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Rally in support of rape victims draws a crowd
Hundreds gather to 'Take back the Campus'

Mike Ehrmantrout
News Editor

A group of about 200 gathered on Eastern's campus Nov. 21 to participate in a candlelight vigil and rally in support of survivors of sexual assault.

The crowd—Eastern students, faculty, administrators, and community members—met in the mall area in front of the PUB, lighting candles in a silent demonstration of solidarity with all rape victims.

Some held signs denouncing rape and violence against women.

After the candles were lit, the crowd filed silently through the campus toward Showalter Hall, where a myriad of speakers, including administrators, students, faculty, sexual assault advocates and other activists spoke about the problem and suggested possible solutions.

The rally was jointly organized by the EWU Students of Sociology Club (SOS), ASEWU, and other clubs and organizations in response to the recent rash of reported rapes on campus and in Cheney involving Eastern students.

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EWU Disciplinary Board reinstates suspended student

The EWU Disciplinary Committee has reinstated a student suspended earlier by university administrators for alleged harassment of female students, public nudity, trespassing, obscenity and alcohol sales violations.

Next week the same committee will consider charges against two other EWU students, Tony Ledenko and John Little, who have been charged with rape by the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office.

The reinstated student, Brandon J. Schmid, was a witness in the Ledenko incident and has acknowledged in an Eastern interview that he provided the alcohol consumed by the alleged perpetrator, victim and other witnesses, all of whom are minors. This Oct. 24 incident occurred in Morrison Hall, where alcohol is prohibited.

Schmid told The Easterner that he also purchased the alcohol consumed by the alleged perpetrator and victim, both Eastern students, in a reported off-campus rape on Nov. 11.

Police are not pressing rape charges in that case, said Cheney Police Sgt. Greg Lopes, because of lack of evidence and the fact that the accused passed a lie detector test.

But, Lopes said, police are recommending charges be brought against Schmid for supplying alcohol to minors. The alleged suspect and victim in the incident were both minors.

While he admits purchasing the alcohol, Schmid claims it was for his own use. He said he left it in the apartment where the incident occurred while he went out for dinner and the minors had consumed it by the time he returned.

In a letter dated Oct. 27, Brian Levin-Stankевич, vice provost for student affairs, notified Schmid that he was on interim suspension pending a hearing by the University Disciplinary Committee.

Dean of Students Matthew Chase sent Schmid a letter four days later informing him that his hearing was set for Nov. 3.

In the letter, which Schmid provided to The Easterner, Chase wrote:

"University Housing has filed three separate incident reports regarding your activities in Morrison Hall on the following dates: September 25, 1995, October 14, 1995 and October 22, 1995. It is alleged that you were in violation of published alcohol policies on all three dates. In addition, it is also alleged that you have engaged in obscene behavior, have knowingly violated a no-trespass order issued by University Housing, and have physically harassed female students living in the resident hall system."

The Oct. 22 reference involves an alleged Morrison Hall trespass. In an Oct. 25 letter, Schmid also provided to The Easterner, Interim Director of Housing and Residential Life Dawn Awater wrote:

"Brandon, you are no longer welcome in the halls of Eastern Washington University. If found in the halls, police will be called and you will be charged with trespassing."

"It is obvious from your behavior over the fall quarter that you need to involve yourself in either alcohol or some other kind of counseling."

"Citing confidentiality, Chase would not reveal the university's campus vote or explain their rationale for reinstating Schmid.

"A related story on the disciplinary board appears on page 3."

Facility to vote on new course scheduling proposal

The Course Scheduling Committee, composed of five faculty members and two administrators, is proposing to implement a new day course-scheduling pattern which would continue a significant alteration of the present system.

Supporters of the proposal, led by Dr. Robert Morgantrac, faculty president and professor of criminal justice, said the proposal is a recommendation for implementation in the fall quarter of 1996.

ASUWU President Justin Franke said he has been informed by administrators that the proposal must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote with a 25 percent faculty turn- out. If this happens it will be sent to the Faculty Senate and President Drummond for further discussion.
Little pleads not guilty to rape charge

Mike Ehmantrout

Former EWU Sophomore

John Little was arraigned on a third-degree rape charge in Superior Court on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Little pled not guilty to the charge stemming from an incident in his former Eastern Hall dorm room on Oct. 26, in which he was accused of raping a female EWU student.

Little, 24, entered Judge Thomas Merriman's courtroom with his lawyer, Terry Ryan. The alleged victim in the case was present, accompanied by family and friends.

Little waived his right to have the charges read. After asking little if he understood the charges against him, Judge Merriman asked Little how he wished to plea to the charges against him.

"Not guilty," Little said.

Little was charged with third-degree rape on Nov. 2, after an investigation into the incident by EWU campus police. His bail was set at $5,000. Little posted bond and was released that same day.

Judge Merriman ruled the bond would remain in effect and ordered Little to refrain from any type of contact with the alleged victim in the case.

"Little's attorney told Judge Merriman that the bond was not necessary and said his client is a resident of Spokane and works full-time for a contractor in Spokane and has no intention of leaving the area. He also said Little had no prior criminal history.

But deputy prosecutor Mary Ann Brady told the judge that Little does have prior misdemeanor conviction and requested the bond remain in effect.

Judge Merriman ruled the bond would remain in effect and ordered Little to refrain from any type of contact with the alleged victim in the case.

The judge also ordered Little to stay away from the Eastern campus.

Little has not attended classes since the charge was filed.

Also attending the hearing was EWU Dean of students Matt Chase. After the hearing Little was leaving the courtroom, Chase approached Little and handed him notification of a hearing into alleged violations by Little of the student conduct code and the university sexual assault policy by the EWU discipline board, to be held next week.

Men's B-Ball Captain arrested for assault

Anthony Brunner
Staff Writer

D'mitri Rideout, EWU men's basketball captain and starting point guard, was arrested following an altercation with his girlfriend at the Townhouse Apartments at 620 W. 7th on Thanksgiving night.

Although a charge of fourth-degree assault was filed at the time of Rideout's arrest, it was later dismissed "without prejudice.

This means Rideout has three months to complete an anger management program and provide documentation of having attended classes so to prosecutors.

According to EWU Director of Public Safety Ron Sperber, if Rideout fails to do this, the charges may be reinstated.

Fourth-degree assault is a misdemeanor in the state of Washington, and carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison and a $5,000 fine.

"They were at a party and there was a disagreement and it appears there was an altercation between the two of them," said Sperber, whose office was in charge of the investigation.

"Rideout was apprehended and taken down to jail and subsequently posted bail.

According to police documents, Rideout attempted to strangle his girlfriend. She refused medical treatment and returned home before police arrived.

Rideout remained at the party and was later arrested and transported to Spokane County Jail. He then posted bond on bail set at $1500 and was released, according to the Spokane County Jail.

Sperber said Rideout was arrested because the victim wished to press charges and because in the state of Washington, arrest is mandatory any time police are called to a domestic violence situation.

Rideout was suspended by EWU basketball coach Steve Aggers from Sunday's season opener at Washington State but played against the Washington Huskies Tuesday night.
Disciplinary Committee: high power, low profile

Steven Grasser

EWU students are generally unaware of a university body with broad powers, a committee that earlier this month reinstated a student accused of numerous offenses and next week will hear cases against two other alleged rapists.

The administration is so little-known in part because most of its meetings are open only to the accused or the complainant requests they be closed. Chase however acknowledged that in cases as serious as these it is highly likely that one or the other will request a closed meeting.

The alleged victims in the two incidents which prompted last week's hearing requested they be closed, but Chase said that if they hadn't made the request, the accused in all probability would have.

While the rules of evidence in committee hearings are similar to a court case, other aspects are quite different.

In a criminal case, a jury of the accused's peers must agree unanimously that he or she is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, but in disciplinary hearings, only a simple majority of members need agree that one has proven his case based on a preponderance of the evidence.

That's because, Chase said, "You have a right to a jury trial, but attendance at the university is a privilege."

As university disciplinary officer, Chase has the authority under Washington law to impos sanctions against students ranging from a written warning for infractions deemed minor to disciplinary suspension and fines of up to $200.

According to the EWU Student Conduct Code, the university disciplinary officer can suspend students only if "the safety of one or more individuals is imperiled, property is endangered, or the university's ability to function is in question."

Even then, the suspension is temporary, in effect only until a disciplinary hearing is held, which must be done within 10 days of the student's appeal.

The committee's options include suspending a student for a specified period of time or dismissing the student permanently, with no promise that the student will be allowed to return at any future time.

Because of the committee's considerable powers, Chase said, it is important that members be well informed.

"A student before the disciplinary committee faces a much better-informed panel than someone being tried by a jury in criminal court," Chase said. "Members have been through a lot of training, and they have a good grasp of the issues."

The 10 members of the committee include five faculty and/or administrators appointed to three-year terms by the university president and five students appointed by the Associated Students of EWU president for one-year terms.

At least six members must be present for a hearing to be held.

Chase said he will not disclose how many members attended closed meetings or actions taken by the committee, because the results are "part of the student's academic record."

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the EWU Student Conduct Code in PUB Room 215. The code contains a detailed description of the disciplinary committee's composition, duties and powers.

Proposal from page 1

There is no 85-minute break from 12:05 p.m. to 1:10 p.m., but a significant break when no classes are offered, Chase said.

According to the latest document provided to faculty members by the Course Scheduling Committee, if the new scheduling pattern is put in place, Monday/Wednesday/Friday five-credit classes will be one hour and 25 minutes; four-credit classes would be one hour and 10 minutes; and three-credit classes would be 50 minutes. On Tuesday and Thursday, five-credit classes would be two hours and five minutes; four-credit classes one hour and 45 minutes; and three-credit classes one hour and 15 minutes.

In addition, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there would be a significant break when no classes would be offered.

The proposed system designates class time as "campus activity time." Between the five-credit classes, there would be a 65-minute break from 12:25 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Between the four-credit classes, there would be an 85-minute break from 12:05 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Between the three-credit classes, a 115-minute break from 11:35 a.m. to 1:50 p.m. Additionally, the long break after lunch for one class allowed for a high-quality lunch and for more stability in the schedule. "When asked if students would have to stay in school longer to earn a degree, Gibson replied, "We try to prevent that from happening."

While most faculty members appear less than thrilled at the prospect of these changes being implemented, in a November 28th faculty forum, Brian Houser, assistant professor in Physics, said, "I urge my colleagues to vote against this proposed course scheduling pattern."

Faculty members question whether it would prove as more programs move to Riverpoint, as they are done at the campus.

"We are catching rapid currents in the undergraduate computer science and business programs, and with the school moving to downtown, there will be more time to travel to downtown or to Cheney."

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Franke freezes Ski Team funding at the gate

ASEWU President poised to veto supplemental budget allocation

John Conway
Staff Writer

The EWU Ski Team received a lift when the ASEWU Council allocated them $1,000 from the supplemental budget, but that source of funds may be headed downhill fast - ASEWU President Justin Franke is considering vetoing the funding measure.

A veto would postpone any reconsideration of this funding until after the Christmas break, when Council reconvenes for winter quarter.

Red Barn Report

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Passion for the theater brought Jessica, Ben and Lindy scholarships from angels. The "Theater Angel Scholarship Program" is helping these enthusiastic students pursue careers as a college theatre professor, a film technical designer and a director of film and theater thanks to donations from Eastern faculty, staff, alumni, and community members.

The Theater Angel Scholarship program has enabled several students to pursue their dream of working in the theater.

Sixty "angels" have donated to the scholarship program within the past year, estimates R. Boyd Devin, chair of EWU's Theater Department.

One of the Theater Angel Scholarship recipients, Jessica McLaughlin, says growing up in a musical family, it got to her early on. As a fourth grader, her parents would always take her to musicals. "I was just mesmerized," she says.

McLaughlin describes the theater environment as what inspired her love for the theater. "Laughing, crying, being enraptured by it," she says.

From designing 3-D stage setups to acting in musicals, McLaughlin has done it all. "I really enjoyed the whole process," she says.

The theater department defines a theater angel as "a spiritual being superior to ordinary people in intelligence and power - one who aids or supports a theatrical venture with money and influence." The purpose of the scholarships is to recruit bright students for EWU's theater.

Established in 1991 and now part of the EWU Foundation, the scholarship program accumulated sufficient donations to award its first $1,000 scholarship in 1994.

To be recommended for an award, students must be theater majors and a teacher or director must write a letter of recommendation. Promotions are 100% from within and based solely on performance.

Garry Lajuenec in the recent EWU production "Noises Off." The sophomore said he shared many traits with the character and enjoyed "just being really quirky and running around on stage." Though he enjoys acting, Meader's sights are set on becoming a director of film and theater.

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Experts say internships are the best way to ‘network’

Dan Burns  Staff Writer

Internships are “at” these days, according to Eley McDermitt, Eastern’s dean of business administration. He insists, “They are an opportunity you can’t afford to miss.”

McDermitt’s opinion was shared by a panel of current and past EWU student interns at an internship symposium held last Monday in Kingston Auditorium. Organized by the Career Center, the event was attended by current and past EWU student interns, attended the event.

“Networking” (making professional contacts) and marketing one’s talents to future employers motivate most students to become interns, and the opportunity to utilize cheap-but-Valuable labor in turn motivates most employers to provide internships. Without an internship, according to McDermitt, one’s chances of landing a permanent job with a particular company are considerably fewer.

The main thrust of the Beta Alpha Psi-sponsored event was provided by the nine panelists with their empirical knowledge of internships.

For panelist George McCloud, a claim representative for the Social Security Department, a difficult internship paid off handsomely. “I was waiting tables and had a three-year-old son when I decided to apply,” said McCloud. “I was in tears about my prospects.” When he approached his academic department head and started talking to companies, he was hired after his first interview. It was difficult for McCloud to maintain his internship. Like most interns he was paid modestly and he was forced to take out an additional student loan. His internship was full time, and he had to complete his degree in a specified time frame to be extended a job offer.

Typically, internships are not as difficult to acquire and not quite as demanding. “It’s like the old saying: Nobody will hire you without experience,” said McDermitt. “But you can’t get experience without a job.”

Eastern now gives academic credit for internships. This offsets tuition costs and also helps working students who often must decrease their time spent on the job.

Most internship positions tend to be full-time, although they are becoming more flexible to accommodate varying schedules. Reimbursement tends to be nominal, if there is any at all, and most compensated internships fill up quickly.

One benefit mentioned by the panelists is the opportunity for students to get a free look at potential employers with only a minimal commitment. That was the case for Peter Leland, an IBM executive and ’87 EWU graduate. Leland initially interned with a securities firm where he discovered something important. “The internship helped me identify what I wanted to do when I got out of school,” said Leland, the only panelist working for a company different from the one where he had interned. “It showed me I didn’t want to go into securities.”

Leland also recommended that students get involved as early as possible, even as a high school senior.

Some internships are more easily acquired than others. Business school student liaison Dana Proietti said in the field of marketing there are more available internships than students applying for them, while accounting has a greater supply of available students applying for fewer internships. However, Christina English, an accountant by trade, said making herself available during tax season helped get her a job with the accounting firm RBD Seidman. Her internship eventually led to a job with the same company. English thinks that similar possibilities are available in other fields.

Eastern ROTC cadets rank #1 at summer leadership camp

Eight EWU student cadets earned the nation’s highest composite score at this summer’s ROTC Advanced Leadership Camp. The camp consisted of 4,000 participants from 320 universities.

As ROTC graduation and Eastern Military Science Department Head, Major James D. McMullin said the cadets accomplished this honor “because of their abilities and quality of training.”

His total experience was a significant factor in the group’s success. Four members of the team have prior military exposure as enlisted soldiers. McMullin reserved his highest praise for his instructor, Sgt. 1st Class Daren Ruperus, who’s credentials with providing “some real quality teaching.”

Student cadet Robert Richardson received the Camp Commander Leadership Award given by the Cadets (or judges) in recognition of top leadership. However, the victory was a result of high composite scores in all three categories: leadership, reaction skills and the ability to perform under pressure.

Richardson and several others including Kermit Brown, Kurt Harsh, Jeff Jeydak, Jason Archibald, Kathleen LeCoq-Cannon, Derek Bowles and Barry Ruperus, all upperclassmen, were Eastern’s representatives at Fort Lewis in Washington.

Oddly, to these elite victors, there came no spoils. According to McMullin, there were no trophies or bonuses, and no extraordinary recognition awarded to the group, not even a private fete among the rank and file. Student cadet Barry Ruperus said, “The group handled recognition very professionally. There was no real celebration.”

Ruperus credits this to the intense training and “higher calling” of the 55 ROTC enrollees at Eastern, who have pledged themselves for three to four years of active duty after graduation. They will be stationed at places around the nation they have pledged themselves for.

Most importantly, they must learn how to be leaders. “A leader must be able to improve, adapt and oversee,” said Ruperus. That adaptability sometimes requires the ability to fit "ten pounds of crap into a five pound sack." McMullin hopes this extraordinary achievement gives the ROTC program a boost. "Quality attracts quantity. And by having a quality program, other people will want to come.”

Maybe the best reward for the group is the performance they gave over the other 320 schools. ROTC leaders hope it will set the stage for a thriving ROTC program at Eastern for years to come.
A thousand feet above the impending game, one of the three-plane ensouege does some tight circling for a proper photo. Afterward, it was on to the southern end of Lake Coeur d'Alene for more photo-gathering.

Adam Holmgren tunes the radio for further instructions, as the plane heads out of town.

Photojournalism

After touching down in a Cessna 172, Holmgren leaves the plane, ensuring all seatbelts are off before continuing the photo work.
The EWU Aviation Club gets off the ground for an eagle's view of the world.

by Alex Blessing

With the engine's roar, the EWU Aviation Club takes to the skies, offering students a unique perspective on flight. "It's a great feeling," says Chris Deaver, a member of the club. "You can see the world from a whole new angle." The group, composed of enthusiastic pilots and students, meets weekly to prepare for their next flight. "We're always looking for new places to explore," Deaver adds.

The club's latest flight was a trip to the Coeur d'Alene Hotel, located just above the campus. "It's a great spot," Deaver says. "The hotel is right on the water, and we can see the whole city from up there." The flight was a success, with the members enjoying the beautiful scenery and the thrill of flying. "It's a great way to see the world," Deaver concludes. "I can't wait to see what we can do next."
Alternative bands find refuge in Cheney club

Mike Dragan

Cheney, Washington, often synonymous with "entertainment vacuum," has experienced a dose of big city "alternative" culture with the recent opening of the Lava Java coffee house and alternative entertainment club.

Wanting to "fill the void," and try their hands in business, two young Alaskans have descended on Cheney in the hopes of turning their love of alternative music and culture into a thriving business.

Generation X entrepreneurs Dave Keen and Carl Curry (both 20-years-old) have turned what was once an stairway from Main Street, the journey has the feel of Liverpool, England's Cavern, where bands like the Beatles and Rolling Stones played for free beer. At the bottom of the stairs, the dim blue light gives way to the steel caged stage where local EWWU bands like Ploughboy and Jack Salad rip out alternative riffs while whirling dévish cafes flocked up the spacious dance floor. It's hard to believe this is Cheney.

With sofas and coffee tables hugging intimate corners, the place has an eclectic feel: part industrial, part coffeeshouse, and part acid trip. The intriguing murals of Lava Java (painted by WWU student Nick Bron) offer everything from a new interpretation of the Sistine Chapel to surrealism (not to mention an supportive. It's been great."

With the help of co-owner David Keen, Can Curry creates a drink using his favorite flavor - creme d'menthe

Some up-and-coming bands to the club.

"I'd like to bring in some of the Seattle bands that play in other University towns like Bellingham to Cheney. We're also thinking about live comedy and fringe theater after we make sure some stage renovations over Christmas.

Until then, live local bands on weekend and Thursday night gatherings for the popular television show "Friends" will continue.

When asked how receptive the town has been to the young entrepreneurs, co-owner Keen said he had nothing but praise for Cheney.

"Everyone from Seafirst Bank to the police and fire department have been extremely supportive. It's been great."

And with that, Ploughboy began to rage, pigs flew and Satan shivered as alternative entertainment found yet another place to roost in Cheney.

Hegi's "Salt Dancers" a Big Hit For EWU Reading Series

Mike Dragan

As part of the 1995-96 EWU Master of Fine Arts reading series, Eastern's resident literary celebrity, Ursula Hegi, presented the Spokane community with a reading from her nationally-renowned novel "Salt Dancers" last week at the Davenport Hotel.

The historic hotel, which sponsored the series, provided the elegant Elizabethan Room free of charge for the event. The beautiful, vintage room was the ideal setting for Hegi's warm, introspective, which she combined with delicate, razor sharp imagery to penetrate the reverent silence of the hundred-plus people in attendance.

"Salt Dancers" is the story of a pregnant 41-year-old woman who returns to Spokane after many years to face her abusive father. Having recently returned from a national book tour, Hegi was reading from the book to a Spokane audience for the first time.

"It's nice to read to people who are familiar with the places in the book," Hegi commented.

Among those in attendance, was what seemed to be a virtual "What's What" in the Spokane literary community.

Anna Monardo, the chairperson of EWU's Masters of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, commented on the entire EWU reading series with a message to Eastern students.

"This is a chance to hear some of our nation's best writers. Don't pass it up!" When asked for her reaction to the reading, Laura Moulton, an EWU, MFA student, praised the evening enthusiastically by saying, "Events like this are great for Spokane, because they help disprove the notion that Spokane is limited in the arts."

The EWU, MFA reading series continues in December with Lesa Luders reading from her newly published "Lady God." Luders, a new professor in the EWU, creative writing program, is the most recent addition to Eastern's MFA literary dream team.
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With the help of occasional David Hyde, Car Ferry creates a work

Chihuly glass exhibit guaranteed to blow your mind

Solo mean's to an end

Joy Division tribute filling but not entirely satisfying

Newman's 'faux' 'Faust' a failure

Movie News

"The American President" is the kind of political satire Hollywood does best. Depicting a fumbling president who is also a suitor for a journalist, it's funny, clever and politically astute.

"Bird on a Wire" is an unqualified escapist flick. And that's meant as a compliment. Featuring Mel Gibson and Kevin Costner as mates imprisoned in a Mexican jail, it's a thoroughly enjoyable action movie, packed with multiple punch lines. This is the kind of comic caper that most American filmmakers would envy.

"The Player" is a well-crafted comedy about the entertainment industry. Many scenes are very funny. But the satire isn't really biting enough to make the story值得．
Women's B-ball host GU

David C. Edwards
Sport Writer

Netherlands' best ever basketball team will make its first-ever visit to the United States next month when the Dutch national team arrives for a four-game series against the University of Washington Huskies.

The Dutch team, which is ranked second in the world, is coming to the Pacific Northwest for a series of exhibition games as part of its 1996-97 season.

The series will begin with a game against the Huskies on Oct. 12 at Hec Edmur Gymnasium on the UW campus. The other three games will be against the Gonzaga Bulldogs, Idaho State Bengals and Portland State Vikings.

The Dutch team has yet to announce its full roster, but it is expected to include some of the country's top players.

The series will provide an opportunity for University of Washington fans to see one of the world's best basketball teams in action.

Chiefs lose at home

Patrick Robertson
Sport Writer

The Spokane Chiefs Hockey Club has fallen on hard times in the past two weeks.

They were looking to move up in the standings with an extended stretch of home games, but things are not always as planned.

Dropping from third place with a 1-5-2 record to fourth place with a 16-9-1 tally was the last thing they expected.

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Needs a study break? Want to have some fun? Why not join your friends in participating in one of the largest on-campus activities — intramurals.

Over the past three years, participation in the intramural program has been steadily increasing. During the 1993-94 school year, 2,284 students participated in intramural sports. The following year, that number went up by another 681 students. So far this year, intramural participation is up 2.9% from the 1994-95 year.

Third-year intramural director Mike Capatti attributes the increase in numbers this fall to his staff's off-season work. "We attended all the student orientation sessions over the summer. We taught students when they were coming onto campus," he said. "A lot of students don't know what's available for them on campus. We really hit them hard in the dorms and marketing and let them know what was going on over here. And I think bits and pieces of all those things are starting to come through."

According to Capatti, another reason for the increase in the number of students is that the fact soccer has been changed into a five-on-five format instead of the original eight-on-eight and the field has been decreased to 50 yards. The teams have dropped from ten to seventeen since fall 1994.

Why do students enjoy intramurals so much?

According to former intramural student director Mo Owen, who's team recently lost their 3rd annual championship after three years, "It's playing with my buddies. Since FWU is a commuter school there isn't a lot of campus spirit. Intramurals fill in for some of the campus spirit that's missing."

When asked what kind of changes the intramural department could be making next year, Adams said, "I think that they should check the number of clubs that play in intramurals. As long as they are non-scholarship athletes, I think that it should be able to have as many people as they want (on a team). I do think that it should be broken up, though. In years past, there have been former basketball and football players that come in after their season and they'll have six or seven on one team. I don't have a problem with that team's usually very competitive, but the people that play on the former or current athletes are at a terrible disadvantage."

Teams are allowed to have a "A" and "B" leagues, competitive and recreational, for each sport, and five or six co-ed and regular basketball.

Indoor soccer will take place on Sunday nights. For five dollars a week, you can bowl on the co-ed league, and there will also be an individual racquetball league.

Eight-on-eight league will be held Saturdays. The winning team will be determined by the number of goals scored in overtime.

Intramural students participated in some competition in fall quarter, 1,043 students participated in some part. For the whole school year of 1994-1995, there was a total of 2,947 student participants.

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Greg Pariello came off the bench and muscled in four of the five straight shots for the Phasors. Fab Four's Brian Thornton kept his team in the game by scoring four straight points.

The MVPs were Greg Pariello and Ginny Knox. The Fourth Player Award went to Lori Tomko. The women's 3x3 basketball championships pitted the hoopstas against Genocide. Hoopstas took an early lead behind consecutive buckets by Mark O'Laughlin. It wasn't enough to squash team Katheen Claseh led the Players to a 15-14 time-limit victory over the hoopstas. Claseh was named the MVP of the tournament.

Buttmatted was looking for an unprecedented fourth 3x3 title (Tues /Thurs), six-foot-and-under basketball championships. No one had ever inched. M Owen of Buttmatted scored the game's first point, but Duke's Derek Brownson, Ryan Heims, and Scott Scott weren't much for the three-time defending champions. The MVP of the league was Jeremy Himmerich.

In a rematch from the second round, the Mad Balles took on Gotten Coach for the men's basketball and over T-shirts.

The Ballers came out determined not to let this game be as close as their 97-95 second round one-point victory had been. Mark Watson and Andre Erwins tried their best, but were worn out from their previous game. The Ballers ended the game with some pretty shots to win the contest 25-17.

The league MVP went to Chris Papich of Reign Man. The MVP "B" volleyball tournament ended with a worthy champion being crowned. After suffering a defeat to AUAP's Best in the third round, Mikey DIGs battled through the losers bracket to the championship game where they would once again face AUAP's Best.

Big hit by Luke Bozhiem weren't enough for AUAP's Best as Jason Macho's digs and stellar net play led the way for Mikey DIGs. They defeated AUAP's Best in four straight games to win the coveted T-M T-shirts. MVP awards went to Peter Lech and Wendy Chad.

Finally, the championship game for "A"-co-ed volleyball was decided with the Players facing Omega. The Players, who came into the series undetered, fell behind in game one by a score of 2-8. A quick timeout, Players rebounded and took the first game 16-14.

Game two saw Omega fall behind by 3 early on, but Mande Butler quickly rectified the score. The Players tied at five, Jeff Oram of the Players was called for a technical foul.

Coach Aggers feels that he has a group of talent early in the year in will have a positive effect on his team at January. Nobody likes to turn around in one game and turn around in the other game.

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Listen up: Kiss my class (schedule goodbye)

It's time to suggest administrators clean out their ears. According to the Course Scheduling Committee, the practical benefits of the proposed course scheduling changes include: greater scheduling flexibility for students, better employment opportunities for graduates, less time to degree, increase in campus activity, a stimulating college atmosphere and better use of classroom facilities. The benefits claimed in fact range from not existing to outright misrepresentation of fact.

One rationale for the proposed change cites interdepartmental conflicts in scheduling required and elective courses. The proposed course scheduling changes would decrease the number of courses and sections offered. Reducing the number of courses available forces students to spend more time on campus while extending the time necessary to earn a degree. The proposed scheduling makes student schedules less flexible for work availability and would consequently limit, or end, employment opportunities. Furthermore, study time, library time and domestic duty time also suffer. Time for social or extracurricular activities? Jeez...

The reduction in the number of courses offered creates an even greater registration nightmare. To maintain full-time status, students must register for unwanted and unnecessary classes. In the long run, students would spend more money at Eastern while job opportunities disappear. Students would spend more time on campus, increasing competition for already inadequate parking and student services. The proposed plan might benefit Bally's and the Campus Bookstore, but by providing them "captive" consumers...

An increase in campus activity and a stimulating college atmosphere sounds ideals. But more than half of Eastern's student body consists of non-traditional and commuting students who possess little free time. Result: although most students focus on attending class, completing homework, graduating on time and leaving Eastern fast and far behind. A special extracurricular activity seems disruptive and for the majority, unnecessary.

Eastern's failure to provide adequate student services and activities results in the lack of a stimulating atmosphere. This includes a general lack of course variety within certain disciplines. The proposed course scheduling, by reducing the overall number of courses available, complicates planning to earn a degree in the '80's. Less than ten percent of the student body participates in student government - the main source of funding for most curricular activities. Students want to get on with their lives, not spend five or six years and tens of thousands to earn only a Bachelor's degree.

Despite what the committee says, course scheduling changes will not encourage on-campus or Cheney residency due to the lack of facilities and exorbitant rates charged in family housing, dorms and Cheney in general. Furthermore, a very real dictatorship continues to exist between Eastern's campus and Cheney.

According to the committee memo, another scheduling change beneficiates classroom space and classroom space requirements. Efficient use of classroom space requires repairing leaky roofs, retaining classified staff and better planning on distribution of classes.

The committee explains that the proposed lengthening of class time could result in utilization of a greater variety of teaching methods. This rationale fails to note that several two- and three-hour sessions maintain "traditional" methods. The extra 35 minutes encourages "40 days and 40 nights of videocassette," to coin an education professor's phrase. Lengthened classes also preclude class cancellations and early releases, decreasing learning time, not improving quality. Studies indicate the most effective learning occurs in the first 30 minutes, debunking the necessity for an additional 5 minutes.

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As the fall quarter winds down, our thoughts turn to the holiday season. Flush with anticipation, children tune into popular stories of Christmas on TV. A perennial favorite is the cartoon, "How The Grinch Stole Christmas," described on the video jacket as a tale of "the crooked Grinch, with 'termites in his smile' and 'garlic in his soul,' who tries to wipe out Christmas for the cheerful Whovillians, only to discover the true spirit of the holiday season lies beyond his crotchetous grasp." The jacket claims the story "will warm the most unheated heart!"

Perhaps we should slip a copy of the Dr. Seuss fable into the Christmas stocking of each member of the 104th Congress. Even if the similarities between the story's anti-hero and their cheerless leader, Newt Gingrich, were to somehow escape them, it might remind them of their humanity and responsibility toward the most vulnerable members of our society. They appear to need a reminder.

Gingrich, Dole, Gramm and their cronies in Congress and the Senate seem hellbent on stealing from the poor to give to the rich. Gingrich who refers to what he calls "the underclass" as being immoral, Grinch who stole Christmas," and those of his partners in crime, the "honorably law makers" of the 104th Congress.

No less than the inhabitants of Whoville, America's children deserve more than a lump of coal in their stocking and an extortion from the Grinch to put themselves up by their bootstraps.

Greed is Good" moral? How can we look into the eyes of our children, the representatives of our future, and tell them that our legacy to them is a planet poisoned by industrial waste, non-affordable healthcare, and the most brilliant bombs money can buy? Doesn't it make better (and more moral) sense to balance the federal budget on the "backs" of those who can afford it? Taking money away from programs that benefit children and their mothers is eroding the foundation of our future. It's about time we started investing heavily into the care and feeding of our most valuable national resource - CHILDREN!

The winter holiday season has traditionally been a time when good will and "Christmas spirit" prevailed. In the children's story, even the frozen heart of the villainous Grinch warms when he is forced to confront the consequences of his cupidity. We can only hope for a similar softening of the "merry heart" of our version of the Grinch who stole Christmas," and those of his partners in crime, the "honorably law makers" of the 104th Congress.

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In response

Sexual assault center expresses concern

At the Sexual Assault Center of Lutheran Social Services, we would like to address the article in your campus newspaper Thursday, November 16. We compliment you on your concern and good journalism regarding the sexual assault of a student on campus.

We are also always concerned that the trained advocate can be accessed in a matter of minutes when a call on the crisis line comes in. For over 20 years this has been a service to victims of sexual abuse in the Inland Empire, and we pride ourselves on the efficiency of our work. However, problems arise inevitably and "infeasible" does not mean impossible.

The situation on the night in question, after much investigating and a personal interview, our answering service was this:

A call from EWU Campus came through from Eastern's crisis line to our campus, 624-RAPF, at 11:12 p.m. The answering service attempted to contact our on-call person — this was 11:12 p.m. — four calls were made to contact the on-call person over six minutes. The advocate on-call was not near her phone and the message recorder on campus. This is very unusual and the back-up advocate said she never heard her pager go off. All of this is extremely unfortunate and unlikely, as there are many back-up procedures in place. This time, they simply didn't work.

We are very aware of our responsibility and our commitment to sexual assault victims and will work very hard to prevent such mishaps in the future.

However, the good news is that the victim in this case was taken to the hospital and given all the advocates should have been available on campus. This was done by a trained student advocate from EWU. We continue to work closely and warmly with the Eastern Community.

Marcia B. Galluccio

Talking back

Where have you been Marshall Drummond?

I have been a student at Eastern Washington University for two years. In those two years I have attended rallies, served on different committees, gone to athletic events, seen plays and musical concerts, and become a member of the EWU community. I was not at any of the events that I've attended, revealed only by the people who I have interacted with. The only place that I have been is the EWU campus. As I write this, I am sitting in the EWU library, working on my homework for my psychology class. I am not aware of any events that have taken place on campus that I have missed.

I am writing to you regarding plans to create a University Preschool. A collection of university students and parents worked very hard to reinstate the University Preschool, which was closed in 1996. The only obstacle left is getting into the Space Committee Building. The Space Committee does not wish to meet in time to accomplish this goal.

President Drummond, as an educator, you understand the necessity of beginning a new campus infrastructure in a timely fashion. I, along with a number of other student parents, request that you use your influence and authority to make this happen in a more timely fashion.

Many of us have volunteered to paint, furnish, decorate and assist in any way we can to facilitate the process.

President Drummond, I am asking you to help in any way that is possible.

Elizabeth Karppinen

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On campus

Where do I park it?

Over the past weekend, I experienced yet another way that Eastern Washington University takes advantage of me. At the beginning of the 1995 fall quarter, I bought a permit for a parking space in lot P16, located between the Phase Center and Dressler Residence Hall. I was not even able to park in this lot for the first few weeks of school because they decided to resurface the lot, yet I still had to pay the total amount to park there.

This weekend during the EWU volleyball game and the Cheney High School football game I began to question again if I even had a parking space in lot P16. After returning from a quick errand on Friday morning I found that almost all the spaces in lot P16 purchased by EWU students were taken by spectators there for the volleyball game.

I was eventually able to find a spot on the far side of the lot and parked my car. But that evening I returned from Spokane and found a similar situation. Due to the high school football game that was going on in the stadium, the all the parking spaces in lot P16 were again filled. I was forced to drive around the lot waiting for someone to leave so I could have my parking space. Finally, someone left, once again on the far side of the lot, and my friends and I loaded our bags from a long day of shopping into the dorm in the snow and cold wind.

Not only were all the spaces occupied, but at the entrances there were people selling parking spaces. In other words, Eastern Washington University sells its student parking spaces for an outrageous amount, then turns around and sells the students' spaces to sports spectators. My question again: Where am I supposed to park? I guess I was misled into thinking that because I bought a parking permit, I was actually entitled to park there. I feel that those who cannot watch any sports activities on the EWU campus should park up in the free parking section of lot P12. This is better than selling out the already purchased parking spaces of lot P16, allowing the students who buy their parking permits to not have a place to park. Lot P12 is also larger, and could hold more spectators. If EWU wants to use P16 for sports spectators then they should rethink the whole idea of parking permits. It is wrong for them to cheat the students out of their purchased spot.

Elizabeth Karppinen

Let's clean up our act

I am writing as a concerned student here at Eastern Washington University. The condition of the campus is horrendous. The problems range from garbage all over the classrooms to a decayed campus infrastructure.

There are some parts of the campus that can be cleaned such as the new PUB building. This seems to me to be the only place that is somewhat clean, but even on the outside of the PUB there are dirt problems that need to be solved.

As you walk through the pleasant Eastern campus the smell of rotting leaves greets you wherever you venture. In my classes the rooms are often left in shambles with students' garbage strewn throughout the room. This seems to be a real problem here with keeping things clean.

Not all the problems can be solved by one particular group of people. In order to clean up the campus, it would take an effort on all parts. It would take students, faculty and administrators coming together to solve the problems.

The students need to take greater responsibility to pick up their garbage and take care of their campus. Staff and faculty need to do the same. If everyone that were here would clean up after themselves it certainly would solve the garbage problem.

The problem of rotting leaves and decaying campus infrastructure must be solved by the administration. I think instead of spending our money on things like luxurious tables and chairs the administration might do something that would both give a good impression of Eastern and benefit the people paying for it. They might want to consider what the people have to walk through to get to that fancy table and glorious PUB building.

This means that you as a student have to get involved. You can't just be a passive observer to the problems of the campus, you have to see at least five days a week.

Justin Franke

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