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The Eastern Washington University Thursday, November 9, 1995 Vol. 47, no. 8

Third Eastern student charged with rape



file photo John W. Little charged with third degree rape in Pearce Hall incident.

Mike Ehrmantrout News Editor

EWU sophomore John W. Little has been charged with third-degree rape in connection with an incident in Pearce Hall on Oct. 26, according to District Court documents filed Nov. 2.

Little, 24, was taken into custody on. Nov. 2 by Spokane County Sheriff's Deputies and taken to the Spokane County Jail, according to Ron Sperber, EWU director of public safety.

Little's bail was set at \$5,000, and he was released after posting bond, Sperber said.

Based on the affidavit filed in the case, prosecutors allege that on the afternoon of Oct. 26, a female student was raped by Little in his dorm room, Pearce Hall 412.

According to statements made to the investigating officer, which are included

in the affidavit, Little and the victim walked to Pearce Hall after class and lunch.

Little left the victim in the lobby, telling her he was going to his room to take a nap.

Little later returned to the lobby and asked the victim if she would like to go to his room. The victim agreed and they entered Little's room.

According to the affidavit, the victim "laid down on his (Little's) bed and he laid down next to her." Little kissed the victim but she pushed him away and said, "please don't."

According to the victim's account, Little rolled over, pinned her with his shoulder, and fondled her roughly. He then removed the victim's shirt and unzipped her pants.

At this point, according to the victim's account in the affidavit, she told Little "no" again.

The investigating officer reported that the victim stated "she felt powerless, turned her head towards the wall and closed her eyes, and prayed to God this wasn't happening."

Little then engaged in sexual intercourse with the victim without her consent, according to the affidavit.

As they left the room and got on the elevator, the affidavit states, Little allegedly told the victim, "Maybe we can do this again sometime."

The victim exited the elevator on the 3rd floor and went to the room of Robert Leach.

Leach, 23, said in an interview that he and the victim are friends. "She felt safe with me," Leach said.

The victim told Leach what had happened and Leach contacted Steve Bertram, Péarce Hall Director.

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ASEWU President falls 131 votes short

Ken Dey Staff Writer

ASEWU President Justin Franke lost his bid for a seat on the Cheney City Council on Tuesday. Franke, who had hoped to be the first-ever EWU student elected to the council, was defeated by incumbent Ilene Wahl. The unofficial vote tally showed Wahl with 798 votes and Franke with 667.

Franke said he was disappointed in the outcome. "I don't look at it as I lost or the students lost, I think the entire community lost," Franke said. 'I know that I would have added to the council."

Franke says he couldn't have asked for a better-run campaign. A large majority of the students voted and Franke had the support of all the organizations on campus as well as the backing of many businesses in Cheney. The election was lost, Franke believes, because even though people want change, they are afraid to vote for it. Franke added that some Cheney residents may have been wary about electing a student.

Franke hopes that a student will be elected someday, but he doesn't know what else he could have done to get elected. He said his campaign utilized direct mail, door-to-door campaigning and a lot of strategic planning.

Franke was amazed at how hard a lot of people worked on his campaign. He praised all his volunteers for the time spent ringing doorbells and helping out. He said he received a lot of volunteers from the different organizations on campus.

"I think a lot of people are as disappointed as I," Franke said, "because they worked so hard and put so much into it. I have about a million thank-you cards to write," Franke added. Franke said that he is happy for Ilene Wahl. But he would like to see an EWU student elected to the council one day. He is going to analyze his cam-

An afternoon of preaching

Chris Taylor Staff Writer

A quiet fall afternoon at the EWU campus was shaken up Friday by the arrival of a traveling "born-again" preacher.

"Brother Tom" Carlisle appeared in front of the Mall and spent the afternoon preaching to the audience of students that collected there. But it was less than an uplifting afternoon. The man's message was received by some in the audience as very hateful, and they made sure he knew it.

Many of the spectators characterized Carlisle's sermon as one-sided, and bigoted. He spoke of a vengeful God who hates sinners. He blasted the crowd for lacking morals, for selfishness, and for not learning "the fear of God."

His attitude toward the the majority of the audience was summed up in a passage from one of the pamphlets he handed out: "As for [most of you], I will be casting my pearls among swine. Your hearts are hard, your spirits brazen and your faces are Hell-bent. Destruction is the path that you have chosen." Carlisle also sported a sandwich board proclaiming "God Hates Sin" and "Sin And The Sinner Shall Go Strait To Hell Together!" The board listed 14 "sinners" ranging from atheists to Rock-and-Rollers.

Carlisle belongs to a church called the Campus Ministry USA, an organization dedicated to preaching on college campuses. He believes that he and his church have a definite purpose for preaching to college students:

"College students are openly rebellious," he said. "Drunkenness and sexual immorality are promoted on college campuses. Sin is not shameful on campus. We are here to make sin an issue. We are here to warn the wicked. We should be ashamed of ourselves to God."

The audience soon rallied against Carlisle. The protests began when EWU student Tristan Gilbert laid down and began singing Christian hymns in protest, which Brother Tom called "pagan." Gilbert would later return to interrupt

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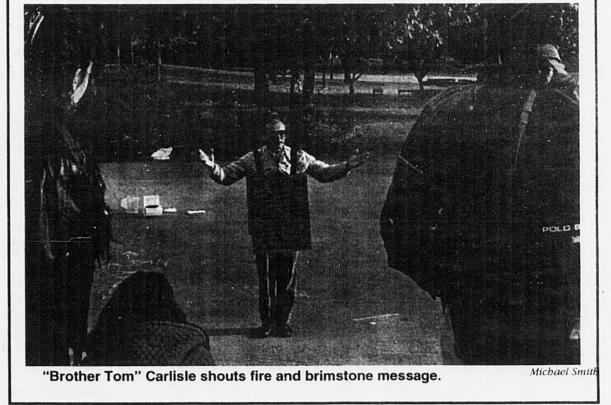




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News

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Ledenko pleads not guilty to rape charge

Mike Ehrmantrout News Editor

Suspended EWU football player Tony Ledenko was arraigned on second-degree rape charges in Superior Court this Tuesday.

He pled not guilty to charges he had raped a female student in his dorm room Oct. 14.

Ledenko, 19, entered Judge Paul Bastine's courtroom flanked by members of his family and accompanied by his lawyer, Mark Vovos.

The alleged victim in the case was present, accompanied by family and friends.

After advising Ledenko of his constitutional rights to a jury trial and questioning witnesses, Judge Bastine asked Ledenko how he wished to plea to the charges against him.

"Not guilty," Ledenko replied

Ledenko was charged with second-degree rape on Oct. 20, after an extensive investigation by EWU campus police. His bail was set at \$50,000. Ledenko posted bond and was released

that same day.

Ledenko's attorney argued that the \$50,000 bail was excessive and unfair. He asked the judge to waive the bail and order Ledenko released on his own recognizance.

But Deputy Prosecutor Carol Davis, citing the "violent nature" of the allegations against Ledenko, argued that the \$50,000 bail amount should be retained.

Judge Bastine ruled the amount be reduced to \$25,000 but said he wouldn't go any further than that because of the seriousness of the allegations against Ledenko.

Davis then asked the judge to order Ledenko to stay away from the victim. Since both are still attending classes at Eastern, she argued, contact between the two is feasible. Davis said the victim is "extremely afraid" of Ledenko.

Judge Bastine ordered Ledenko to stay away from the victim in any and all circumstances.



Tony Ledenko arrives at his arraignment in Superior Court Tuesday.

United Farm Workers Union Co-founder to speak at Eastern Steven Grasser Chavez.'

Staff Writer

The co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union, a person who has been arrested more than twenty times in support of some of the most disadvantaged among us and is the recipient of the ACLU Medal of Liberty award will speak at EWU next Thursday.

"But," you say, "I thought Cesar Chavez was dead." And you're right, we lost Chavez a couple years back, although he, like Joe Hill, will always live in the hearts of those involved in the labor movement. No, Chavez will not be here - Dolores Huerta will. "

So why haven't you heard of Dolores Huerta?

Carlos Maldonado, director of Eastern's Chicano education program and executive director of the National Association of Chicana and Chicano studies, says it's because of her gender.

"She's recognized nationally in the civil rights and labor movements," said Maldonado, "and even though she has served as first vice president of the United Farm Workers, most of the fame has been given to Cesar Chavez. I believe she has not been highlighted as much as Chavez because of male-dominated leadership."

Maldonado has a point; Huerta's resume is far more impressive than her fame would indicate.

In addition to being first vice president of the United Farm Workers Union since its inception in 1962, Huerta, a 1993 inductee of the National Women's Hall of Fame, led the UFW's national grape boycott, which won the first-ever collective bargaining agreements for farm workers in California. After negotiating and administering those contracts, Huerta directed the 1975 grape, lettuce, and Gallo Wine boycotts. These led to the passage of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Act, which guaranteed workers the right to organize.

"That's the history of the world,' Huerta said in a recent Olympia, Wash. Olympian interview. "His story is told; hers isn't. I feel that has to change, and women are going to have to change it."

Doing her part to effect that change, Huerta in recent years has added women's advocacy to her union work, focusing on getting women elected to public office in California.

A Stockton, Calif. grammar school teacher early in her life, Huerta decided she could do more for students outside the classroom than inside it.

. . "L couldn't stand seeing kids hungry and needing shoes," she told the Olympian. "I thought I could do more by organizing farm workers than by trying to teach their hungry children."

Huerta felt farm workers were treated almost as indentured servants by many growers, and described the workers' living conditions as "dirt floors, wooden boxes for furniture. They had no money for food and worked so hard."

Perhaps she was destined for this career; in Spanish Dolores Huerta means "sorrow in the fields."

At age 65, Huerta's career is far from over. Feisty as ever, she's on the road nearly every day of the year, organizing, protesting, and spreading her message. And she doesn't back down to anybody.

In 1988, while protesting at a George Bush fundraiser outside the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, Huerta was brutally beaten by members of the San Francisco Police Department, suffering three broken ribs and a ruptured spleen. A substantial part of the out-of-court settlement resulting from that incident (she's never been convicted in any of her 22 arrests) was the agreement that the SFPD SWAT team would never again be used for crowd control. In addition to current United Farm Worker activities, which include the current boycott of California grapes because of growers' refusals to fully inform workers about pesticides they are using, Huerta plans to discuss women's and immigration issues at her EWU appearance next week. "Immigrants, people of color and women are being made scapegoats in the 'Contract on America," she said. Dolores Huerta will speak at the PUB, Rooms 204/205 at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16. There is no admission charge, and all are welcome to attend.

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Dressler Hall Director Andrea Mericle was also contacted because she is a sexual assault advocate.

The victim was transported to Deaconess Medical Center, where a rape examination was performed, according to the affidavit.

According to the affidavit, the Emergency Room Physician's report of physical evidence "collaborates with the victim's statements" regarding her physical condition and documents the injuries sustained by the victim.

Little's account of the incident "was similar" to that of the victim, according to the affidavit, although Little claims the victim did not say "no.'

But the affidavit quotes the investigating officer as saying Little described the

victim "squeezing his leg, then curling her arms around her face and turning her face towards the wall," during intercourse. Little is still attending classes at East-

ern, although he has been evicted from Pearce Hall, according to Dawn Atwater, director of housing and residential life.

Little is the third Eastern student to be charged with rape in the past month. In October, Byron Scherf, a full-time student who had tutored in the computer lab, was arrested and charged with the rape of a Spokane real-estate saleswoman.

Three weeks later, EWU freshman Tony Ledenko was charged with second-degree rape of a female student in his Morrison Hall dorm room. (See related story above)

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paign and put together the things he learned and what he could have done differently. He hopes this information may help an EWU student get elected someday.

Franke says he still plans to work closely with the Cheney City Council to ensure better representation for the students.

Franke's opponent will serve her second term on the Cheney City Council. Wahl said she expected the election to be close and was very pleased with the results. "I like to think people voted

because they appreciated the fact that I worked so hard the last four years," Wahl said.

Wahl predicts that development in Cheney will be the big issue facing the council. She says there are already several developments planned in Cheney. Development will be the "so-called hot item" for the future.

Wahl says she had a lot of help in her campaign and would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with flyers, yard signs and her words of encouragement.

Briefly

Huerta was instrumental in the union's organizing drive at Chateau Ste. Michelle which, after eight years of strife, led to the first-ever union contract for Washington state farm workers.

Even well-intentioned praise from those who are aware of Huerta and her work can sometimes hurt.

Former California Governor Jerry Brown once described her as "a fighter, dynamic, creative," but he also described her as "embodying the spirit of Cesar

Winter Quarter parking permits on sale

Winter parking permits are now on sale at the Red Barn. Parking Services request that you have license plate number (s) with you when you come to purchase your permits.

Also, please remember that you must have all outstanding parking infractions paid before you will be allowed to purchase a permit.

There are no Lot 1 or Lot 10 permits available.

Deadline for child care subsidy approaching

The deadline for filing an appilication to receive aid through the ASEWU Child Care subsidy is November 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Applications can be picked up from the ASEWU office, PUB 303, or at The Women's Center, Monroe Hall 114. Late forms will not be accepted.

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News

The Easterner and EWU Bands justify budget requests

John Conway Staff Writer

The ASEWU Council was greeted by a standing-roomonly crowd when they entered the boardroom for their meeting on Tuesday. In the gallery was a large contingent of editorial staff and writers from The Easterner and several advocates for the EWU Bands.

Many were there to speak on behalf of their organization prior to the Council's consideration of the two substantial budget requests on the agenda.

The Easterner requested approximately \$10,000 in supplemental funds to update and replace essential pieces of computer equipment and correct a shortfall in wage allocations.

Editor April Strader reviewed the extensive budget request prepared for Council members and outlined some key points.

"There has been no money available for equipment in previous years," said Strader. "We (The Easterner staff) are constantly plagued by computer malfunctions and printer problems. Last week we were laying out the newspaper at 5 a.m. because of those problems.

"The Easterner has experienced a \$5,000 funding shortfall nearly every year since 1993

original owner.

11-2-95 8:38pm Morrison Hall

11-3-95 8:25am Red Barn

11-3-95 10:04 pm Showalter Hall

Red Barn Report

A women reported that her phone had been stolen from her

A caller reported spotting a horse at the Red Barn. The

Several "scuffles" broke out among some juveniles after a showing of "Dangerous Minds." EWU police responded but

A caller reported an individual driving a vehicle recklessly in

the area and was attempting to parallel park on Elm St. The

the victim in the incident did not wish to press charges.

animal headed toward Dubois field before leaving the area.

dorm room sometime that day. EWU police responded. It was

later determined that the phone had been returned to the

when the budget was cut by about a third," Strader continued. "Without additional funds we'll go in the red again."

Several other people also spoke in support of The Easterner request.

"The reason there is a newspaper is because there are about 15 people who care enough to commit a great deal of their personal time," said Entertainment Editor John Welge. "This school should not continue to depend on the generosity of these few people."

"I feel a responsibility to my school," said Steve Grasser, a staff writer at The Easterner. "I don't mind working 30-40 hours a week for what I'd make in tenhours pumping gas, but I'd rather spend that extra time improving the paper instead of cursing at 'electronic things' that are continually screwing everything up."

Editor Dennis Photo Lunstroth told the Council, 'There's no other vehicle available on campus to disseminate information and discuss issues like safety, maintenance, sports and news. There's no money better spent, that serves more people on this campus, than funding for The Easterner."

A motion was made and later

approved by Council to allo- action on Wednesday, stating Dr. Hoffman agreed that a ma cate \$5,700 to The Easterner.

Several council members questioned the salaries portion of the request.

"The Easterner is under a completely new structure since creation of a Student Publications Board," President Justin Franke told Council. "That Board feels salaries at The Easterner are low, even with additional funding. By not funding them adequately we're just putting off the problem.

"I expected a bigger request from The Easterner, especially for equipment," said Franke. "I'm hoping they purchase equipment that wouldn't need replacing again in a few years." Franke vetoed this Council

he wanted the Council to give this issue further consideration.

EWU Bands requested \$11,600 from supplemental travel to allow them to tour and perform at high schools and competitions in order to recruit students from around the state.

"Over fifty percent of the people in the band programs right now are non-music majors, such as myself," said one spokespersons for EWU bands.

"I'm enrolled in every major instrumental ensemble that they offer.'

Finance Vice President Greg McAllister informed Council that he met with Dr. Hoffman, the academics affairs provost, regarding this issue. At that time, jority of the EWU Bands activities could rightfully be considered academic, and agreed to find funding to assist the music department in supporting an appropriate percentage of those costs, according to McAllister.

"From now on, we will determine what percentage of the people are in band as a part their major and how many are simply there for their personal enjoyment," said McAllister.

The Council allocated \$2,930 from the supplemental travel budget for the EWU Bands.

"With the money being made available through the provost office, that will give EWU Bands an additional \$10,821," said McAllister.

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the sermon with the Lord's Prayer and the National Anthem.

The next one to speak out was Chris Spotts, a fundamentalist Christian who attacked Carlisle's attitude, saying, "Christianity is an expression of love. This guy's taking the wrong approach. He's inciting anger."

In a few moments, the lines were drawn. Nearly everyone was taunting Carlisle in some way. It got loud and stayed loud for two hours, as the crowd tore into the preacher, hurling accusations and insults. It seemed nearly all of those present had something to say.

Several people played word games with the preacher. They tried to trap him into slipping up on his interpretations of the Bible (including one where he claimed the god of the Torah was a false god).

An individual identifying himself as "The Man" drew a chalk pentagram pointed at Carlisle with the words: "Satan Speaks Thru Him".

At one point Carlisle asked "Do you know who sends sinners to Hell?" Someone replied "Federal Express?" which drew loud laughter from the crowd. Some students joked that the preacher had great "entertainment value."

However, students weren't laughing when Carlisle began directing his sermon to the children of the Robert Reid School. They appeared on the scene twice while being led to and from the school.

Both times, Carlisle stopped his sermon and began preaching to the children. This was met by very vocal protest by the EWU students, and physical action.

The first time, a group of men bolted from their places on the stairs to bar him from speaking to the children, prompting a very heated argument.

The second time, another student stood blocking the signs from the children's view, while their teacher drowned out the preacher's words by yelling that she would appreciate his silence until the group passed.

"He was displaying hate signs," remarked Brent Smith. one of the men in the first group. "We were down there to block that from the children."

Gil Olivas, one of the most outspoken of Carlisle's opponents, said "It's people like him who use the Bible to promote racism. He's talking a bunch of crap."

Jo Goodwin commented: "God hates the sin, not those who sin. But he's misquoting what God means."

"He's preaching a kingdom

Carlisle was not entirely without support. A few people ap-

of hate," stated Brent Smith.

proached him to thank him for what he did. And someone in the audience was heard to ask, 'What if he's right?"

But for the most part, even those who supported his right to be there didn't seem to see things his way.

"I think that we need more people like this raising awareness," said Stephen Lancaster. "I didn't support it, but I didn't condemn it. I'm just glad they're out there speaking." Lancaster also thought that those who did not like what Carlisle had to say should have just left. "I felt bad that instead of listening or leaving they mocked him."

By 2:00, most of his opponents had left, and Carlisle toned down a bit. Even with a smaller crowd, he had to contend with yet more opponents and others back for more. But by 3:00, the last of his audience had left him at his concrete pulpit.

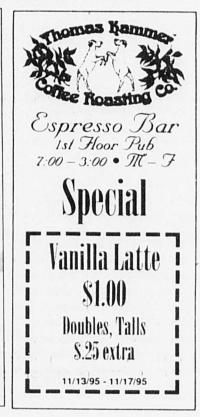
Carlisle adamantly defended his tone and views, continually citing his interpretation of the Bible:

"The Bible says that to the openly rebellious, God sends a cruel messenger. The truth is cruel. I seem cruel to [those kind of people]," he said. He went on to claim that "Open rebuke (of others) is better than secret love (of God)."

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driver was advised of the driving problems.

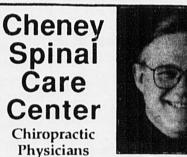
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A caller reported that she had misplaced her vehicle on campus. EWU police responded and the vehicle was located.

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I think they [students] are there for the entertainment value. People gather out here every year for the entertainment value. People go out there and stop and everyone talks about it.

Bohemian crystal glass & garnet jewelry

Miscellaneous imported jewelry & gift items

Natalie Vaughn freshman undecided

He really doesn't even know the people. He's just saying everyone is wrong and he is right. That is just not the ra way it is. I think it turns people off when you yell at them.



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In Focus

Evergreen Songbird gets his wings clipped at EWU

Mike Dragan Staff Writer

If you were anywhere in the vicinity of the Pub courtyard on Thursday, November 2nd around noon, you may have been witness to a most unusual musical performance. Tristan Gilbert, an EWU junior and transfer student from Evergreen State College, found himself the center of attention as he serenaded Eastern students from his perch, twenty feet up a towering red oak tree. With his feet dangling to his own curious rhythm and his voice bellowing lyrical testimony to some strange peace within him, Gilbert, never losing a grin, was quite a spectacle. Unfortunately for him, he also drew the attention of the EWU police.

Citing the Student Conduct Code, EWU police officer Hill asked Gilbert to come down out of the tree. "I asked him to get out of the tree in the interests of his own safety," Hill stated when asked about the confrontation. Hill pro-



EWU student Tristen Gilbert just wants to sing in peace

vided a copy of the Student Conduct Code upon request. Gilbert, who immediately

obeyed the officer, was dismayed by the request. He said, "At Evergreen I used to climb trees and sing all the time. Everyone did. We had a forest right on campus, and some trees had spikes to

make them easier to climb. Lots of people climbed them. I think more people around here should climb trees, and sing.

Gilbert went on to comment on the dramatic differences between Eastern and Evergreen (touted as one of the most radically liberal universities in America). Gilbert surmised that at Evergreen State, free expression is celebrated while at Eastern, conformity and conservatism seem to reign, Gilbert reflected. "People seem so serious here. I wonder if they're happy?"

When asked if he had any agendas to accomplish with his singing Gilbert smiled broad and childlike, chuckling, "No, I just felt happy. And when I feel happy I like to sing. I like to climb trees too, so sometimes I climb trees and sing!"

Gilbert, who moved to Eastern Washington for personal reasons, feels he may have made a mistake transferring to EWU. He reports, "I find it hard to go to class here. Some of my

professors seem more concerned with students memorizing facts than actually understanding things! It really gets me down. It's hard for me to learn that way." Gilbert, who wants to be a doctor, is now considering natural medicine and shamanism as alternatives to traditional medicine.

"I think more people around here should climb trees, and sing."

When asked whether he is considering going back to Evergreen or continuing at Eastern, Gilbert shook his head and with a giant smile, stated "I think I'm going to leave school for a while and go down to the Islands. St. Johns. I'll go back in to the woods, climb some trees and sing all day long. I doubt that anybody there will tell me that I can't." And with that, Gilbert leaned back and stretched out in the wet grass, and began to sing.

Golden lab puppy is here today and 'ear' tomorrow

Natalie Knolles Staff Writer

Ozen Mayrayha began attending class at Eastern this quarter. But she's not your typical student. She stands only two feet tall and walks on all fours.

Ozen Mayrayha, or "May," is a three-and-a-half-month old Labrador. Her owner, LaRhonda Lundgren, is an applied psychology major at Eastern and suffers from progressive hearing loss. May acts as a signal dog for Lundgren.

"May hears the things that I can't hear," reports Lundgren. "The other day I didn't hear a car coming across the street

and May would not let me cross until the car had passed.'

Lundgren, who is completely deaf in one ear, decided to get May when she began losing hearing in her other ear. She first learned about signal dogs through the Internet and extensive library research.

Lundgren chose a Labrador because of their trainability and short hair.

In order to receive her certification, May will go through a two-part training session. Her training will begin in a couple of weeks and will require her to be socialized and taught basic obedience.

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In the first part of her training, May will learn obedience skills in the same manner that any other puppy would. The socialization part of May's training will teach her how to behave in all situations.

In the second phase May will be fitted for her service vest and will begin learning signal responses. May must learn between sixty and eighty-five signals. The signals range from getting her owner's attention to recognizing certain sounds.

One signal May must master will help Lundgren's husband locate his wife when they are on campus. All he will need to do is blow a whistle. May will recognize and respond to

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"May" and her owner LaRhonda Lundgren



that sound and lead Lundgren in the direction of the whistle.

May's full certification will depend on how well she masters her cues and if she passes a screening process. Lundgren is very thankful

to have May, but says that her conduct in class is sometimes comparable to that of a two-year-old child.

"It is sometimes embarrassing when May interrupts class by barking, or when I notice her chewing on the shoe of the person sitting next to me," says Lundgren. All in all, Lundgren and

May have become very close. "She is my best friend," explains Lundgren. "She has to be because she is an extension of me."

Arts & Entertainment

There are plenty of Rednecks in Spokane

Annette Griffus Staff Writer

After last Sunday's Brooks and Dunn concert in the Spokane Arena, there can be no doubt in anyone's mind: There are rednecks alive and well and kickin' up their heels in Eastern Washington.

Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn performed with energy and an uncanny ability to work the crowd into an absolute frenzy with just one song.

The concert was the first country act in the new Veterans Memorial Arena and a triumph for the Arena as an acoustical setting. Unlike music performed in the old coliseum, the words to the songs could actually be understood.

Before Brooks and Dunn took the stage, several very large balloons brought "ooohhhs" and "aaahhhs" from the crowd as they tried to keep them in the air.

With a huge Texas Longhorn skull adorning each side of the stage, a black backdrop delineating Arizona's Monument Valley, and two large monitors on either side of the stage, this was a great show setting for a country act.

Just as the crowd was getting into the balloon mentality, the lights were dimmed and the two skulls on the stage were slowly lowered as their eyes flashed and they snorted smoke out of their nostrils.

The stage also sported several longhorn skulls with a red and orange sunset behind the drummer. On the screens was a video announcing the talented duo. The backdrop was pulled back and the audience got their first look at the band as they began to____ play.

The skulls were lifted again, lights flashing and smoke streaming, as Brooks and Dunn took to the stage. Each one under a skull, they opened the show with the fast, hard-rockin' "Little Miss Honky Tonk." This rousing number had every person in the Arena off their butt and on their boots.

They kept the crowd going with "She's not the cheatin' kind" before singing one of their current releases, "You're gonna miss me when I'm gone," the first ballad off their newest CD *Waitin' on Sundown.*

Then they gave tribute to The Eagles by singing their rendition of the hit ballad, "Best of my Love," with Dunn on lead vocals.

Brooks and Dunn worked the audience to a fevered pitch with the upbeat "Whiskey Under the Bridge," "Brand New Man" and "Hard Workin' Man," during which a huge inflatable longhorn skull with flashing eyes filled the back of the stage and danced to the music.

The fans put their attention on the screens and the stage as Brooks and Dunn sang one of their biggest hits, "(Rock my World) Little Country girl."

Audience members were treated to clips featuring several different artists including, among others, John Michael Montgomery, Reba McEntire, Tim McGraw, and Faith Hill, and they appeared to enjoy them immensely.

During the encore of "Boot Scootin' Boogie," a little birthday girl was brought up on stage by Brooks as they danced and she received a hug from him.

Opening the concert were Wade Hayes and Faith Hill. It was Hayes' second appearance in Spokane this year.

Hayes' set included his number one hit, "I'm still dancing with you," a ballad he wrote that brought him his record deal. Hayes also sang one of his current releases, "Don't Stop," and his first single, "Old enough to know better."

Faith Hill's appearance brought a large cheer from

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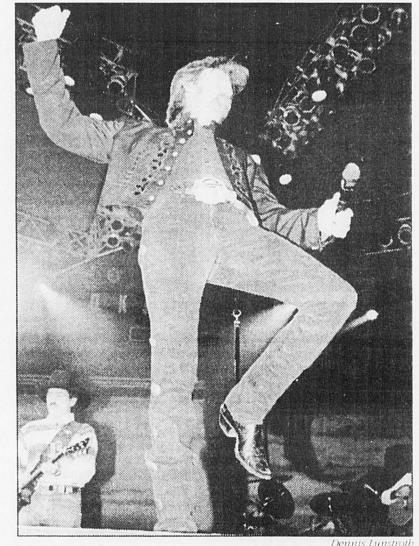
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Kix Brooks (left) and Ronnie Dunn are the first to sound off in the new Arena.

the male audience and an even louder offering when she was through with her first song. Hill's voice is as beautiful as she is and her version of "Take a little piece of my heart," was sung masterfully, along with "Wild One," which she dedicated to the birthday girl.

Seven disturbing, but worth it

Jason Graham Movie Correspondant

"Seven," though a wild trip through the grotesque and bizarre, is sensational. With a permutation of Nine Inch Nail's "Closer" for opening music, it is obvious from the start that this movie will not be another walk down the straight and narrow. The film is dark and disturbing, but there is never a doubt as to its purpose and direction. The darkness is a medium, and the movie utilizes it to the fullest. Seven Starring Brad Pitt, Morgan Freeman Playing North Division, East Sprague

seven deadly sins referred to in "The Canterbury Tales" and Dante's "Divine Comedy:" Gluttony, Greed, Sloth, Pride, Lust, Envy, and Wrath. From here the movie continues along its long and winding path with deliberateness.

There is never a doubt as

New this week to Theaters

"Home for the Holidays:" (Holly Hunter) This Jodie Foster film should have you nodding in sympathy for Hunter's courageous trip home to visit her cracked family.

"Fair Game:" (Cindy Crawford, William Baldwin) The Russians are after Cindy, and its up to her and cop William Baldwin to shut them down.

New this week on Video

"Bad Boys:" (Martin Lawrence, Wil Smith) Two Miami cops are working hard to break through a large narcotics ring in this hilarious setup.

"Mad Love:" (Drew Barrymore, Chris O'Donnell): Two of Hollywood's hottest young stars tangle in this wild romance. "Gordy:" (Gordy-the-pig) Gordy mixes up mayhem, and

"Gordy:" (Gordy-the-pig) Gordy mixes up mayhem, an people are going "hog-wild" about this release.

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The story is about two New York cops (Freeman and Pitt) working homicide. *À la* "Lethal Weapon," Freeman's character has only seven days left until retirement, and Pitt's is fairly green to the precinct.

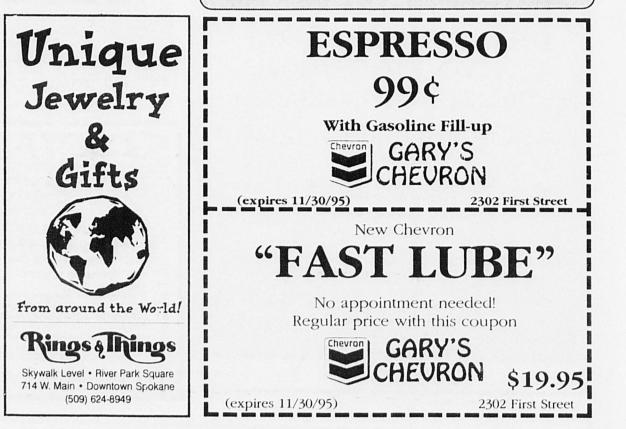
A bizarre discovery calls both men to the scene of a man who has died apparently as a result of gorging himself. Upon further investigation, it becomes apparent that the victim was forced to do so at gunpoint.

Not more than a day later, another murder is uncovered. This time, a rich lawyer has bled to death, having been forced at gunpoint to relieve himself of a pound of flesh. At that crime scene, the word "Greed" is written.

From this, the educated Freeman character deduces that the killer is evoking the to what will come next, but the audience is on the edge of their seat anyway. Seven's resolution is a chilling showstopper, both figuratively and literally.

Every performance in "Seven" is strong. Freeman is one of the most consistent actors in movies today, and his turn in this movie was no exception. His visage can manifest a thousand emotions, sometimes several at a time. Brad Pitt also comes through with sharp acting as the brazen junior cop with surprising depth. Pitt's reallife flame, the beautiful Gwyneth Paltrow, is aptly featured as his character's wife.

A fourth actor, who will remain nameless in this article, also shined, if only for a short while.



Arts & Entertainment

Steve Miller Band to play Pavilion at EWU

By Jonathan Dixson Staff Writer

November 9, 1995

Can it really be? The Steve Miller Band is playing in Cheney, on the EWU campus? Yes indeed, the legendary rock superstar and his band will appear at the Pavilion on Nov. 15.

Miller broke into the music scene in 1967 with his then-titled Steve Miller Blues Band. As radio airplay increased, and the first album was selling steadily, their record label screamed for another. Sailor would be the second and final album for the Steve Miller Blues Band. Enter The Steve Miller band.

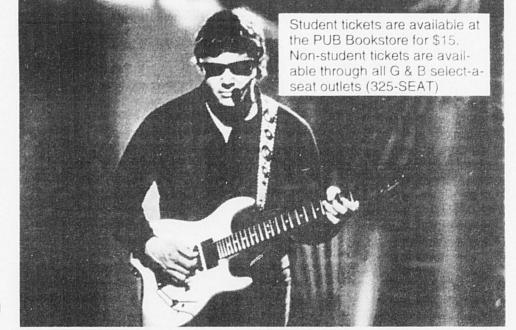
After more turmoil, the band broke through for good in 1973 when the single "The Joker" hit number one on the charts and the album of the same name went platinum. After that, the band could virtually do no wrong, releasing hit after hit, including "Take the Money and Run," "Rockin' Me

and "Jet Airliner."

Record sales suffered a little in the late '80s, but The Steve Miller Band's popularity has yet to diminish. The support has largely been due to live performances. Every tour since 1989 has been on the cutting edge of concert technology. Past shows have included computerized lighting and digital video imaging to compliment one of the technically finest sounding systems used in concerts today.

But will we see all this high tech stuff at the concert next Wednesday? Probably not. The stage set to which many fans are accustomed was created for larger venues, like the Gorge. But that is no reason to miss the show.

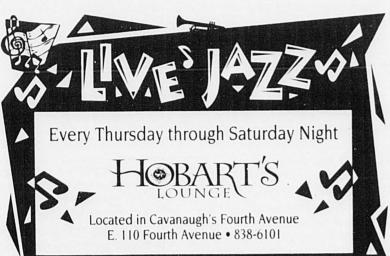
Live shows don't get much better than The Steve Miller Band. Music will flow through the building, carrying with it an energy that reverberates through the crowd and resonates on the eardrums. Don't miss it



The Steve Miller Band plays live at Eastern, yes Eastern, next Wednesday night in the EWU Pavillion.



Erin Corday singin' for the folks at the Met.



Erin Corday impresses small crowd

Jon Welge Staff Writer

There were no real suprises at Spokane's Met last Saturday night - Erin Corday was amazing.

Corday, a contemporary folk music artist is currently touring the Northwest with percussionist Joel Litwin. One local newspaper compared Corday's sound with the popular, folky Indigo Girls, but Corday's music is a beautiful genre all it's own. Her intimate breed of folk song certainly moved folks at the Met on November 4.

Corday opened with the moody, rhythmic acapella "Wicked Road," followed by "As the Sun Goes," a stirring

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But there were some unexpected pleasures, one of which was how astonishingly close Corday's most recent CD release, entitled Secret

about the World, captivated the essence of her live performance,

After hearing music from the CD, forecasting the response of the audience was no trick; they were captivated, literally riveted throughout the two-hour set.

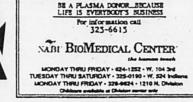
Litwin and Corday combined for intelligent humour and a comfortable stage presence. When Litwin's bells fell from his microphone stand during the song "lucky," both performers laughed, joked, and somehow kept playing. At once they could turn apparent musical chaos into jocular interjection, and counter deep melodic verse with occasional humor.

British comedy Noises Off opens at University Theatre Nov.10 Jason M Burke Staff Writer

The British farce "Noises Off" makes its Eastern debut tomorrow night at the University Theatre.

Directed by theater professor Gene Engene, "Noises Off" is described as a play within a play. It tells the story of a lowbudget, semi-professional theater company as they tour the British provinces.

Nine characters, most of which are played by Eastern students, grace the cast, and according to Engene, all will be at each other's throats throughout the play. The plot of "Noises Off" centers on the production of a play entitled, "Nothing On." Eugene suggests the title should be taken literally. In addition to laughs, the play offers the audience a unique perspective. Audience members will witness different stages of the play both in front of and behind the scenes.



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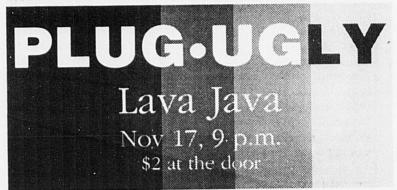
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According to Engene, the production's intent is to poke fun at the theater. "It just gets sillier as it goes along," he says.

"Noises Off" plays Nov. 10, 11 and 14-18 at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. Students with valid EWU identification are admitted free. General admission is \$5.



Sports

Volleyball ends home season

Annette Griffus Sports Writer

The Eastern Eagles women's volleyball team decided to end this year's home season with a bang. A big one.

The Eagles defeated the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks last Saturday, 15-12, 15-9, 8-15, 17-15, and the Weber State Wildcats 16-14, 15-13, 15-17, 15-13 on Friday at Reese Court.

With the Eagles up 2-0 against NAU, the team honored their family and friends with a photo session

during the break, which gave the Lumberjacks a chance to regroup and stay in focus. Head Coach Pam Parks said they may want to rethink taking the photos at halftime, something they've always done, and wait until the end of the match.

"(The

team) lost their focus,"said Parks after NAU battled back and nearly tied the match at two sets apiece. "NAU's a good enough team that you can't do that, you have to stay on your game," she said.

NAU forced several errors by Eastern in the third set; the Lumberjack's 6'4" Susan Brondell and Nikole Moorhouse proved too much as the Lumberjacks won (15-8) and forced a high-scoring fourth and final set.

NAU jumped to a 3-0 lead, but Juli Carlson drilled a huge kill down the middle to bring the ball back to EWU.

Freshman Kim Exner's ace gave the Eagles their first point and Carlson repeated with another kill to bring them to within one point.

The Lumberjacks then built a 7-2 lead before Parks called a time out. Kellie Glaus' ace brought the score to 9-4 NAU; yet the momentum didn't change in Eastern's favor until they were on the brink of losing.

With the score at 13-8, NAU shot themselves in the foot. Referee Ken Esperes called a rotation error on the Lumberjacks that eliminated the point they had just won on the serve.

Tiffany Schwinn served for the Eagles and dished up a huge ace just inside the line bringing the score to 12-9.

the Eagles. Juli Carlson's tip at the net brought the crowd was brought to their feet, but fell between two NAU defenders; the Eagles were down by one, 13-14.

Dotson served again and was rewarded with an ace. the team's 11th and her third.

The Eagles surged ahead 15-14 on a Carlson block, but NAU tied the score 15-15 with a block of their own. NAU served again, but Carlson was there to put the ball away with another block and give the Eagles the service.

McCall served and NAU hit out of bounds to put the score at 16-15. McCall served again and Glaus put the ball over the net for the tip and the win.

EWU beat the Wildcats Friday in a close match from the start. The Eagles went up 2-0 but couldn't put the game away in

Michael Smith the third set. Instead Weber

State put away the Eagles. 17-15. But EWU came back to clinch the win in the fourth, 15-13

Exner led all players with 27 kills and Toni Schwinn notched 54 assists.

Eastern will travel to the Big Sky state of Montana to close out the 1995 season against the University of Montana and Montana State on Friday and Saturday.

Eastern battled MSU in four games earlier this season and lost a heartbreaker, 8-15, 15-10, 12-15, 8-15, at Reese Court.

Montana dominated Eastern in an earlier matchup, winning in three straight games, 9-15, 9-15, 11-15. EWU currently has an 8-18

overall record (3-9 Big Sky).



Sports Writer

Last Thursday night, the first-ever, intramural, allwomen's, single-elimination football tournament was held at Woodward Stadium!

In the first round, Alpha Xi Delta was defeated by 1st Time Around, and Go Deep cruised to an easy victory over the Violators.

In the championship game, 1st Time Around scored two quick touchdowns against Go Deep. 1st Time around took a 14-8 lead into the half. Go Deep had seen enough as Ginny Knox led her team with two second-half touchdowns. Toni Pascua also contributed with an interception, and EWU Head Athletic Trainer Carla Baker scored the final touchdown of the game.

Ginny Knox was named the MVP.

Congratulations go out to all who participated in this historic event.

The men's football champions were crowned Monday night at Woodward.

In the "B" championship Jock Itch defeated Go Deep 26-8 to force a second championship game (doubleelimination). Go Deep and Jock Itch were tied 18-18 after regulation. Under intramural rules the game was decided by a "Kansas City tie-breaker."

who participated in football, and to those lucky ones that now get to wear their championship shirts proudly.

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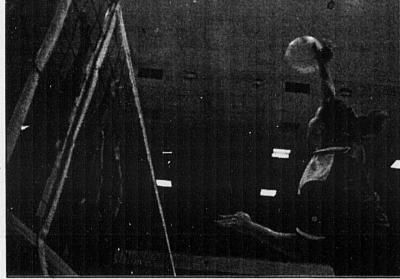
The Frito Bunch took the co-ed soccer championship 9-7, in a closely contested battle against the Indigo Girls. Gabe Witherell led the way for Frito Bunch with a hat trick (three goals).

The league MVPs were Gabe Witherell and Carol Suyetsugu. Way to go Frito Bunch!

Playoffs began this week for co-ed volleyball. Mickey Digs It and In the Net were the top seeds for the Monday/ Wednesday double-elimination "B" tournament, The **Players and Cachones** Grandes for the "B" Tuesday/ Thursday league, and Pripps III and Da Shiznit for the "A" league tournament.

Just in case you weren't there to see it ... last Wednesday night Derek Brownson, "A" league co-ed volleyball student director, made intramurals history. Derek became the first ever intramural official to fall from his post, so to speak. While making a under-the-net call, Brownson overexaggerated his hand signal and fell off the platform. Miraculously, Derek landed on his feet. Congratulations Derek!!

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Angela Frederick stuffs one against NAU.

EWU and NAU traded side outs before Glaus stuffed Brondell's kill at the net, which got a huge cheer from the team and the fans.

Both teams traded side outs again, but the Eagles served up another ace, this time from Lynn Robinson to bring the Eagles within two, 10-12.

The Lumberjacks rose to14-10 on Brondell's ace and an unfortunate tip by EWU went out of bounds. The score remained the same as neither team gained the advantage on their serves.

Eastern didn't score again until Glaus' serve was hit out by NAU to make it 11-14. Glaus served again and was backed up by Exner's kill to the side making it 12-14.

Jaime Dotson served for



les at Rolex Tournament

Dan Garcia Sports Editor

Four Eastern tennis players attended the Region VII **Rolex Intercollegiate Tennis** Championships in Tuscon, Arizona last weekend. Brian Hart, Sam Stinson, Max Mehren, and Pat Vichit represented Eastern in the tourney.

This tournament included three nationally ranked teams. They were the University of New Mexico (#14), Fresno State University (#15), and Boise State University (#31). Fifteen different Division 1 universities attended the tournament. This tournament included many of the NCAA's best tennis players.

Brian Hart won three matches to lead EWU in the tourney. Hart defeated David Lewis of the Air Force Academy in the first round. In the second round, Hart lost to 10th ranked Javier Gutierrez of the University of New Mexico. Gutierrez went on to the semis. Hart went into another bracket and picked up a win on a bye because the other player dropped out of the tournament. Brian then defeated Ray Jaramillo of the University of New Mexico before losing to Konrad Lowhagen from Northern

Arizona to close out his tourney. Congratulations to Brian for a great run at the tournament.

In double's action, Brian Hart and Sam Stinson lost a hard fought match against the pairing of Jason Pearson and Frank Morgan of San Diego State University. The doubles tourney saw the 64th ranked team make it into the finals against the #1 ranked team from Boise State. The underdog team from Fresno State then lost a tough match 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

The lady's tennis team will be traveling to Denver, CO this weekend to take on the Air Force Academy, Army, and Colorado State.

Bryon Harter scored the winning touchdown pass from Cory Gibbs to give Go Deep the championship.

For the "A" championship Air Raid Swooped by the Betas 12-6. Scores by Tony Stifter and Evan Artzan made the difference in the game. Congratulations to all those

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Tiffany Schwinn "B": Tracy Anundson, Amy Paul, Ben Johnston, Tori

McCutcheon Rollerblade Hockey: Mark Appolonia, Tracy Evans, Eric Galey, Tyler

Jamison, Donald Boling, KJ Burke. Congratulations to all!

Sports Shorts

*The EWU cross-country team travels to Salt Lake City, Utah this weekend for the Big Sky Championship games. Last year, sophomore Nick Rogers lead the way for the men's team by placing 27th. Sophomore Jon Murray finished 44th and junior Jason Baerlocher placed 51st. Barb Anderson was the top finisher for the Lady Eagles at 46th.

*On Tuesday, Eagle freshman middle blocker

Kim Exner was named the Big Sky Player of the Week in volleyball. Exner, a native of Vernon, British, Columbia helped lead the Eagles to back-to-back home victories against Weber State and then second place Northern Arizona. Kim recorded a career-high 27 kills and 19 digs against Weber State. In the two victories Kim tallied 42 kills, 28 digs, and a hitting percentage of .263.

*Saturday's Eagle football

home finale against the University of Montana will be broadcast live regionally on Prime Sports at 1:05 p.m. Be sure to wear your Eagle red and bring your signs.

Stefanie McCall with the kill

in her last home match for

the Eagles.

Dennis Lunstroth

Sports

*TONIGHT you can get your first look at the 95-96 men's basketball team in action at an exhibition game against the Townsville Suns at Reese Court. Tip-off is at 7:05 p.m. Admission is FREE!!

*See ya at the games!

Football loses again

Dan Garcia Sports Editor

Last Saturday in Boise, Eastern erupted for 44 points, but that wasn't enough to outscore the Broncos as they put 63 on the board to beat the Eagles. The Broncos had a school record 664 yards of total offense and quarterback Tony Hilde passed for 355 yards against the Eagles.

On the Eagles side of the ball, Harry Leons passed for 253 yards and three touchdowns. Tobin Phelps also had four catches and a score against BSU.

Bad news for the Eagles as standout tight end Jesse Hardt and third leading tackler Justin Guillory are lost for the season due to injury. This brings the season total up to nine players lost for the season to injury. For Hardt, this injury also ends his career. Hardt ends his career with 103 catches for 1,327 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Eastern will have to hope that all of the healthy players will be in top form against league leading Montana, who visits this Saturday. Montana will come into Woodward Stadium with a 7-2 overall mark and leading the Big Sky

at 4-1.

The U of M won't surprise anyone when their quarterback Dave Dickenson starts throwing the ball this Saturday. The All-American is averaging 386 passing yards per game. Coach Kramer commented on Dickenson and the UM offense, "You're not going to stop them, nobody can. About the only thing you can hope for is to contain them.'

Three times this year Eastern has given up over 600 yards of total offense to teams. Each team features a spectacular throwing quarterback, but none as good as Dickenson. The Eagle defense will have to play like they're all possessed to contain Dickenson and hold Montana in check.

Leons is proving that he can move the ball and score some points, but will he be able to score as many as Dickenson? Let's hope so. This will be a test for Leons and his ability to run the Eagle offense. He will have to pull out all his tricks to beat the Grizzlies.

Kickoff for the last home game of the season will be at 1:07 pm in Woodward Stadium.



Greg Leeb scores goal #1 of his hat trick last Saturday.





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Editorial

November 9, 1995

'Christian Right' an oxymoron?

Pity the poor Christian Right. Here we are, 15 years into the "Reagan Revolution," and there are still parts of their agenda that haven't been legislated and/or institutionalized.

They're mad as hell, and they're going to do something about it. Like spoiled children, they're planning on whining and bullying until they get their way.

I hope they aren't holding their collective breath, 'cause it ain't gonna happen; Americans will eventually put an end to the far right's attempt to create a theocracy, once they realize these people are neither Christian, nor right.

They're not right because, contrary to their attempt at historical revision, this is not a Christian nation, nor was it created as one. The spurious claim that our Founding Fathers were universally Christian is easily disproved by a cursory study of history.

Many, including George Washington, were deists; others were agnostics.

Thomas Jefferson, ignoring his presidency, requested three accomplishments be listed on his tombstone: the Declaration of Independence, the founding of the University of Virginia, and the Virginia Statute of Separation of Church and State.

The assassination of former warrior-turned-peacemaker Yitzhak Rabin by a rightwing Jew last weekend sadly but dramatically illustrates the danger of the "we'vegot-God-on-our-side" radicals.

And if you think that's just the random act of one delusional soul, consider: On Monday night's syndicated Jim Bohannon show, the right-wing head of the Jewish Defense League defended the murderer, citing the Torah's instruc-

tion to kill anyone ceding Jewish-held land to others. On the same show, the author of the article "The Man Who Would Kill Rabin," published in the Oct. 3 issue of "New York" magazine, relayed the story of a prominent right-wing New York Rabbi who also called for Rabin's murder.

The tormer JDL chief, right-wing Rabbi Meier Kahane, a murderer himself, was assassinated by a right-wing Moslem.

Bosnian Moslems are currently being eliminated by right-wing Christians in a modern-day holocaust.

Anwar Sadat, another warrior-turned-peacemaker, was assassinated by a rightwing Moslem.

■ Right-wing anti-abortion Christians are currently on a *jihad*, bombing clinics and murdering doctors with impunity.

The most common thread linking these abysmal excuses for human beings, other than their extreme right-wing politics. is their absolute conviction that God had condoned, even ordained, their actions. I don't think so and neither does mainstream America.

That explains why the Christian Right isn't right, but why aren't they Christian?

Those who profess to be Christians should read their Bibles and be able to delineate its "platform" from that of the Republican Party; the Christian Right has much more to do with money than spirituality.

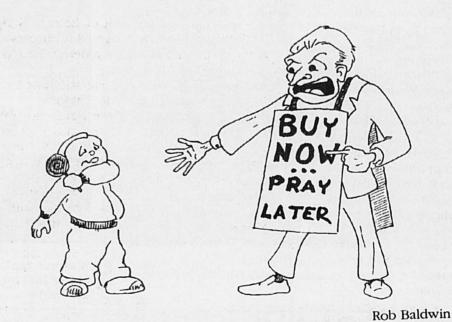
Jesus hung around with the poor, the sick, the whores, the dredges of society, trying to improve their lot. He either ignored or chastised the powerful and the rich.

Do you think the man who threw the money changers out of the Temple would support a massive tax cut for the super-rich and multinational corporations at the expense of the needy and the elderly? Does the phrase "It is harder for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven than a camel to get through the eye of the needle" ring a bell?

Jesus said, "By their fruits shall you know them." Do you suppose he would have been impressed by the Reverend Jim Bakker's use of adherents' dollars for his Christian Disneyland and sexual dalliances? Or the Reverend Jimmy Swaggert funding his sexual adventures with the offerings of his faithful flock?

Would Jesus be awe-struck by the Reverend Oral Roberts' 900-foot-high statue? Or Roberts' threat that God was blackmailing his flock, threatening to kill Roberts unless his parishioners increased their contributions?

And I'm sure Jesus would be impressed by Trinity Broadcasting Network owner Paul Crouch's nationally-televised praise of the "faithful Social Security recipient" who sent him her check even though she didn't have enough funds to get through the end of the month while his wife, Jan, stood by crying tears of joy.



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From the right

Brendon Hill Columnist

Can a person who is open-minded remain so even if they are convinced of a position? It seems apparent that in today's mainstream media such people are condemned as being close-minded. For example, if I say that abortion is murder or that homosexuality is perverse I am instantly labeled as close-minded. Am I closeminded or just convinced of an alternative position? My point is that today's Christians are being labeled as close-minded when all they have done is find answers to their spiritual questions. The answers led them to acquire certain convictions from which they cannot be swayed. Because, if they could be swayed they wouldn't be convictions, would they?

Now, since God exists there is likely a set of physical and metaphysical rules or laws to which I am subject. The physical rules or parameters are unseen yet we still exist within them. So, what about the metaphysical? Are there parameters for the non-physical (behavior, morals, etc.)? I say yes and I am convinced because of observations. Let me illustrate my point.

I have a daughter named Jami who is almost 14 months old. Jami has never thrown a tantrum, whined. kicked, hit, or screeched in anger. Any parent reading this knows that this isn't true because of the observations they have made about their own kids. Jami has done all those things and has done them early in life. Did she learn these actions from me or my wife? No, I don't think she did so they must occur naturally. Now, if this occurs naturally wouldn't our morals reflect this behavior as natural and accept it as part of human nature? If morals are passed down from generation to generation through parenting why would anyone have a

desire to inflict upon their children a set of rules that go against their very nature? Don't you want them to succeed and reach their fullest human potential? What a dilemma; if I say yes I would want my daughter to be the best kicker, hitter, screecher, and tantrum thrower in the world. If I say no I would want my daughter to be the most unsuccessful person in the world.

Therefore, it appears that our natural tendency is not to do what is right according to today's morals. I hope you noticed that I said today's morals. When I say today's morals I speak of them as the blob of societal rules that seem to be changing every other month. It is obvious that the morals are worthless because they change as society changes. The danger is that what was once illegal can become legal when society sees immoral actions as moral.

In today's media discussion there is reference to the "Judeo-Christian ethics" that the religous right is alledgedly shoving down everyone's throat. These are statements of the uninformed because the real purpose is the reintroduction of moral absolutes into society. I love the claim that the religous right is trying to legislate morality because legislating morality is our society's backbone. For example, what about laws pertaining to murder? Isn't that legislating morality? Legislating morality isn't the problem. The problem is determining what type of morality to legislate. The fluffy, feel-good, as-long-as-y happy-I'm happy, whatever goes, changing morality, or moral absolutes? We as humans have the propensity to not do what is right from the very beginning of life. This means that we, as humans, cannot produce a flawless set of rules because we are flawed. We are incapable of distinguishing moral right from wrong without a moral standard.

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The Reverend Pat Robertson's campaign violations when he was running for president would probably impress, too.

Jesus told the phony religious exhibitionists of his day, the equivalent of today's in-your-face Bible-thumpers, that they needed to be a little less prideful; they should pray in private, in their closets, he said.

Maybe those so prideful and sure of themselves today ought to consider Jesus' warning of what would be said to many on Judgment Day: "I knew ye not."

America is a country founded on rights and laws, not on one extreme sect's "absolute moral standards."

We don't need, nor do we want, an Ayatollah Pat Robertson. Steven Grasser/for the editorial board

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Op-Ed

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Pardon me Mr. Crofoot, your bias is showing

John Conway Staff Writer

Geoffrey Crofoot's letter last week moved me very much. The last time I was similarly moved, a dose of Kaopectate was required.

I felt no remorse upon hearing that after abandoning a young woman in need in his own dorm room, Rondell Honcoop "was severely shaken... for a period of about a week ... no longer did the usual smile wander over his face." (And abandon her he did, in the very culpable hands of his roommate, Tony Ledenko.)

Fortunately for Mr. Honcoop, he has a friend in Geoffrey Crofoot. It's nice to have a friend who comes to your defense in a time of need.

It's just too bad the Mr. Honcoop, who Crofoot calls "a natural leader, and an upstanding person of genuinely good morals and concern for others," failed to show concern for the alleged victim. Instead, he sat idly by as a classmate struggled unsuccessfully against a person determined to wrench the clothing off her body.

Of course, the compassionate Mr. Honcoop, "a dedicated athlete, the president of Morrison Hall, a member of Phi Delta Theta, and above all an outstanding student," did "help" the young woman while she was down... down on the floor, that is.

Mr. Honcoop wrapped a blanket around the young woman he found lying nude on the floor of his room. He picked her up, placed her on his bed, left the room, and again failed to notify anyone of what had happened.

Mr. Honcoop is quite the humanitarian. I bet his mother is proud.

Can we assume the parents of Brandon Schmid and Amy Kahler, the two other witnesses, are as equally proud of their children's inaction?

Mr. Crofoot, a Morrison Hall resident adviser, attempted to "enlighten" us as to "why certain individuals did not react to the situation that occurred," but I'm still in the dark.

Mr. Crofoot contends that it's understandable that a "natural leader" like Mr. Honcoop would leave "a situation in which [he was] unsure of how to react."

Mr. Crofoot, if you were taught that in the class you took prior to becoming a resident advisor, let me be the first to publicly inform Director of Housing and Residential Life Dawn Atwater that the course curriculum is in desperate need of re-evaluation.

I believe a re-evaluation of your qualifications to be a resident advisor may also be in order.

In most instances, loyalty to a friend would be commendable. But, as a resident advisor, your failure to consider your responsibility to the alleged victim is inexcusable.

You remember the alleged victim, don't you Mr. Crofoot? She's the *other* Morrison Hall resident whom you failed to even mention in your letter. Mr. Crofoot, let me enlighten *you* on a few obvious misconceptions you have in this matter.

First, "slandering one of the most outstanding football players to hit Eastern's gridiron in years" is impossible when every aspect of our story was corroborated in sworn affidavits by the individual in question.

Second, Steven Grasser, who wrote the Oct. 26 editorial, informs me that he did not "jump on a bandwagon after the fact" -- he's always been opposed to rape.

And lastly, before attacking the integrity of "the bedraggled band of Easterner news hounds," you should know that as journalists our first priority is to get the story right. Your inability to note a single inaccuracy in our report of this incident only proves that throughout our coverage we at *The Easterner* have maintained a reputable level of integrity.

I suggest that you look in a mirror and see if you've done likewise.

Letters to the editor

Stop bickering and unite against rape

It's not fun to talk about rape, but three Eastern students have been charged with rape in the past month, two in the dorms across the street from where my wife and I live.

The first rape was off-campus, involving a registered sex offender classified as "least likely to reoffend," even though he had previously SET ONE OF HIS VICTIMS ON FIRE! After serving his time, he was allowed to take classes and tutor here at EWU, but privacy laws prohibited anyone from notifying the students.

The next incident really touched some nerves on campus. A freshman football player allegedly raped a young girl in his dorm room, while friends of BOTH did nothing. However, instead of mobilizing students against such inhumane acts, it has divided them along "party" lines, so to speak.

The witnesses stories are similar. As the alleged perpetrator started tearing off her clothes, she said NO, and continued to do so throughout the incident. However, one witness told investigators the alleged victim was saying no, but there was alcohol involved, so he was confused by the situation. So all three left the room. Excuse me, but it was always my 'Nuff said.

Some have said, "This is just being done to diss the football team." MY question is this: Why would anyone have to create this story to diss the football team, when they're already so EASY to diss? EWU's football team is the worst in the Big Sky Conference. They've lost 6 of their last 7 games. At one point, they had to suspend their starting and backup quarterbacks for breaking team rules. That's dissin' the football team. The charges against this particular player are not.

"She deserved what she got. She likes it rough." This is the statement that bothers me the most.

Instead of bickering, students need to come together to fight against rape in all its forms. Several studies show that acquaintance rape is common at colleges and universities around the country.

And yet, since EWU is in a small town, we believe it can't happen here, and if it does, it's an isolated incident. If we let this pass, we are doing NOTHING to stop the situation.

Rape is reprehensible at any time, and in any form. We, as human beings, need to come together to stop these things from occurring over and over again, not just sweep them under the rug because "it's none of our business," or because "he's a nice guy who wouldn't hurt anyone intentionally." Remember, it was once said of Jeffery Dahmer that he was "a nice guy who'd never hurt anyone."

Million Man -- the march is the message

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white (hwit), adj. 1. of the color of pure snow ... 2. of or belonging to a people having light skin. 7. morally pure; innocent 8. without malice: a white lie.

This is how young Americans are told to see themselves. This is where pride is built or demolished. This is the beginning of the Million Man March.

The march was a major step toward uplifting the African American person. The Mall of our nation's capital was jampacked with black men. Black men in the fountain. Black men in the trees. Black men hugging, holding hands, sharing, crying and being brothers. Beautiful, brilliant, strong, wonderful black men. This is how the the event's speakers described this amazing rainbow of browns. and so began the healing of our community.

As Black men and women in America we are forced to endure prejudice and bigotry on a daily basis. For those of you who cannot comprehend such a thing, consider this:

You encounter a large football player walking in the mall. What is your first reaction? Is it to clutch your purse tighter? Is it to avoid eye contact or cross to another path entirely? Why? This person could be a huge teddy bear.

It is because of such reactions based solely on appearance that some black people act in the manner that they do.

Another example: Statistics related on Geraldo, Montel and some news shows tell us that 1 out of every 4 black men does not support his kids. All this really means is that 3 out of 4 black men are doing what it takes to

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assumption that NO MEANS NO, whether or not alcohol is involved.

Since this incident, outrage has been expressed by several people, but other views have been just as loud. Some people apparently feel the friends who witnessed the attack (described as good students with good moral character) should not be held responsible for trying to stop it.

When hearing the word "No" from one of their friends, true friends, even if unsure, would most likely STOP WHAT'S GOING ON!!! Ladies and gentlemen, this school is "Apathy Central." This is a campus where less than 10% of students will vote in student elections year after year. Now, it'll be known for being a campus where friends will walk away if you're being raped.

And as far as having good moral character, Ted Bundy was a good student. So was the suspect whose alleged actions were described in the first few paragraphs of this editorial. Rob Donovan

I hope Rondell Honcoop never forgets the feeling of being "too scared ... because Tony (Tony Ledenko, the EWU student accused of an October 14th rape of a female student in Morrison Hall) was too big." I hope he remembers that fear every time he thinks of how Ledenko's victim must have felt. I'm sure she was nowhere near Honcoop's 6'3", 220 lbs. I hope he comes to understand and never forget a victim's feeling of hopelessness and helplessness in an abusive situation.

In a way, Honcoop and the other witnesses became both Ledenko's victims and accomplices when they chose to do nothing to help that young woman. They all have a lot to atone for. **D. A. a victim of abuse** This was the point of the march the beginning of bringing Black America back together in order to rebuild our heritage and regain our pride through atonement for what we have done to ourselves. (A wonderful teacher, Dr. Sue Wright, once told me, "Marginalized people really learn quickly to marginalize themselves.")

We as Black people have forgotten about "us" and turned to "I." This "all about me" mentality suppresses our potential as a people; it is *self*defeating. The Honorable Minister Farrakhan saw this and called for national atonement, the reconciliation of God and humankind.

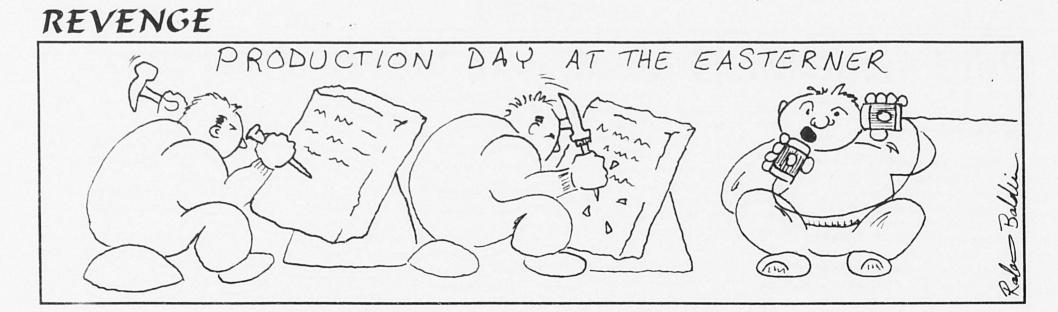
After he broke down the word so poetically, all the black men that had been brought together took an oath - raise their healthy children. That is 75%! Imagine that!

The real problem is that people are too often unwilling to take the risk that leads to understanding one another. Without understanding there is no hope. Please try and understand others, their background and their heritage. You never know, you might begin to see yourself in a whole new way.

My beautiful black husband told me, "The one thing the march did, which cannot be skewed by the media, is it showed white America that there is a whole different truth to what Black America is all about."

This march was one of the biggest and most peaceful of its kind in history. Why can't it be appreciated for its message and taken as a positive move in the right direction? People coming together to mend the wounds that society has caused in the war for equality.

Joyce Barner





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