come to an end.

The NCAA Track and Field Championships West Regional in Lawrence, Kansas, was delayed because of severe lightning storms and tornadoes throughout the state on the first day of competition, delaying the event until May 27.

In order to advance, individuals had to place 12th or higher. Senior Katie Mahoney got the closest to advancing, placing 16th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Mahoney had a time of 10:18.05, less than four seconds away from placing 12th.

"It didn't go well at all," said Mahoney. "I am extremely disappointed. It was a bit weird because there were so many weather delays and the times of all the events were changed with little notice. The humidity was very rough. Just overall a disappointing weekend."

Junior Paula Gil-Echevarria also participated in the steeplechase with a time of 11:03.92.

Despite the rather successful season, senior Kaytlyn Coleman threw 194-8 in the hammer throw, not having enough to place in the top 12 in the event.

"Kaytlyn couldn't quite get her rhythm or hit her speed in the hammer on her three attempts, and at regionals you have to get the job done in three," women's head coach Marcia Mecklenburg said.

Junior Sarah Reiter ran a 36:14.24 in the 10,000-meter.

"It went decent but we were hoping to do better," said Reiter. "The weather was a factor but we tried to not let that affect our performances. I didn't end the season as well as I wanted so I wanted to use that as motivation in the off-season to continue to put work in and take care of all the little things."

Senior Joey Payne threw a 197-4 in the javelin and sophomore Jeremy VanAssche ran a 10.53 in the 100-meter. Freshman Larry Still made it to 16-4 in the pole vault.

"Every athlete at this meet has experienced a high level of success throughout this outdoor season," said head coach Stan Kerr. "To have the season come to an abrupt end for our guys today was a bit of a surprise; we were anticipating continued success in our performances."

Four of the Eagles participants — Coleman, Mahoney, VanAssche and Still — are Big Sky champions and combine for six school records. Reiter has also set a school record this season.

"It was a challenging day," said Mecklenburg. "All things considered, what an amazing year for all four of those athletes. Three out of the four set school records, and the two seniors won Big Sky titles. It was the best year ever for Eastern women's track and field, and those four athletes played a huge role in our success. It was a tough finish, but wow, what a year."

Top: The track and field team has 36 men and 60 women athletes, making it the largest team on Eastern's campus for the 2015-2016 year, followed by EWU football

Bottom: Freshman Elizabeth Prouty ranked eighth in school history with a pole vault record of 12-5 1/2

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Top: Junior Kipton Craig's persoal outdoor 400m hurdle record this season was 59.28 | Photos contributed by go eags.com



Top: Sophomore Paris Flenoy threw a personal season best of 45-3 in the shot put. | Photos cotributed by goeags.com

Bottom: Freshman Chez Jackson was a member of the 4x100 relay team that finished second in the finals with a time of 40.82. Junior Austin Upmeyer has a personal best of 21.67 in the 200m. Senior Nick Anthony has a personal best of 49.92 in the 400m



Bottom: Sophomore Hannah Wynstra's 2016 javelin best was a 121-3 throw.



Family comes first for EWU cornerback Keonte White

By RayJaun Stelly | contributing writer

The 6'4", 195-pound California native has never looked back since stepping foot on EWU's campus.

Growing up in California could be either beneficial or turn you into another statistic. But Keonte White made the decision to make it beneficial for himself and his family.

Graduating from Sylmar High School in 2013, White was anything but an amateur. He earned second team All-Valley Mission League honors with 56 tackles, 25 passes broken up and a forced fumble in his senior season. To cap off his career, White was selected to play in the 17th annual Daily News East-West All-Star Game at College of the Canyons.

Although football means a great deal to White, there is more to life than staying inbounds. He said he is playing for his family and his daughter. "My daughter and family keep me going, one of the most important reasons why I didn't let my injury get me down," White said.

He said most people in his home town are involved in gangs and drugs, or play sports.

White has his brother, former USC running back and current Canadian Football League player C.J. Gable, to thank for keeping him focused. "My brother tried his best to keep me away from all of that, and I just used sports as my outlet," said White. "I was always busy but I was never unknown to what was going on around me."

White knows the importance of making a name for himself, especially going to EWU. "I felt like coming to Eastern I had to be better than ever, because people tend to only know us because of the red field," White said.

Understanding his circumstances and potential consequences, White managed not to get involved in a gang or drugs because his focus was on the bigger picture. "About the time I hit my senior year I was like the city star, so seeing the kids at the game asking for autographs really made me want to be a better person," said White. "Most of my family never went to college or graduated from high school, so I made sure I broke the cycle."

Throughout everything he has been through and continues to go through, White follows his and his family's beliefs by following God's guidance.

"My mom would text me everyday with a Bible verse or something to keep me engaged and to not get down on myself," said White. "Also I would just read my Bible scriptures and alerts on my phone which really helps me keep going because God gives his toughest battles to his toughest warriors."

Any obstacle White has faced he has overcome and remains standing. This upcoming 2016 season he is listed as a reserve at the cornerback position on the depth chart. White is ready to put his team and family on his back and go to war.

Students find fun and competition in Intramurals

By Siobhan Ebel | contributing writer

Students looking to play soccer at EWU, but who can not try out for the collegiate team, may want to look into intramural and club options.

Club soccer asks students to pay dues and attend regular practices in exchange for the ability to compete against other schools. Intramural soccer differs from club soccer in that there are no dues and students do not compete against outside schools. The league is coed, and the teams compete against each other at open recreational levels.

"I chose intramural over club because club is a much larger dedication of time and is a lot more competitive," EWU junior Cameron Massey said. He said he became involved in soccer thanks to his roommates.

Although soccer has always been big in EWU senior Kevin Escalante's family, he never really became interested in it until his junior year of high school. "It took quite a while for the passion

and interest to rub off on me," Escalante said. However, he added that he "had always loved the thought of competing in college."

Escalante said he enjoys the environment the most in intramural soccer. "The referees have always been friendly and charismatic, which makes the experience that much better, and the friends that go watch make the environment feel so alive," Escalante said.

Intramural sports allow students the chance to play as part of a team regardless of experience.

"It's usually not too competitive so you can relax while also having a good time," Massey said.

Not only does EWU offer intramural soccer, but also intramural flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball and even paintball.

"I couldn't ask for a better environment," Escalante said.

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New licensing agreement to increase EWU revenue

By Riley Baker | staff writer

The EWU athletic department has reached a new licensing agreement with Learfield Licensing Partners, LLC. This new agreement will allow the department to collect more income from sold merchandise and increase revenue.

"I'm comfortable saying it will double quickly," said Deputy Athletic Director Ken Halpin. "Beyond that I think there's a lot more, but I think double is conservative."

Since about 2002 EWU had been signed with Licensing Resource Group (LRG) since about 2002, and that initial agreement rolled over for a number of years, according to Athletic Director Bill Chaves.

Recently Learfield bought out LRG, which resulted in the need to reach a new agreement.

"What we did was we put it out to bid, because life has changed a little bit since our notoriety, certainly regionally, but also nationally," said Chaves. "And we wanted to make sure we were doing our best practices from a licensing standpoint to make sure that if someone wanted to do something

with this eagle [logo], that there would be some numeration back to the institution in regards to that."

Whether the previous company had been bought out or not, it was about time for a new agreement anyway. With the old agreement, there were ways for merchandise companies to get around paying EWU their due royalties.

"With the old agreement, there were certain avenues that a vendor like a Nike, Adidas, Under Armor or Champ Sports || could take where they would not have to pay a royalty on providing certain Eastern-branded gear," said Halpin. "Now those options are streamlined in a way where no matter who does it, if a company prints something for profit in any way with the Eagle logo on it, they're going to have to pay royalties on it."

With EWU catching up with the times in the world of collegiate licensing, this should allow it to bring in more dollars.

"It's a licensing agreement 2.0 for us," said Chaves. "The 1.0 was fine, but what ended up happening was, again, there

were continued best practices that we had not necessarily kept up on. And now this, for lack of a better term, will tighten it up and we should see additional revenues."

According to Halpin, another change for the better from the marketing standpoint is shifting all licensing approvals to Teresa Conway's office. Conway is EWU's director of marketing and communication and runs the administrative side of the school's licensing, approving or denying any company's request to use the Eagle logo.

"They are the marketing arm of the entire institution and they represent the strength of the brand," said Halpin. "A less clear but just as powerful benefit to the change is just changing the approval process to the people who manage the brand standards for our campus."

With the athletic department working to improve on its budget, this is just another piece of the puzzle that will go towards doing just that. The department will not know exactly how many more dollars this new agreement will bring in until football season starts in the fall.



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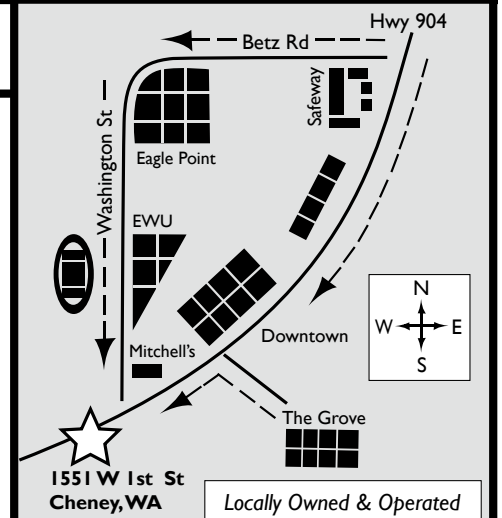
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