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Sen. West drops merger proposal

WSU may still gain control of Spokane

Maryanne Gaddy
Editor

A proposal which would force EWU out of Spokane and give Washington State University the right to offer classes there has been put forward by Sen. Jim West.

Under the new proposal, Eastern would keep the Cheney campus and WSU would retain the right to offer any state-supported, upper division and graduate level higher education

programs in Spokane.

Programs currently offered in Spokane by EWU would not be absorbed by WSU. They would, however, need to apply for permission from the statewide panel to remain in Spokane and, if denied permission, would be required to move out to Cheney. West feels this could solve problems such as reverse commuting.

The bill being put forward, 6717, is an amendment of an earlier bill, 4349, which created the JCHE in 1988. All references to Eastern Washington University and the JCHE have been omitted and replaced by Wash-

ington State University. Under the new amendments, the Joint Center for Higher Education would be abolished and Eastern would retain its interests in SIRTU.

Approximately 1,400 Spokane students, 1,000 from EWU and 400 from WSU, could be affected by the compromise plan if their programs were relocated or discontinued.

"How can the state justify establishing a branch campus of WSU in the major metropolitan area of Spokane, a branch campus that would be just 16 miles from the home campus of a regional university and ex-

pect Eastern to survive?" asked James Kirschbaum, member of Eastern's board of trustees. "Eastern draws 75 percent of its students from counties in the eastern regions of the state with 56 percent from Spokane county alone."

Some fear that if EWU loses its Spokane programs, enrollment numbers will dip farther. Eastern's current enrollment shortfall is one of the main reasons West cited when he originally proposed a merger.

EWU President Marshall Drummond said, "The University (EWU) has been a presence in Spokane for 60 years. If these

programs are forced to leave, an awful lot of people are going to be left without programs."

Over 20 programs are now offered, completely or in part, at various Spokane locations.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board, which spent two days in Spokane earlier this month collecting information and testimony on the issue, will present their findings to Gov. Locke next week.

West said that if the compromise proposal is found to be acceptable, it would probably be voted on this session and implemented next year.

BOT/president say they didn't know about merger

Pia Kornerup Hansen
Staff Writer

Persistent rumors around campus last week claimed that both Eastern's president and the board of trustees knew about Sen. West's proposal to merge EWU and WSU before the story broke on December 1.

"We did not talk of merging Eastern and WSU, either with the governor or the WSU regents!" chair of Eastern's board of trustees, James Kirschbaum said in a written statement re-

leased at the board's meeting on Friday.

EWU president Marshall Drummond says he has been meeting regularly with WSU president Samuel Smith over the past ten years, but a possible merger between the two schools has never been brought up.

"Smith has used words like collaboration, or consolidation, but never merger," Drummond

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Roe v. Wade 25th anniversary reveals apathy

Kathryn Crum
Staff Writer

Twenty-five years ago college campuses across the country were rallying for or against abortion. Today, at least at Eastern, this is not the case.

A presentation hosted by the Women's Studies Center on Jan. 20 documented the struggles that women still face today when they choose to have an abortion. Only four students showed up, three because it was required of them.

No rallies were planned to celebrate or oppose the landmark decision made by the Supreme Court 25 years ago.

Carol Vines, manager of the Women's Studies Center said, "People are not interested unless it's relevant at the moment."

Marin Burkman, director of counseling and psychological services at Eastern, said, when it comes to abortion, "I can't think of a single case where a student came in to discuss it."

Students in the PUB thought the issue wasn't worth debating. One 43-year-old student said that the legalization of abortion was an issue back then because women were dying. "It's not a health issue anymore,

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Boredom may have you climbing the walls

David Kisse
Staff Writer

Ready to climb the walls? Ready to put your life in your own hands? Whether you're a beginning climber or an experienced wall scaler, Wild Walls has the climb for you. Wild Walls caters to all kinds of climbers, offering routes ranging from novice to expert.

Owner Timon Behan noticed a climbing trend in the bigger cities. Behan researched the Spokane area for two years to see if it would be able to support a climbing gym. Behan chose the Armory because the ceiling was 40 feet high and was ideal for a climbing gym.

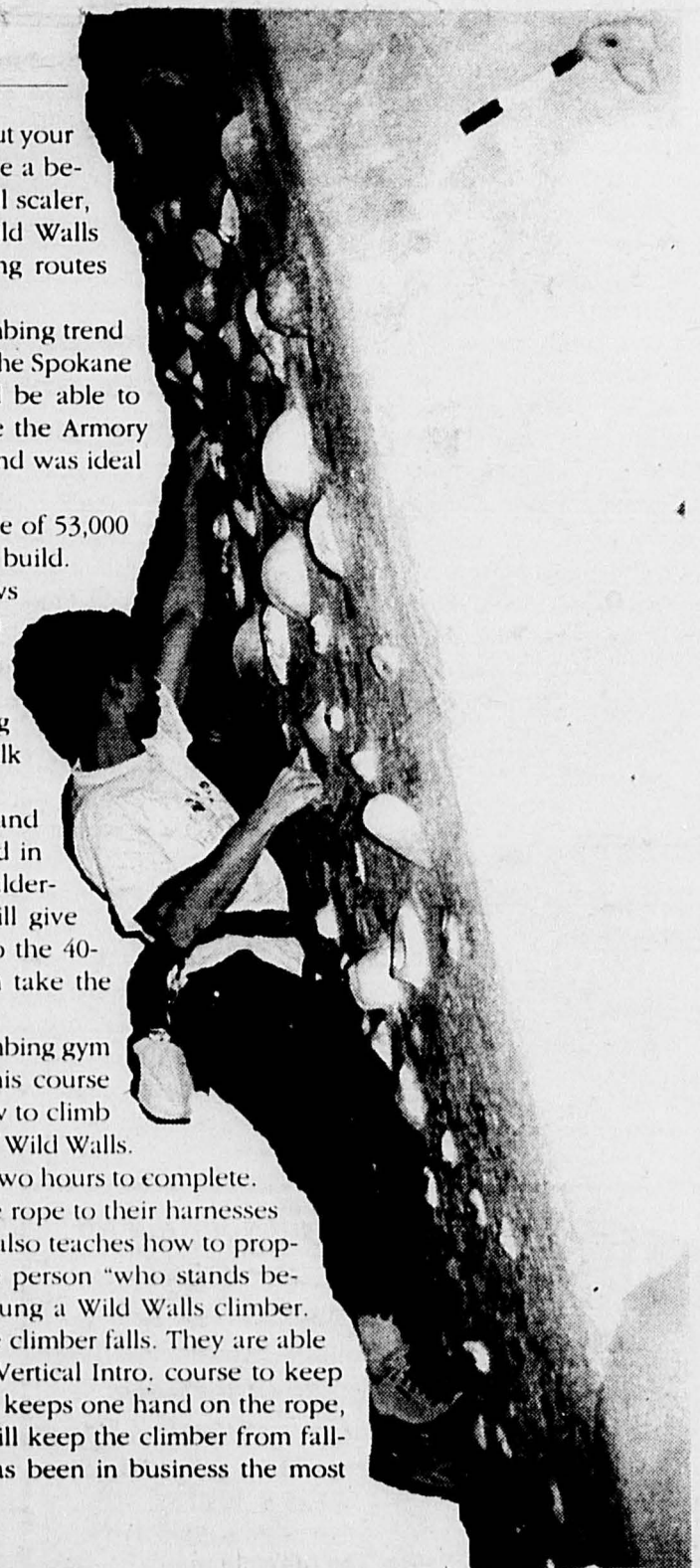
The climbing walls, which are made of 53,000 pounds of steel, took three months to build.

The ASEWU Outdoor Program allows students three free passes to Wild Walls each quarter. However, the passes do not include the climbing equipment. Wild Walls rents the proper climbing gear, climbing shoes, a harness, and chalk bag for \$6 per visit.

Students who want to visit the gym and see if it is something they're interested in can "boulder," which is climbing shoulder-high around the walls. Bouldering will give you a feel if you are ready to scale to the 40-foot rafters. If you are, then you can take the "Vertical Intro." course.

Every Tuesday and Saturday the climbing gym offers a belay class, Vertical Intro. This course "teaches every thing you need to know to climb in the gym safely," said Arek Stanton of Wild Walls. The course costs \$25 and takes about two hours to complete. New climbers will learn how to tie the rope to their harnesses using double eight knots. The course also teaches how to properly belay a climber. A belayer is the person "who stands between you and death," said Jason Young a Wild Walls climber. The belayer holds the rope in case the climber falls. They are able to use the techniques learned in the Vertical Intro. course to keep them from falling. The belayer always keeps one hand on the rope, to ensure if someone falls the rope will keep the climber from falling. Stanton said since Wild Walls has been in business the most

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Briefly...

Chase Youth Commission awards outstanding adults

In keeping with the philosophy of James E. Chase (mayor of Spokane 1982-1985) about the importance of valuing our teens and youth, the Jim Chase Memorial Award will be given to an outstanding adult who has gone above and beyond in bettering the lives of youth in our community. If you know anyone who fits that description, you can nominate them for this award. Nominees will be judged on their accumulative significant contributions. He/she must be 21 or over, and contributions must be in the Spokane area. For applications, contact the Chase Youth Foundation, Sixth Floor-City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201-3333, or submit your nomination on-line at <http://www.spokanecity.org/youth>. Postmarked deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1998.

EWU essay contest promotes Black History Month

Students attending college-level schools in Spokane county can win cash for standing up for social justice.

An essay contest sponsored by the Black Education Program at Eastern Washington University is offering \$200 to college-level students.

The essay contest is one of several events the Black Education Program is sponsoring in February to celebrate Black History Month.

Contestants must write a 200-word essay about someone they know personally who took a risk in fighting against social injustice. Examples include a friend who spoke out against racism or a family member who helps those with special needs.

Authors of the winning essays will receive the cash award. The person or people they write about will receive a plaque commemorating their dedication to human rights.

All entries must be received no later than February 6, 1998, at: Eastern Washington University, BEP Essay Contest Committee, MS-164, Cheney, WA 99004-2431. For details about the contest, call (509)359-2205.

Scholarship offered to nontraditional students

Scholarship Opportunities are available! The Rural American Scholarship offers college funding to qualified applicants, in addition to the possibility

of a paid internship with XN Technologies.

Full-time students, at least 23 years old, returning to school and hailing from a rural community may qualify for this scholarship. Applications are available in the development office, Showalter 206 or the financial aid and scholarship office. The application deadline is April 1, 1998. Don't pass up this opportunity!

Help SCAN help families

Parents need support during all stages of life and types of crises. Learn how to help troubled families as a nonjudgmental friend through the Support Care And Networking Parent-Aide program. Male and Female volunteers are needed to match with parents calling for help. Assisted parents gain confidence and skills to help prevent child abuse and neglect. Fall training begins again Tuesday evening, Feb. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 458-7445 for a volunteer application and further details.

The bookstore hosts bridal book fair

EWU Bookstore's third Annual Bridal Book Fair is on. During this time the bookstore is offering a 20 percent discount on all bridal books, magazines, and gifts. The displays show a variety of ideas for the bride-to-be as well as some free information from local businesses. During the last day of this event, Feb. 6, Mystique Photography will be in the bookstore to take pictures for couples, families, singles and friends. Pictures will be \$5 each and will include a frame. Representative from EWU Dining Services/Event Planning, Tony D's Productions and Artistic Travel will be available to answer questions.

EWU Women's Studies Program presents Dr. Jeffrey Hanks

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, from noon to 1 p.m. in Monroe 114, Dr. Jeffrey Hanks, assistant professor in modern languages and literature, will be presenting Isabel Allende and the "Feminism of Reconciliation." Allende is a widely read writer of Latin America. Her works have been translated into many languages and regularly appear on the New York Best Seller List. Yet, she remains at the front of a heated debate over the nature of true feminine/feminist expression. Come hear about her move toward literary reconciliation and her facile resolution of complex issues.

Carpooling saves money and the environment

Carpools can be flexible—number of riders may vary, drivers and vehicles may rotate and expenses may or may not be shared. You don't even have to work at the same place with your partner, just in the general vicinity. It may take some advanced planning, but if each of us changes our habits even a little bit, everyone will benefit by reducing pollution and cutting down wear and tear on our vehicles. Call 359-7921 for help in arranging a carpool.

Body Fair promotes healthy image

In recognition of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, the EWU counseling center is sponsoring an art competition at the Body Fair on Feb. 24. EWU students are encouraged to submit work, in any medium, which reflects the healthy body image theme. Prizes will be awarded based on the votes of participants at the Body Fair. The Body Fair will be in the PUB MPR from 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Prizes will be announced prior to the presentation by Nomy Lamm (Fat Girl Extraordinaire) at 7 p.m.

First prize is \$50, donated by Rockwood Clinics.

Second prize is a half hour massage from Nancy Lee, donated by Cheney Massage Clinic and a free sandwich from Subway.

Third prize is a \$5 gift certificate to the EWU Bookstore, donated by Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine, and a coupon for a free sandwich from Subway.

For details, call the Counseling Center at 359-2366 or drop by Martin Hall 225.

Attendance woes may leave clubs high and dry

Jodie M. Anderson
News Editor

Shoddy attendance at clubs and organizations meetings may result in suspension of special privileges and funds.

Clubs and Organizations Board Chair Danny Caldwell says he can no longer exercise leniency. The bylaws only allow for two absences at meetings.

"I've gone on a system of trust that people would show up for their own benefit. Unfortunately attendance has dwindled disastrously, and clubs and organizations need to know that their privileges and benefits are on the line," he said.

These privileges include meeting and office space, advertising, fund-raising and soliciting on campus, free tables in the PUB, mailbox privileges in the council office and cosponsorship opportunities with other clubs.

Clubs and organizations that fail to send representatives to the mandatory meetings will not be recognized in the spring when they submit their budgets for next year.

In addition to their initial budgets, clubs and organizations may request supplemental budget funding for activities. For example, the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Alliance utilized part of the \$25,000 allocated for supplemental funding to put on an open-panel forum to heighten AIDS awareness and a dance complete with a live band. Student health and the student council cosponsored the events last December.

"It is the responsibility of clubs and organizations to liven up the campus," said Caldwell.

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Legislation proposes student representation on the BOT

Maryanne Gaddy
Editor

After nearly 28 years of struggle, a student may now have a fighting chance of gaining a seat on the board of trustees.

This will give students a voice," said Strider Dennison, vice president for the ASEWU. "It will allow the opinions of students and relevant facts to be brought forward, and maybe we can persuade the board on certain issues."

House Bill 2374 was debated before the state Legislature on Jan. 22. Last year a similar proposal was brought forward but was dropped before being

brought to the floor.

In the past, at least here at Eastern, the ASEWU president would sit on an advisory panel but would be excluded from executive sessions. Most major decisions, and the debating over, is done in executive session. With a student present, it is believed that there will be information exchanged and that a greater understanding between students and board members could be reached.

"One student voice will allow a fresh perspective of student views and ideas," said Adrienne Thompson, student liaison from Western Washington University. "A vote would provide better access and communication between the governance board and the

students."

It has been proposed that the bill be amended so that student members would not be allowed a vote. Opponents of the bill have been concerned that a conflict of interest may develop with a student on the board. A separate proposed amendment allows that the student members would not be present for personnel matters.

"The hiring and firing of faculty members or administrators is not up to us," said Dennison. He agreed that making that amendment would give the bill a better chance of passing.

The bill will be brought to the floor on Feb. 2 and may be voted on at that time.

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so we don't care," she said.

Another student, 24, said that being part of a rally is just, "drawing attention to yourself."

Some were surprised that the campus was not holding any rallies for either side.

"It was a bigger issue in the Tri-Cities," said one woman. "I'm surprised because [college campuses are] where everybody usually protests."

Others are not surprised that Eastern is not doing anything. A 21-year-old student said that the difference between Eastern and other campuses is that most people live in Spokane. They aren't even on campus except to go to class.

Age may be a reason for the lack of interest, since the majority of college-age students were not even born until after the Supreme Court ruling. Another student, 18, said, "If we could have been here when it was an issue, more people would recognize it."

Jon Nugent, director of Planned Parenthood of Spokane and Whitman Counties said, "Most people in college today have always known choice, they have never known what it is not to have this right."

Nugent has spoken to groups of students in the past and the majority respond, according to him, "That was my mother's issue, not my issue."

Dan Kennedy, president of Right to Life in Spokane, and Nugent both agree on one thing: more young people are involved in the pro-life movement than pro-choice. Kennedy said, "Thousands of college-aged young people work quietly behind the scenes to outlaw abortion. Most young people are really pro-life," he claimed. "They have a natural hon-

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said, adding that one result of their ongoing discussions has been the joint library project "which nobody seems to complain about since the selection of books has gotten so much larger."

Drummond said he was approached by West after a breakfast meeting at the Spokane Club in late November of last year. West told Drummond that he was going to propose a merger of WSU and EWU.

"West also said a letter would be coming soon," Drummond explained, and it did arrive a few days later. "[The Easterner] got the letter before I did," Drummond said, "but in this short conversation, that's the first time I have heard the word merger since 1985."

Apparently, West had been meeting at the Spokane Chamber of Commerce with local business people, The Spokesman-Review and the WSU Spokane advisory committee, which is chaired by Allison Cowles.

From this meeting West had gathered support from the Spokane business community, but according to Drummond, Eastern was not invited and he did not personally know about the so-called merger-meeting until after the fact.

"The meeting was of that advisory committee," Drummond said, "so they had no real obligation to invite Eastern."

"If they are going to talk about merging our two institutions I would agree it would have been courteous to invite either me or our board chairman," Drummond said, "to give our viewpoints."

West did not return calls asking for a comment, Monday.

Kirschbaum, in the written statement, flatly rejects rumors that a potential merger has been the topic of Smith and Drummond's monthly meetings since the spring of '97.

"Principally, they looked at administrative functions and whether or how some administrative elements could be accomplished with greater cost savings," Kirschbaum says about Drummond and Smith's talks over summer.

Among other things, it was discussed whether payroll could be handled by one of the institutions.

The two presidents also talked about "whether a low-enrollment program at one institution might be incorporated into a similar higher-enrollment offering at the other," according to Kirschbaum's statement.

All issues the two presidents broached were brought back to the BOT and WSU's board of regents, respectively.

The merger idea, according to Drummond, comes from a large group of people in Spokane who want a big WSU campus with a full range of programs.

"Yes, it is the people who own the paper (The Spokesman-Review)," Drummond said, "but they also have a lot of allies." He doesn't believe in a big conspiracy theory.

"In fact I think it is very simple," Drummond said. "They just saw a window of opportunity. Drummond is retiring or whatever I am doing, Eastern is having some enrollment problems and Spokane has desires that are not met." And this is where the merger idea came

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severe injury has been a chipped tooth.

Every Wednesday students can climb for \$5, with a monthly pass running a student \$49. Regular climbing price is \$10. These prices do not include climbing gear.

Behan said the Vertical Intro. is a great beginner course, but it does not give the necessary skills to climb outdoors. However they offer classes that teach you how to set your top rope anchors to climb outside safely. Wild Walls provides a



number of advanced climbing classes, including a lead climbing course and the routes are changed every six weeks so climbers never get bored.

Here's some advice Stanton gives to new climbers:

- Wear flexible clothing
- Stretch out before you climb to get your muscles warm.
- Climb at your level. Don't climb really hard routes. You might get discouraged before you have a chance to get the hang of it.
- Have fun!

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esty. They see it and say, 'There is something wrong with this.'"

Both Kennedy and Nugent believe that the chances of abortion being overturned in Washington are slim. Before Roe v. Wade, abortion was already legal in Washington along with New York, Alaska and Hawaii by a people's vote. So even if the Supreme Court reversed the decision, it would take another vote of the people in the state of Washington to reverse it, according to Kennedy and Nugent.

This is also another reason why students find no reason to get involved.

"We're tired of this being an issue," said one 18-year-old student. "It's already in the law books."

But Kennedy said that although it may be tougher to overturn the decision in Washington, they are still trying and will not give up.

Currently the pro-life movement is working in initiatives for parental notification and to ban "partial birth abortions." By this term many assume they mean within the last month of pregnancy. But, according to Planned Parenthood, this term is broad enough to encompass virtually every method of abortion used after the first trimester of pregnancy. Kennedy remains convinced that in time these initiatives will pass through a ballot in Washington state.

"We defeated euthanasia, and I think that shocked many people," Kennedy pointed out. "They thought it would pass easily."

Even though abortion is legal and has been for 25 years, the availability is decreasing. Due to the stress that pro-life groups have put on doctors, universities and hospitals, the number of doctors who perform the procedure and the training at medical schools is minimal, if any at all.

According to Nugent, Planned Parenthood had four doctors working for them in 1984, and now they only have two. He said that often, they have to fly doctors in from Seattle. Nevertheless, Nugent said he believes that Planned Parenthood will always be able to provide the service in Spokane.

The lack of doctors worries many in the pro-choice movement. According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, 744,600 abortions were performed in the country in 1973. In 1997 there were over 1.4 million.

Planned Parenthood said 1,567 Spokane County women had abortions in 1995. The 20-24 age group accounted for the most at 507. The next highest was the 15-19 year-old age group with 386 abortions.

Kennedy believes that the reason for the increase is that "abortion is being used as a backup for failed birth control."

Nugent believes it's because of the population increase and added, "If you put everything in proportion to the population, the rate of abortions has gone down."

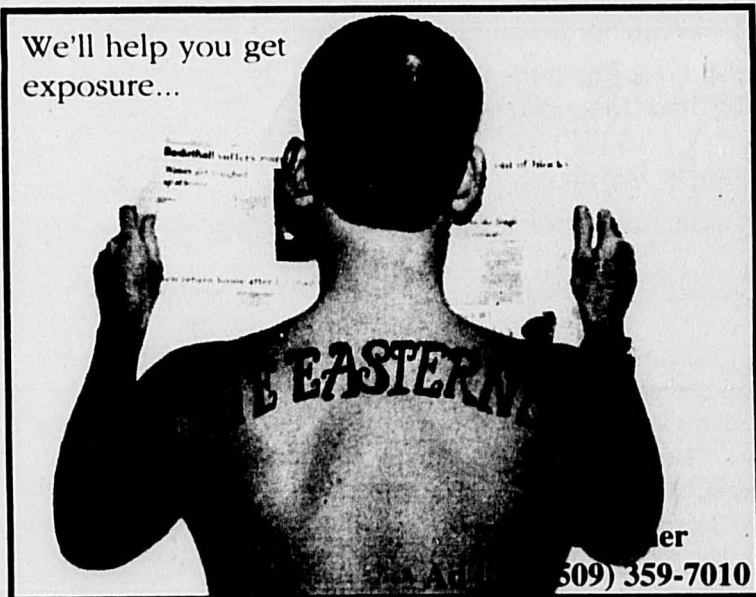
New procedures are making abortions possible much earlier in the cycle. One is already being used in over 20 Planned Parenthoods in the country, but not yet in Spokane. It allows an abortion 8-10 days after conception. It's a much less expensive and less time-consuming procedure.

But that will not resolve the debate. Kennedy said pro-life groups see no difference in earlier abortions. He also believes that in time the people in this country will realize the "barbarity" of abortion, and it will be overturned.

Nugent doesn't believe the debate will ever end.

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Words to live by

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Have you ever noticed the large black letters stating that McDonald's fries are "America's Favorite Fries"? I have. My curiosity was piqued by the "A," so I searched to see what it was indicating. Found it: little white fries saying, "According to sales." Well, no crap, Sherlock. Maybe that's because there are 30 billion more McDonald's restaurants in the world than any other? Lesson for this week: Read the fine print; things are not always as they seem.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) You know how sometimes you get a hankering for something, and you just can't get it off your mind? Like, you'll be sitting in class and, Bang! out of nowhere you are stricken with this huge need for a chicken pot pie or sex or something. You focus on that craving all day long, then when you get home to satisfy your appetite, you are severely let down. You just can't get what you've been looking for. Well, if you don't know what I'm talking about yet, have no fear. By the end of this week, you will be sorely disappointed in a big way. Bummer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) For the past week, many of us have been flat on our backs in bed moaning, sweating and aching. Unfortunately, it was not for the reason you're all thinking about. I fell victim to the same stinking flu that has infiltrated its way into half of the bodies on campus, and I just can't seem to shake it. During my seven-plus days of feverish delirium I had a moment of clarity. What did my trek to near-death teach me? Don't drink milk when you are feverish and congested. Lung butter. Need I say more?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) "You know it makes one feel rather good deciding not to be a bitch." The flamboyant Lady Brett Ashley, a tragically loving character in Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*, uttered these words after she'd lost one of the great loves of her life. All you Cancers out there — listen up — it would best serve you to decide right now just how good it feels *not* to be a bitch, (male or female) because before too long, you'll be kissing all the loves in your life good-bye. It's time to change your evil ways baby.

LEO (July 23-August 22) Remember when it was cool to like David Hasselhoff because he was a cool crime fighter with a bitchin' talking car? Now it's cool to pretend you like the loser because he hangs out with big-breasted bimbos. Tragedy how things change. Your assignment this week, should you choose to accept it: Do something to help you regain your innocent, childlike sense of coolness. Wear underoos or garanimals — that used to be cool. It didn't? No? Well, that explains a lot.

VIRGO (August 23-September 23) Isn't it great when you wake up in the morning and get out of the house without any mishaps — the hot water tank blowing up, your key breaking off in the lock as you dash off to class — dampening your spirits? I wouldn't know. I do know how it feels to *start and end* a day like that. I hate going to bed feeling like someone has been pissin' in my Cheerios all day. Do us all a favor and figure out a way to not sweat the small stuff. When you figure it out, let me in on the secret, will ya?

LIBRA (September 24-October 23) Well, I hope as predicted, all of you are feeling "just ducky" this week. If not, what the heck is wrong with you people? Come on, get happy! Try sitting in a park and watching little kids play in the frosty winter afternoon. If you wait long enough a couple of the kids might just start pounding on each other and cussing in kid language. Hopefully they'll stop before any permanent damage is done and you can walk away laughing and smiling. And you'll probably take a few new vocabulary words with you -- apple head, butt nugget, turd muncher -- kid language.

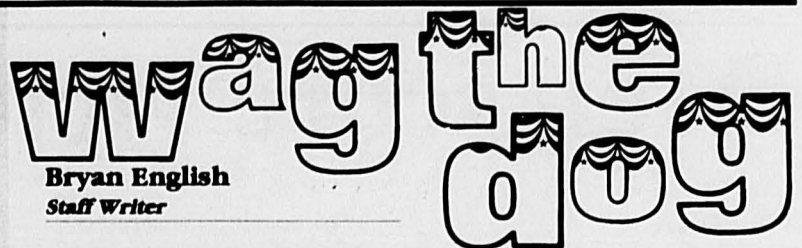
SCORPIO (October 24-November 21) "Women love us for our inconsistencies. If we have enough of them they will forgive us anything, even our intellects." Lord Henry Wotton uttered these words in Oscar Wilde's novel, *The Portrait Of Dorian Gray*. Ladies, it's time to prove men wrong. We don't want them thinking that we think this way, do we? And guys let me just set you straight. We don't think that way and we will not forgive you for being stupid. Unless of course you buy us really nice gifts and send us on trips to exotic places.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21) There's something horribly wrong with a world that chooses to name The Spice Girls the best band of the year over U2 and The Wallflowers. It's a sad insight to the fact that the major financial contributors of the music world are pubescent little boys. It is time for you Sagittarians to use your strong astrological pull to show the world that you will no longer put up with talentless nasty girls flaunting their body parts all over the place. Oh, wait. That would mean you would have to boycott me, too. Never mind. Spice Girls rule!

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19) Do yourself a favor this week. Spend a buck and have a great time becoming stimulated -- intellectually stimulated, that is. Well, I guess it wouldn't really be intellectual stimulation if it involved Brad Pitt. Anyway, spend a buck, go to the Garland Theatre and see *Seven Years in Tibet*. I can't remember the last time it felt so good to get educated. Yummy.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18) There was a new moon yesterday. Use it to your advantage. With the new moon comes new possibilities. Is there something you've been wanting to do for a really long time but you just haven't felt like you were capable? Well, now's your chance kiddies. Do whatever comes into your mind and don't think twice. You've got the moon for an excuse.

PISCES (February 19-March 20) Well my invitation for random hugs wasn't very fruitful. I only got one, it was a good one, but still, it was only one. I must be doing something wrong. Although I can't really blame you for not feeling close enough to me to touch me. I am pretty nasty to you people a lot of the time. So, how about this: If you're a Pisces, walk up to me and say, "I'm a Pisces." Then I'll give you a big hug and you won't have to feel like you're hugging a strange freak. You can just think, "Hey I just made a freaky stranger really happy by letting some of my good vibes rub off on her." Just a thought.



The President is in trouble. Accused of sexual misconduct, he desperately seeks a way to divert people's attention from his troubles to the troubles of the country at large by bringing about standby military action.

No, this is not a preview of upcoming newspaper headlines, it is the plot synopsis of Barry Levinson's latest film, *Wag The Dog*. Just another case of art imitating life. Although the film has been out for a while now, current events have given it a startling new relevance. The resemblance between the two is spooky.

The story, co-written by journalist Janice Lundt and famed playwright David Mamet, follows how famed PR flack Conrad Brean (Robert De Niro) enlists the services of Hollywood producer Stan Motts (Dustin Hoffman, his best performance since *Tootsie*) to mastermind a war ("No not a war. We want the appearance of a war...It's like a pageant.") between the U.S. and fictional Albanian nuclear terrorists who are attempting to infiltrate the U.S. through Canada. This sounds preposterous, but the film does an impressive job of selling the concept to the audience.

The machinations the characters go through to keep their client's proclivities out of the limelight until election time are both hilariously ridiculous and believable at the same time. It really does showcase the fine line between politics and show business, and how the American public can be suckered into believing anything if it looks good on TV.

Although the movie tries too hard to be a contemporary *Doctor Strange Love* (nothing will ever top that) and it tends to drag toward the end, the film maintains its dark comic perspective and manages to make a good point about the sale of politics.

What's going on?

Thursday through Friday, January 29-February 6

Bridal Book Fair at the EWU Bookstore. 20% off of Bridal Everything! Don't miss it!

Thursday, January 29

The Black Education Program presents Nancy Nelson -- African-American Women in Music: Not Just the Blues, at noon in Monroe 114.

Friday, January 31

Spokane Chiefs Night! Chiefs vs. Tri-Cities at 7 p.m. \$6

Thursday, February 5

Movie *A Soldier's Story* sponsored by the Black Education Program.

Friday, February 7

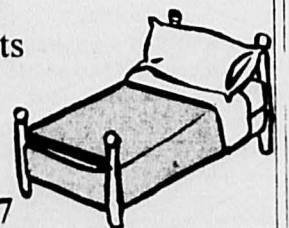
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Men score victory over Weber State

R. Moore
Staff Writer

After 97-81 beating by Weber State in Ogden, Utah just two short weeks ago, the Eagles used the re-emergence of two of their strongest front-line guys, Jon Berger and Kevin Lewis, and the consistency of Karim Scott, defeating the Wildcats 75-64.

On Jan. 10, Weber State lit Eastern up scoring just three shy of 100. This time around, however, the Eagle held Weber to 33 less points.

"I was pleased with our defensive intensity," said

head coach Steve Aggers. "We did a really good job on Baskerville and Fisher. Karim did a nice job on him (Baskerville.)"

In the previous match between the two teams Baskerville was responsible for 35 of Weber's 97 points.

This time around, he had 20. "But," Aggers said, "it was a quiet 20."

Eastern, who were out-rebounded by 14 in the previous match up, managed to edge out Weber 40-38 on the boards this time around. Eastern shot the ball extremely well from the field,

going 32-58 (.552), while Weber struggled, shooting a dismal 25-69 (.362).

"We really D'd them up on the perimeter and took away their three-point field goals," said Aggers. "They are really good shooting the three, and we took it away from them in the first half." Weber was 0-7 in the first half and 2-18 for the game from behind the arc.

Scott's game remained large all the way across with 16 points, eight boards, two steals, four assists and three blocks. Berger, in only his third game back, continued

his hot streak by equaling a career-high 15 points, setting a career high of four assists and pulling down five boards. K. Lewis' minutes are starting to add up as he recovers from a knee injury. Lewis scored eight points and had five boards in his season-high 25 minutes of play.

This is the front-line Aggers hoped to start the season with. Now Berger is back and playing hard, K. Lewis has finally taken off the brace and gotten the start as well as some rhythm back and Scott... well, he does many good things, leading

UP NEXT
The men hit the road against the Portland State Vikings on Saturday. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

the Eagles in scoring 17.2, rebounds 6.9 and steals 2.2 per game.

The Eagles next game is on Jan. 31 at Portland State University (5-2) a team that is currently tied with NAU for second place in the Big Sky conference with a conference. Eastern is tied with Cal State Northridge for the sixth slot with a conference record of 3-4.

Track scores second at Eagle Invite

Nathan Joyce
Sports Editor

The men and women track teams finished second only to the University of Washington in their own meet Saturday at the Eagle Invitational indoor track meet in Thorpe fieldhouse.

Ja'Warren Hooker of UW set a fieldhouse record in the 55-meter dash by shaving .02 seconds off the original

record held by Augustin Olobia of Washington State. Hooker ran the 55 in 6.24 to qualify for the NCAA Indoor Championship.

The Husky men edged EWU by only eight points, finishing 1-2-3 in both the 400-meters and 1,000 meters. The women's team were beat by 24.

Women's highlights:

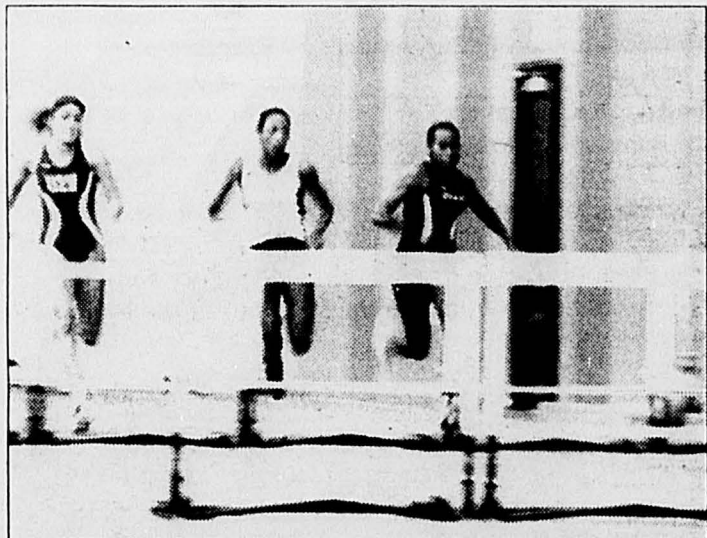
Darcy Steele and Amber Johnson finished first and

second on the mile run.

Seville Broussard took the 55-meter high hurdle crown, running in 8.21 seconds. Kim VanDalsem scored a first in the high jump with a 5-foot, 4.5-inch leap. Taneka Sauls came within a few inches of her own school record in the long jump with 18'3.75. She finished second to Michelle Reid of Washington. Maria Manley finished second in the women's weight throw.

Men's highlights:

Wayne Timmons finished second to Hooker in the 55-meter. Mike Dwyer claimed second in the 55-meter hurdles with a 7.61 time. The men's 4x80-meter relay grabbed first with a time of 7:46.50. EWU took first and second in the long jump. Elondrus Lee jumped 23'02.5, and Anthony Haynes leapt 22'03.50. Eastern also swept the top three spots in the shotput with Jay Martell, Brent Twaddle and Kevin Whitson taking home medals.



Seville Broussard won the 55-meter hurdles. Chris Thew

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Five inductees named to Eastern Hall of Fame

Featuring four All-Americans, a Pacific Coast boxing champion and a pioneer in women's athletics, six more individuals have been selected as the 1998 class of inductees in the EWU Athletics/Nextlink Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony will be a pre-game dinner on Feb. 21 prior to Eastern's men's basketball game against Montana in Cheney.

Inductees include former Eagle football player Kurt Schulz, who has spent his entire six-year career in the National Football League with the Buffalo Bills. He was an All-American defensive back

and Academic All-American when he played for EWU from 1988-91.

Two men's basketball All-Americans will also be inducted, including Eastern's all-time leading scorer and rebounder Ron Cox. Cox earned All-American honors in 1976 and 1977 as he scored 1,741 points and had 1,273 rebounds while leading Eastern to a 77-30 record in his four years with the school.

The other men's basketball standout selected to the Hall of Fame was Dick Eicher, who played for Eastern from 1947-51. Formerly from Palouse,

Wash. Eicher scored 1,084 career points and led Eastern to a 77-35 record in four seasons. He was an honorable mention Little All-America's selection in 1951.

The fourth All-American is women's basketball standout Brenda Souther, who earned honorable mention All-America honors as a senior in 1987. She led Eastern to a 74-38 record in her four seasons, including the school's only NCAA Basketball Tournament berth in 1987. She established more than 10 school records including career points (1,733), rebounds (1,045) and blocked shots (364).

The fifth Hall of Fame

inductee is Herm Pein, who won the Pacific Coast heavy-weight boxing title in 1948 and was also a standout football player at Eastern. He earned All-Evergreen Conference honors as both a linebacker and center and helped lead Eastern to a record of 25-7-2 in his four years in Cheney.

The final inductee, Peggy Gazette, was instrumental in the development of women's athletics at Eastern. She served Eastern for 21 years from 1966-87 primarily as women's athletic director and chair of women's physical education programs. A reflection of the progress

Eastern made in the area of women's athletics during Gazette's tenure was the emergence of Eastern's women's basketball program. It was fitting that Souther, perhaps that program's most outstanding player, joins Gazette as one of this year's Hall of Fame inductees.

A committee of 15 persons with a connection with Eastern's athletic program voted on a list of possible inductees, which ultimately led to the selection of the inaugural class of inductees. Nextlink, a provider of telecommunications products and services, is sponsoring the Hall of Fame.

Eastern women lose at home

Dave Humphreys
Staff Writer

The Lady Eagles are hoping to end a two-game skid against Portland State at home Saturday.

The Eagles are eager for a win after losing a close game, 74-69, to cross-mountain rivals Idaho. Long-range shooting kept EWU in the game as they hit nine 3-pointers, just one off the school record.

The game slipped from their fingers they had a slim 69-68 lead, but Idaho finished the game on an impressive run, holding Eastern to just a free throw in the closing minutes of the game.

"(It) was a disappointing loss," said coach Jocelyn Pfeifer. "We played well for about 37 minutes, but we didn't come through in the end."

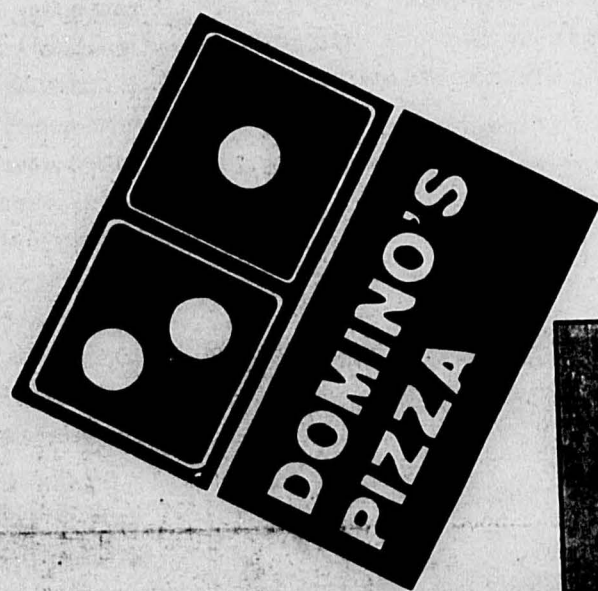
The Eagles will be facing the same Viking defense allowed them to sink only 23 shots the whole game last Sunday in a 75-45 loss on the road. The Eagles were short handed, though, as three players were serving a one-game suspension for disciplinary reasons.

"I think that it starts when we hit our outside shots and that opens up the middle for us," Pfeifer said.

Defensively, look for the Eagles to be more aggressive. In their loss to Idaho, they caused 17 turnovers and only suffered 18.

"I think that defensively last night we played more aggressive, but we still need to get after the loose balls," said Pfeifer.

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Tip 1: Practice with small errands first.

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Tip 2: Experiment with other modes of transportation.

As you become more comfortable with leaving your car in the garage, it's important to try some other means of commuting. Give carpooling a try, hop on a bus, or ride your bike. This will help open your eyes to new and exciting possibilities for getting around.



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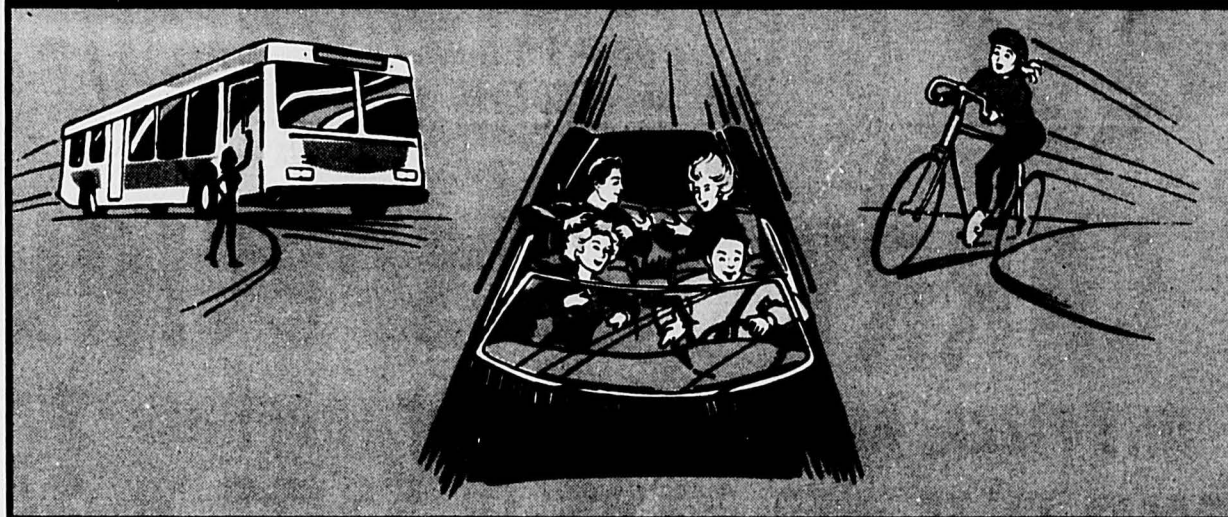
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