Steven Grasser

Many EWU students are unaware that each quarter of their tuition is designated as services and activities fees. One student, for instance, does not know which programs these fees—about $2.4 million per academic year—fund, or who decides the way the fees are allocated.

This lack of knowledge is made by a vote of the ASEWU Council, based on recommendations of a special S & A Committee. This committee’s vote is comprised of three students (ASEWU President Justin Frankie, Finance Vice President Greg McAllister and Executive Vice President Terry Fall), and two administrators (Interim Dean of Students Matt Chase and Chief Financial Officer Bill Shaw).

This committee and Council, however, do not have the full $2.4 million at their disposal for appropriation. Students are legally bound to pay fees for past Council’s expenditures. A payment of $562,000 is due this year on dormitory construction bonds and $628,160 payment is due on the bonds that financed the PUB expansion.

That leaves only about half of S & A fees available for discretionary spending. Of this, previous student governments have committed about 47 percent, or $591,000, to intercollegiate athletic events annually until 1998. At that point, the ASEWU contract with the athletic department comes up for renegotiation.

The Associated Students may then tell the department whether they want the program to continue at the same level of commitment (with or without the same percentage of S & A & Administration fees going toward the budget as well) or drop to a less competitive conference or drop some programs (paying a smaller percentage of their fees). Or they could decide to eliminate athletic subsidies entirely (spending the money elsewhere or lowering the fees they pay).

The second-largest portion (44 percent) is allocated to Services and Activities, which includes budgets for the ASEWU, the Easterner, PUB Fixed Overhead, Social Activities, and the Outdoor Program.

Social Activities received the largest portion of the $51,375 budget this year at $31,340. This fund pays for concerts and other student activities. PUB Fixed Overhead, at $129,188, took the second-biggest bite from this budget, $115,308 of this paid salaries and benefits for administrators and secretaries. $12,500 was targeted for hourly wages and benefits for students. Conference.

The third-largest beneficiary of the Services and Activities budget is the ASEWU, which received $85,070, $60,000 of which was spent on wages. The ASEWU budget includes the following salaries: President, $10,400; Finance Vice President, $9,900; Executive Vice President, $7,300; Legislative Liaison, $2,250. Nine council members split $22,000 in salaries, seven Superior Court appointees split $250, and the council clerk receives $3,100.

Fourth on the list is the Outdoor Program. Whereas most program budgets have remained basically static or have decreased over the past several years, the Outdoor Program budget has increased from $49,023 (1992-93) to $67,700 this academic year.

Of the program’s $54,500 total budget for the program produces an estimated $25,000 in revenue), $39,150 is spent on student and staff wages. The Outdoor Program pays the following salaries: Director, $8,055; Assistant Director, $19,055; Equipment Director, $10,093. This means recreation of the $54,500 salary is higher than the director’s because of a one-time bookkeeping procedure.

Chase, who has been involved with the Outdoor Program in the past, expressed doubt that its budget had increased so drastically in the past few years. But ASEWU Finance Vice President Greg McAllister checked the budgets for the years in question and said the figures are accurate.

Child care subsidies, at $51,375, formerly comprised the fifth largest budget on the Services and Activities list, but the ASEWU Council voted to discontinue it. From what is known of the figures, the ASEWU Council voted to discontinue it.

Stone Soup: meals for a hungry community

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Neither could recall the first day the advertisement appeared in “The Focus,” but a review of previous issues showed that the first advertisement for the position appeared on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Also, the announcement of Frankie’s two nominations during the March 5 ASEWU council meeting, indicates that his decision was made prior to end of the one full week of advertising for the positions.

A Superior Court applicant, Desiree Higgins, disputes the claims asserted by Frankie and Young and wonders why she was not considered for either of the two court appointments. Higgins stated that she picked up an application at the ASEWU offices, submitted her application, and reviewed the application two days later. “I turned in my application on Friday, March 1,” said Higgins, “but I wasn’t interviewed until the following Thursday, March 7.” It was then that the two advertised positions had been filled, but that another position would be opening up next quarter.

Higgins also expressed concern regarding the questions asked during her hour-long interview that was conducted prior to Young’s application. “I don’t believe they should do that,” said Higgins. “I think it was just a friendly discussion, but I had no idea what was going to happen.”

Franke said that he has been interested in similar discussions with other Superior Court applicants, but that the other one did not volunteer his opinion.

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"Date Rape" drug poses risk to students

Maryanne Gaddy
Staff Writer

A newly burned sledsate referred to as the "Date Rape" drug is being widely circulated in southern states and Mexico and has Eastern's Student Health Director warning students who might soon be venturing to those areas for Spring Break.

Rohypnol pills, more commonly called "roofies," are street chemicals that initially will make the user feel drunk, but will then cause the user to pass out and remain unconscious for up to eight hours.

It is during this state of unconsciousness that women have reportedly been raped by men who allegedly slipped the drug into their drinks.

Eastern Student Health Director Irma Pena cautions women about leaving their drinks unattended.

"It's just the point where you can't leave your drink alone at all," she said. "Make sure at least one person you know and trust stays at the table to keep an eye on things and don't take drinks from strangers.

"The problem with this drug is that the women wake up and don't know what happened to them. They don't remember," said Pena. "They don't know if they've been raped.

"These girls using this to get girls are like those people who like to do things with dead bodies," said Bill Edelman, division manager in charge of alcohol and drug programs at the Orange County Health Care Agency. "It's sick.

"The drug is legal in Europe and Latin America where it is used on a limited basis to treat motion sickness in the case of anesthesia patients.

"Until March 5, when Rohypnol was officially banned in the United States, a three-month supply could have been brought into the country legally by individuals for their own use.

"According to the Associated Press, the Drug Enforcement Administration is trying to have the drug reclassified as a Schedule 3 drug.

"According to a recent DEA report, Schedule 3 drugs are considered to have a high potential for abuse and no currently accepted medical use in treatment, and to lack all accepted levels of safety for use under medical supervision, with no approved use in this country. Possession of Rohypnol may bear the same legal consequences as possession of other Schedule 3 compounds, which include heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

"The drug is usually brought into the U.S. through The Mexican-American border of in its original packaging. Customs officials say that if the drug is declared, they do not usually file charges at that time, but they will confiscate the drug. Rohypnol comes in white, 2-milligram blister packs similar to those used for packaging over-the-counter cold medicine. The pills usually sell for $1 to $5 each.

According to an Associated Press article, a recently completed DEA survey revealed that over 100,000 of the pills were brought through a border crossing in Laredo, Texas, in one three-week period.

Rohypnol is described by Law Enforcement officers as being 10 times as strong as Valium and having more immediate effects.

"It depresses neurological activity in the brain," said Dr. Edward Newton, a consultant to the Los Angeles Regional Poison Control Center. "People do die if they take too much."

Council approves $51K ropes course

John Conway
Staff Writer

The ASEM Council will allocate $5,000 from next year's S&As budget to partially fund an Adventures Ropes Course to be located south of the tennis courts adjacent to Washington Street. The Physical Education department is seeking an additional $25,000 in block grants for construction costs.

The Council approved the proposal, approved at Tuesday's meeting, was originally presented to the Council during last week's meeting by members of the Outdoor Program as an "innovational item," for consideration during the budget process that typically occurs during Spring Quarter.

During that presentation, Dr. Paul Green, a coordinator for the Outdoor Program, described the ropes course as a program that enables individuals to develop "connections and teamwork and to promote trust and build self-esteem among members of a group by overcoming physical obstacles."

The Council approved the request, which will consume more than seven percent of the total estimated S&As allocation for next year's budget, without any further discussion.

"The money for the project will be placed in a separate construction account," said Finance Vice President Greg McLainster, who explained that funding for the project had originally been included in the Outdoor Program's request for next year.

They determined that they couldn't operate the ropes course without additional staff which they hadn't planned for in their budget. So we're creating a new account for the project.

"The Outdoor Program received $69,700 to provide various training programs and recreational activities for Eastern students this year. Their request for next year is $76,800.

"Approving the course makes my job a lot tougher," said McLainster referring to the task of developing a balanced budget for the council.

"But if I think funding the project is a good move and will provide a great addition to the campus."

According to McLainster, the ASEM Finance Committee is still faced with a sizable S&As budget shortfall, even after more than 40 hours of budget hearings.

"We have around $71,000 available to allocate by next year and we received well over a million dollars in budget requests," said McLainster.

"Approving this project eliminates one area that we can cut from."

As of last Friday, $194,000 remains to be cut.

"The ropes course proposal passed with only one dissenting vote cast by Speaker Pro Temp Patrick Hakes. "I see some benefits in the ropes course," said Hakes, "but I feel there's a hidden agenda at work here.

"Am I the only one that finds it interesting that $53,000 just happens to be the same amount as the child-care subsidy?" asked Hakes.

"There was no thorough discussion on this. That's not the way we should be doing business, especially when there's a projected S&As budget shortfall for next year."

Hakes went on to say, "We had $757,000 to work with last year, but that's been cut by $12,000 for next year. And we still have $51,000 for the ropes course?"

"That means nearly $100,000 needs to be cut from last year's budget," said Hakes.

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"If a council member knows a position is open and they help recruit someone to fill the position, a council member that's Greek is more likely to recruit someone they associate with, who will probably be Greek too."

"Because many of next year's Council members aren't Greek, they'll probably have more non-residents and applicants from other areas of campus, said Frankie."

"That's just the way it is."
Publication Board, S & A Committee battle over Easterner budget

Mike Ehmanotr
News Editor
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About $30,000, or 2.45 percent of the S & A budget for The Easterner operations obtained the 3.01 figure by reducing the other members of the S & A committee to negotiate, finally setting on 2.45 percent by a vote of three to two.

Those members were ASHEWU President Justin Frankel, Finance Vice-President Greg McAllister, and Executive Vice President Terry Falk. Shaw conciled that the 3.01 figure was a conservative estimate, seventh on the list, receives $2,325. Most of this goes for wages and officials, but it is not broken down in the ASHEWU budget in a way that can be determined how much goes to whom.

No other budget in this program receives $20,000 or more. Other programs that receive more than $10,000 include the ASHEWU Focus publication, $15,545; Community Concerns, $14,950; and Legal Aid, $12,900.

Clubs and organizations receive five percent of the S & A budget. Clubs and organizations include Substance Abuse Prevention, $2,000; Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Alliance, $1,050; Environmental Club, $600; and the Interfraternity Council, $2,425. Most of the many other clubs and organizations have relatively small budgets.

Departmental activity funds represent four percent of the S & A budget. The funds include the following departmental budgets: Theatre, $30,740; Band, $6,500; Choral, $3,950; Orchestras, $3,124; KEWU, $2,575; Art Gallery, $2,153; Trombone Choir, $1,100; Percussion Ensemble, $850.

Note: All figures used in this story are from this year's budget, next year's budget, which the S & A Committee and the ASHEWU Council are now representing, may be considerably different.

Red Barn Report

3-05-96
Kennedy Hall
1:57 a.m.
A student reported he accidentally left his wallet on a copy machine in the library. When he returned to claim it, it was gone. The wallet was estimated to be worth $57 at the same evening.

3-06-96
PUB
9:30 a.m.
A student fell from a second-story window and was taken to the hospital. She was treated for minor injuries.

3-06-96
Red Barn
1:02 p.m.
A student was in the library.

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During the non-ski off season the U.S. Women’s Alpine Ski Team members used the "Ski Team" diet to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. That’s right - 20 pounds in 14 days! The basis of the diet is chemical food action and was devised by a famous Colorado physician especially for the U.S. Ski Team. Normal energy is maintained (very importantly) while reducing. "You keep fuel - no manipulation - because the diet is designed just that way." It’s a diet that is easy to follow whether you work, travel or stay at home. (For men, too.) This is, honestly, a fantastically successful diet. If it weren’t the U.S. Women’s Alpine Ski Team who would be permitted to use it? Right? So give yourself the same break the U.S. Ski Team gets. Lose weight the scientific, positive way. Even you could use this diet. Try it by the U.S. Women’s Alpine Ski Team Diet. That is, if you really do want to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. Order today! See this out as a reminder.

Send check for $25.95 ($29 in Calif.) with 50 cents GST to: University of American Institute, 7343 El Camino Real, Suite 206, Atascadero, CA 93422. Don’t order unless you expect to lose 20 pounds in two weeks because that’s what the Ski Team did.

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Just when you think you have seen it all —

Steven Groser
Staff Writer

ASEWU President Justin Franke is check-full of surprises. Just when you think he can't top his previous scandalous antics he pulls something even more outrageous out of his bag of tricks.

Franke claims it's just coincidence that the $51,000 he and his (with the lone exception of Patrick Hake's) shepherd Council appropriated this week to build a rope-climbing facility is the same amount that had been budgeted for child care before Franke decided the program didn't merit funding and killed it.

Justin said one of the reasons he did away with the child-care subsidy was that it lacked accessibility to all students — only parents were eligible for the subsidy.

The rope-climbing facility, on the other hand, will be accessible to all students. Right. I'm sure a multitude of pregnant women and wheelchair-bound students will use it. Not to mention time-strapped commuting and/or parent students.

Franke, who is also president of the Sigma Nu fraternity, failed in his recent attempt to fill next year's council with Sigma Nu brothers. Evidently he didn't consider voters' rejection of his slate a mandate. He's a lame-duck president, but by God, he's going to leave a legacy.

Of 94 appointments Franke has submitted for Council approval, 60 percent have been identified as Greeks. That seems a pretty high number when you consider that only about five percent of the EWU student body are Greeks.

The Greek numbers actually might be much higher. Of the 59 positions not known to have a Greek appointment, only 5 could be confirmed as non-Greek. The other 54 could not be confirmed in one way or the other because their records are restricted and one fraternity and next year we will have a new regime. That one exception is disturbing, however. ASEWU Superior Court Justices serve an indefinite term. As long as they attend EWU, they are on the court.

Three of seven positions will be filled this academic year. Franke has nominated two so far. One is Sigma Nu and the other worked on several Sigma Nu campaigns in the recent election. The latter is a freshman with no judicial or governmental experience. If confirmed, she could hold that position for a long time.

One Superior Court applicant, who applied on the second day the positions were advertised, was surprised when Franke told her at her interview that two positions had already been filled.

She was further surprised when she stayed for only 10 minutes of her one-hour interview.

She was really surprised when he asked her opinion on the child care issue, which she says she interpreted as asking her how she would vote if the child-care budget came before the court.

Franke knows that students are already planning to bring the issue to the court.

To ask such a pre-screening question is abhorrent. It's analogous to Dick Nixon asking Supreme Court nominees how they would vote on his impeachment.

One can only hope that this year's Council will wake up and take a stand against Franke's shenanigans, and that next year's Council (many of whom are dorm residents) will realize that their constituency is the whole campus community, not a chosen few.

And one can only hope that sometime Justin will grow up and become, if not a statesman, at least a leader we can trust instead of a cheap imitation of Boss Tweed.

Don't hold your breath.

Student government under fire by one of its own for lack of consideration

Dear Editor,

As a student and student representative on the ASEWU Council, I am concerned about the reckless and rash decision that the Council made this past Tuesday. A motion was brought before the Council, at the urging of ASEWU President Franke, to make a special consideration for one of the items in next year's budget.

The item brought before the Council was funding for a PEHR Adventure Ropes Course, a request of $51,000.

This request followed on the heels of last week's meeting in which the PEHR made an obviously successful emotional appeal to the Council members for funding the course.

What really concerns me is the manner in which this item was hurried through the budgeting process while other budget items were not. Despite the fact that the ASEWU faces the difficult challenge of cutting $190,000 from next year's Services and Activities budget requests, this budget proposal was passed without deliberation by Council.

Is this additional $51,000 possibly coming from your club or organization? What makes this item so pressing that it had to be passed at the last Council meeting? Why should this item receive a higher priority than any other budget item? Is there an underlying motive for President Franke's adamant and forceful advocacy for this budget request? Am I the only one wondering?

Sincerely,

Patrick Hakes
Letters to the editor

Student thanks EWU for the amenities

American students in Japan: an uneven exchange?

I would like to voice my appreciation to Eastern Washington University for giving Japanese exchange students here easier. I would like to mention two things that I especially noticed. One is that I felt that EWU is becoming considerate toward the Japanese community on campus, which is important as the number of all the international students currently studying at EWU.

First of all, the presence of Japanese food in the campus grocery store gives me a sense of having a part of my home in this foreign country far away from Japan. When I seek familiar foods lined up in the rack, I feel very nostalgic.

Secondly, there are many bulletin boards in the residence halls all over the campus. These bulletins are a good communication of the world. The university I attended in Japan had several exchange students from the United States, and my university prepared in various ways to welcome them to the Japanese culture. They called it bulletin boards among Japanese students to host American students in their homes so that the visiting students could experience typical Japanese lifestyle.

I am glad that I chose EWU as my transition school. This university was similarly friendly to its international student population.

Taka Fujihiro

American student in Japan: an uneven exchange?

I feel it’s been six months since I came to the U.S. from Japan. Being an exchange student is no easy task for me. To be an exchange student offered me many opportunities; however, I study my major subject, American literature in English, and I save the taste of American food to my heart’s content (though I miss Japanese food). However, I wonder if American students in Japan who are studying in place of me are truly enjoying their life in Japan.

As far as I know, the American students in Japan do not receive enough money from the school authority or the government. They have to do tutoring as a part-time job. Working might be good experience generally, but from my experience, you have to be careful with things like the anxiety of being alone in a strange place, and the problem of studying in a foreign language.

Another problem is that some Americans at EWU are willing to go to Japan cannot go there even though they areuld like to go to Japan. However, they cannot afford the cost of living in Japan (their living expense in Japan is more than $1,000 per month).

The students get money only for tuition, but for park this ...

I am writing regarding the current parking situation. I do find a parking spot, I must walk nearly ten blocks to my first class. I try to find an area to accumulate my large baggage without receiving any dents or dings in my doors or bumpers.

I speak for myself and surely there is a number of others when I say the parking here at Eastern ranks.

I suggest that instead of the administration blowing students’ tuition money on expensive office furniture to plant your butts in, you get off of your butts and build a parking garage for the students who make your fancy car payments.

Matt Lyman

Struggling with math? Go see Jo in the Learning Skills Center

I am a first-year student currently taking Intermediate Algebra 101. My algebra skills are not up to par. I need extra help on my homework. A friend of mine introduced me to Jo Gooley in the Learning Skills Center Building.

Jo Gooley has been running math labs for ten years and has helped many math students to conquer their fear of math and complete their course successfully. I have seen students break down in tears because they didn’t understand math. But Jo would encourage them and give them that little extra confidence they needed to complete their assignments correctly.

Jo Gooley and her staff have helped me tremendously. I finally understand math. I want to thank everyone in the lab and let them know that I appreciate everyone in the lab. It has been done for me, as tutors and as friends.

Melissa Green

Student sends a Peace Corps hillo from Eritrea (?) to Eastern students in Cheney (?)

When I first received my Peace Corps invitation to Eritrea, I screamed and then asked my brother, “Where’s Eritrea?”

I quickly discovered that Eritrea is an East African country, along the Red Sea, north of Ethiopia and very independent of Ethiopia.

Eritrea is one of the youngest official countries in the world. It fought a long civil war, called “The Struggle,” against Ethiopia and won its independence after 30 years. Later, it became an official country, and in 1991, Isai Asferki was elected as the first president of Eritrea.

Historically, Eritrea was an Italian colony. After World War II, it became a British protectorate. In 1952 it made part of Ethiopia, which caused problems. In 1963, the struggle for independence began. Now, the people are reconstructing what 39 years of warfare has destroyed; the entire country.

I have been living in Eritrea for seven months. I’m an eighth-grade English teacher in Debora, a small village 29 kilometers south of Assara, the capital city of Eritrea. My personal goal is to better understand what and who “development” is. To study development at EWU, I read the books, learned the statistics, discussed it in classes, but sometimes I feel I do not understand the people of these countries thought and wanted. I felt that I needed to get closer to the people who lived in Eritrea.

So, that’s where I am now, living in an historically old part of the world and a politically new Eritrea, a developing country.

When I first arrived I remember thinking, “I’m in the book, in the picture! What have I discovered? Deportation, farmers plowing their fields with oxen, women carrying water, animals such as goats, sheep, donkeys, and chickens roaming through the flat roads of the valueless land.

However, I can no longer close the book and forget it like a distant dream. It’s not a book, and it’s not a dream.

Faces are no longer nameless. The language is no longer unknown. The sounds. Houses are no longer mysterious dwellings. The beating of the drums have a meaning. I am learning to function in this society. I am discovering the language and the culture.

Though I will never fully understand Eritrea, Eritrea is no longer an empty drawing on a map. Eritreans are no longer a distant, exotic people. They are friends, they are people with whom I associate with on a daily basis. They have names, stories to tell, and daily struggles to overcome. I will never again be able to look at this part of the world as lines on a map with statistics and pictures to describe it.

My village has no running water, no electricity, the market is once a week and most people are farmers. I fetch my water. I wash my clothes by hand. I light a lantern in the evening. I dance at weddings. I drink “Sua” (a local beer). I eat “Kitcha” (a local bread). I speak Tigreña (one of the nine languages of Eritrea).

I will live here for two years, as a guest of Eritrea. I hope to go home with a better understanding of what, and especially who, development is.

V. Michaud

Debora, Eritrea
New fuel offers hope for the environment

Super-clean fuel could be in general use by the year 2000

Steve Harrison, Features Editor

Invention is truly the mother of necessity. During the 1930s, the world packed up a very bad habit: using gasoline and other heavy fossil fuels extensively to power vehicles, warm houses, and run factories. As time passed, the realization grew that the overuse of petroleum poses a danger both to people and their environment. Still, no one has been willing or even able to give up what has become the lifeblood of modern society.

But after spending the better part of the twentieth century searching for a viable alternative to gasoline, many in the fuel industry now think we may be close to taking a giant step in the right direction.

A product that promises a 60 percent drop in emissions, a drastic reduction in price and slight improvements in horsepower and mileage is being pushed through the federal fuels-testing laboratory by the Caterpillar Corporation.

"A-21" (an acronym for "aggressive fuel for the 21st century") is roughly a 50-50 mix of common tap water and naphtha, a clear liquid produced in the early stages of oil refining that, until now, has been used as a hardening agent in road tar.

In addition to its other benefits, naphtha is much easier to extract from sources like oil shale and sand tar, meaning that widespread use of A-21 could replace the need for imported oil.

The fuel was developed by Reno inventor Rudolph Gunterman, who has been very pleased with the test results reported by Caterpillar and the Federal Department of Energy. So far, the milky-white concoction has passed every test it's been subjected to and has actually surpassed gasoline and diesel in tests as a safe, clean, and effective fuel for virtually every type of combustion engine.

The German-born Gunterman has grown accustomed to people chuckling at the idea of burning water. He reportedly began an interview with Ken Miller of the Gannett News Service with a well-rehearsed disclaimer: "Everybody said it cannot work, that I'm a fraud."

Last November, the Nevada Department of Energy certified A-21 as a "clean alternative fuel," meaning that it can be used to meet federal emissions requirements for fleets and other business-oriented applications. If the Federal Department of Energy concurs with the conclusions of Nevada and Caterpillar, A-21 could be available to the general public within the next three-to-four years.

In order to make their engines compatible with the new fuel, most car owners need only buy a set of special spark plugs. Converting the engines of large trucks is a bit more complicated, but the process is still a minor one which takes only about an hour to perform. Once converted, the engines can run either on gasoline or A-21 with no further adjustments.

The fuel can be used in nearly every type of combustion engine, from everyday cars and trucks to train locomotives, which currently use over a billion gallons of gas annually.
Phone psychics ‘see’ a large bill in your future

Polly Dingman
Staff Writer

It’s 10:00 p.m., you’re seeing double, and you’re not going to drink any more. No, you don’t have the flu; you’re suffering from a chemical imbalance in your brain.

Now you have only to pick up the phone and dial.

I suggest that the first question you ask your personal psychic is: “Am I going to pay for this call?”

It’s quick — only the first two minutes are free.

Most of these calls are $3.99 per minute, and after only a few minutes you could find yourself on the phone with the psychic in the billing department at a local phone company. The people at Ma Bell are not likely to tell you what point in your future you will no longer have phone service.

My son and his girlfriend recently called and spoke with their personal psychic. After 13 minutes and $52, and after having told their psychic that they planned to get married, they were told that they were going to have children someday. For some children in their future really doesn’t seem so far away.

They’re stung. (Hey, maybe I’m psychic?) But the psychic failed in one respect — this “professional” neglected to predict how upset I was going to be when I opened my phone bill.

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fuel per year. Most aircraft can also be adapted to run on A-21, as can diesel generators, which must be regulated at the present time because of their extremely high emission rates.

A-21 also has a “vapor pressure” of one-fifth that of gasoline, a property which makes it virtually immune to fire and explosions. Pumps dispensing A-21 would not require vapor-recovery systems as they presently do. Paul Oves, vice president of Tosco Northwest, an oil refining company that provides petroleum products to most of the western states, hadn’t heard much about the new fuel — until now. “The marketplace is the marketplace, and if (A-21) can compete with gasoline, it will find its place.” Another Tosco employee, who requested anonymity, admitted doubts that the oil companies will ever let A-21 into the market. “Obviously, we’re not too excited about it,” he said. “If we were to market it, it would mean substantially metastasizing our own threats.” He went on to say that the rights to similar inventions in the past have been hastily bought up by oil companies afraid of losing their grip on the market. When told that the new fuel has been proven to work, he replied, “A lot of things work. But Kern, sales coordinator for Caterpillar Inc. in Nevada, has played an active role in field testing, sponsored on A-21 by the company. He said that keeping the fuel in an emission-free state while it is in an engine is one of the difficulties inherent with A-21. Since the fuel is a mixture of water and naphtha, which is an oil, a special anti-separation agent must be added to keep the two components from coming apart.

Researchers are also concerned about variations in the composition of tap water from area to area, which might lead to problems in keeping the make-up of the fuel consistent, Kern said. The possibility of using purified water and mixing the fuel at one or more central locations is now being explored.

The only serious problem Kern anticipates at this point is the strain that A-21 may put on some conventional engines, which could shorten engine life. He said that some of his researchers noticed a carbon residue forming inside test engines while they were trying to find the optimum ratio of water and naphtha. It is not clear at this time whether the residue was the result of a bad mixture or if it will be a problem that eventually occurs with all A-21 mixtures.

Kern dismissed the possibility of interference by oil companies, saying, “The major difficulty right now is determining that their fuel can be readily mixed, maintained, and burned in a manner that will still provide reasonable life and maintenance costs to the engine that it is burned in.”

While Kern doesn’t think that A-21 will ever be an ideal fuel for every operating condition, he does believe that “All customers, in the long run, want reasonable operating costs meeting good environmental conditions.” Right now, it looks like A-21 will meet those requirements.

Angela Storme puts the finishing touches on a good meal at a recent ‘Stone Soup’ dinner.

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The menu consisted of ham, scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese, salad, coffee, tea and juice.

Russell promises that whatever is on the menu, it will always be substantial and healthy. Although organizers never know how many diners to expect (sometimes a handful show up, sometimes a couple dozen), they have never fallen short of food in the two years Russell has been involved.

“It’s kind of like loaves and fishes, you know,” says Russell. “Somehow there’s always enough food.” If any food is leftover, Russell adds, it is sent home with diners to “people who can have lunches for a couple of days.”

The concern of those involved in this program for feeding people extends beyond once-a-week efforts. Marjoke Haworke, who does most of the food preparation, is United Campus Ministers’ student chaplain and a Gonzaga graduate student in theology studies. She is also the Spokane coordinator for Crop Walk. Crop Walk, she says, “is a walk for hunger. Participants get sponsors and walk once a year for local food banks, meals on wheels, and national and international relief for the hungry.”

Crop Walk is currently involved in a relief program offering support to food victims in St. Marys, Idaho.

“One hundred families are homeless in St. Marys,” says Haworke. “Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are in there for the short term. Crop Walk is there for the long term.”

Organizers stress that you don’t have to be a student to participate in the program they have dubbed Stone Soup. They just want you to come and socialize and have a good meal. Haworke invites one and all to join them. “Come and be in fellowship with us, and be able to share with each other what’s happening in your life and know you will be listened to and appreciated.”

If you don’t have to be a student to participate. Families and anyone else in the EWU community (faculty, staff, administrators, etc.) are invited to the program which has been serving the EWU community since 1970. Approximately 20 for the first time, some for the second or third year. For the past two years, some there were for the first time, some for the second or third year.

EWU education major Beth Gutenkunst has been a regular attendee for two years. She enjoys the atmosphere and the music and singing, and besides, “it’s nice not having to cook once a week.”

If you are a student and a student who has too much quarter at the end of the month, a few short sentences can make out-the-Stone Soup, free meals are provided every weekend. Waiting downtown, sitting in the basement of the Cheney Christian Church, 3:30 Fifth St., next to Kingston Hall.
**No Doubt is a musical Motel 6**

Katrina A. Bitner  
Entertainment Editor

When ratatouille went to clang and the family vacation rolled into the local Motel 6 for the night, as kids we could count on three things: a plastic bucket of ice, a lamp boiled to a Bible-sly nighttable and asthma-styled bed sheets. We ran at earthquake velocity through the halls of indoor outdoor carpet and into a playground of taking the mundane, siphoning it through a kaleidoscope and remembering Motel 6 as a Disneyland at affordable family prices.

On a crunch schedule to learn on his instrument what other members of the band had been learning since high school, Young quickly proved his enthusiasm could be translated into ability.

Young remains at his core a drummer, not a percussionist. "I don't go into it too much, I mean I use blocks and tambourines, but I'm not a full-on percussionist. There is so much going on in the band - it would become a clutter," said Young. "I do use a 12-inch snare drum that's 7 inches deep, that's my head and batter, but I only play it on "Spiderwebs.""

"Spiderwebs," off Tragi Kingdom, No Doubt's second album on Interscope Records is track 12, and a pivotal zip on the part of Young, Tony Dumont (guitar), Tony Kanal (bass) and Gwen Stefani (lead vocals). The album launches from the pinning-warp of "Just a Girl" to the Awek of "You Can Do It" trimestral to the pivotal crest of the side track.

In concert version on MTV, No Doubt can be seen in their video for "Just a Girl" where the band introduces its first single. The video for the first time captures the fundamental strangeness of the women's Kingmaking on the stereo's landscape at Stefani, in my dreams of surely showing I'm a girl, but pretty and lovely. So don't let me have any rights. Oh, I've had it up to here!"

The video, said Young, "very much Groves (Stefani) concept, and the director just went with it. It was a two-day project. Some of it was filmed outside our houses in Orange County, the other parts in a studio." The next video from the band will be for the song "Spiderwebs."

"You Can Do It," complete with "woa-who-hoo" hosslies to "70s roller skating, shoot-the-duck encouragement as Stefani reminds us that, "You can do it."

"That's totally what we were going for," said Young. "On 'girl,' album/interscope in '92 (No Doubt), we tried to work subdued-look. This time we wanted to make it feel continuous groove," said Young.

The title track, "Tragi Kingdom," begins with the bald-faced warrant: remains secured, yet has been jumped from the Motelbook side on a little hard bed.

Stefani, Young, Tony are having an affair in the cement, across the street from us, so he can't escape," said Young.

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Story and Photos by Michael Smith  
Photography Editor

"Recent Works in Watercolor" marks Marvin Smith's second solo art show in as many years. Some avid art connoisseurs may recall his show "Day at the Beach" which opened at the PCE Gallery last year. This year's show, Professor and Chair of the Department of Radio-Television, demonstrates not only his productivity but his mastery in light contrast and space.

Smith's paintings focus on regional landscapes, the Palosco, La Conner and Lopez Island. While the artist relies on photographs to capture his imagery, he manipulates the original scene before he sits down to paint.

Smith trends the composition, brightens the contrast, constructs vibrant hues in hopes of inviting the viewer to become an integral part of the painting.

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Many watercolorists render dead scenes with muddy colors which only dulls the observer's intrigue. Blessing is not in Smith's vocabulary. He stands in front of one of his watercolors for a minute and you'll understand. That one minute will soon become ten.

Believe me, it happens and this is coming from a person who typically shies away from traditional scenic paintings and watercolors. This is a show which I couldn't drain myself away from.

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Arlo and Abe Guthrie
The Met
Saturday, March 9

America blushed a drunken glow when Arlo Guthrie picked up his guitar and blended the new with the old last Saturday night at The Met. Accompanied on keyboards by his son, Abe Guthrie, he baptized each song with embellished anecdotes and Guthrie wit.

Guthrie shared his views on anything, everything and the same things that entered his head as he sang and chatted with the audience.

He remembered a time when he was about nine years old and realized that everyone in his school books were there because they had done something.

"I figured, everyone in there had done something, but no one had done nothing. Call it a window of opportunity, but I figured if I could do nothing really well, I could get into those books too," Guthrie explained. "What he did not account for was the school calling his mom to motivate his nothing into something."

He continued on to tell how he was transferred into a progressive school where he figured, "I was supposed to progress."

On the first day, he walked in to find everyone singing "This Land is Your Land" and the realization that he was the only kid who did not know the lyrics to his father's song.

When he went home crying, telling his dad what had happened (leaving out the "nothing"), Woody taught him the chords and a verse that never made it into the American consciousness: "As I was walkin' down a highway, I saw a sign that said 'No Treating,' but on the other side there wasn't nothin', this land was made for you and me." In that moment, he realized his dad what had happened (leaving out the "nothing") when Guthrie entered his head as he sang and chatted with the audience.

Arlo Guthrie interspersed stories between songs and revealed the beauty of humanity. That is the gift of the folk singer—they understand the nothing and translate it into something, scattering an essence across a stretch of the imagination and the heart.

As Guthrie caroused around "Ring-Around-A-Rosy Rag," "City of New Orleans" and selections of his new album Mystic Journey among others, it became a concert of the scenes where one man's willingness to share moments with a crowd of one-time strangers took on a higher meaning.

Two standing ovations later the audience palpitated with appreciation as immaturity's crisis was carpeted in three feet of silence, emotion and transe.

Watching Guthrie perform was like describing every moment in your life that has explored a smile, exhaled a tear or resurrected a thought to a friend.

Correction:
"Sometimes you get into your head that "tropical" is "tropical ..."

In last week's Arlo Guthrie interview the song quote from "Last Train" should be credited to "City of New Orleans."
Nathan Joyce
Sparta Writer

The Lady Eagles basketball team's season came to an end last Thursday, after a 71-63 loss to the Weber State Wildcats in the pivotal round of the Big Sky Conference Tournament.

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Senior center Tina Smith played in her last game for the Eagles in the loss against Weber State. Smith had distinguished basketball players with nine assists.

From there, the Eagles couldn't seem to quit fouling, and the Wildcats rode the strength of the their second round to scoring a 27-18 lead with six minutes left in the half. From there the Eagles' Missall and Nicole King, as well as a layup by Resa Waterson, helped Easten cut the Weber State lead to four with 6:20 remaining.

The Eagles kept it close going into the half, but fouls continued to haunt them and Weber State took a six point lead, 35-29, into locker rooms. At the half Missall led all scorers with 11 points. In the second half, both teams came out of the locker rooms on fire, especially Smith who scored 10 quick points in the first 6:13 to help cut the Wildcat lead to three.

That was as close as the Eagles would get, as Weber State slowly pulled away. Mika Brown, Weber State's center, scored 14 in the second half and 21 overall as well as grabbing 11 rebounds. Brown took control midway through the second half as Weber State took a 16 point lead, 66-50, with six minutes remaining.

The Eagles weren't giving up yet. Smith, Missall, and Kelly Bartleson all scored during an 11-0 run that brought the Eagles flying back into the game, down just 66-61 with three minutes left. Unfortunately, one more Missall layup was all the Eagles could manage.

The game came down to free throws as Eastern had to fouls in an effort to stop the clock. Free throws by Shelby Berg and Valerie Scoerson put the game on ice as Weber walked away with the 71-63 win.

This game was the last for four Eagles. Missall, who was named to the All-Big-Sky Conference Team, was second on the team in scoring with 17. Smith lead the Eagles in scoring with 19, as well as contributing eight rebounds, was given honorable mention honors in the Big Sky.

Watterson and King, who had also distinguished basketball careers with Eastern, played their last game against Weber State, as well.

Jennifer Suter led all players with nine assists. Suter fell three short of the season record of 192 set in 1985 by Lisa Comstock. Suter is tied with Comstock for the second place mark of 189.

Suter averaged an impressive seven assists per game this season, ranking her eighth in the NCAA Division One.
Dark Horse:

EWU Women's Head Coach Heidi VanDerveer

EWU Men's Head Coach David C. Edwards

EWU Women's Sports Information Director Dave Cook

EWU Men's Sports Information Director Dan Garcia

EWU Men's Assistant Sports Information Director Kirby Hall

Eastern's Staff Writer

Spokane Chief Jan Hrdina (256) scores one goal en route to the natural hat trick last Saturday night at the Arena. Spokane will open the playoffs at home on March 22.

Baseball club kicks off season with win

Dan Garcia

Sports Editor

Eastern's baseball club traveled to Lewiston, Idaho on Sunday to take on the University of Idaho Vandals. Eastern opened the season by bouncing the Vandals 6-2.

Kerry Pease started on the hill for the Eagles, allowing only one hit allowed to score their last run.

Bill Thompson closed out for the Eagles, allowing only one hit in the late innings.

Eastern's baseball club entered the weekend in a three game series at Ed Chaisius Field behind the Pavilion.

Saturday's double header will be on Saturday night at the Arena.

Game and season notes:

Eastern's baseball club will host this year's Big Sky tournament on April 26-28.

The winner of this tournament will participate in the World Series of Baseball Clubs in May.

Eastern's strengths this year will be the depth of their pitching staff.

Kevin Hall, Kerry Pease, Bill McGraw, Will Logan, and Anthony Jennings will see a lot of work on the hill.

Dan Garcia will be ready for the Northwest Christian Tournament after serving a three week suspension.

The Eagle coaching staff is having a hard time picking a starting nine these days. A bevy of veterans and a good group of youngsters are all battling for playing time.

The configuration of the stands at Ed Chaisius Field has been slightly altered. The last 10 rows of stands has been moved next to the home dugout, which will be on the first base side this year.

This move will allow the Eagles to be closer to their fans including the "Coog Clowners" who make appearances on the ballfield next to the field.

Eastern is the early season favorite to win the Big Sky Conference Championship.

An informal poll of coaches in the Big Sky pots Eastern atop the league in the final.

**SPORTS SHORTS**

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