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Department of Transportation plans to improve Riverpoint and SIRTI campuses

The Joint Center for Higher Education in Spokane, which consists of the Riverpoint and SIRTI buildings, hopes that development of its next two phases will change the path of the campus literally.

At the request of the Joint Center, the Washington State Department of Transportation developed preliminary plans to realign Trent Avenue, which is presented to the city council on Nov. 24, 1997. The proposed realignment would move Trent south of the Spokane River so that it would no longer cut through the Riverpoint and SIRTI complexes. This project would coincide with construction of Phase Two of the complex, across from the Marriott.

The map above illustrates the proposed realignment of Trent Ave., south of the Spokane River.

This is a challenge, said Terry Novak, director of the JCHE. The JCHE owns 20 acres north of the current Trent and 20 acres south of the highway, but does not own, and would not need, some property right next to this spot, somebody must clean up. They've discovered some pretty bad toxins down there.

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Suit filed to stop textbook price hikes

100% markup has student up in arms

Ty Bruner Staff Writer

The quarter is well underway now, and wounds inflicted on eyes and bank accounts from the soaring prices of textbooks have begun to abate a little bit. At least until next quarter.

It would appear that there is little hope of relief, because prices and inflation, especially in the realm of higher education, do not usually decrease.

Take heart, fellow students, for there is an exception to every rule.

It happened one day, during the first week of classes, that I stumbled upon an exciting discovery. Being the genius that I am, I typically wait to buy my textbooks until something that I need from them is due the next day.

That way I can spend all day and most of the night working on it instead of standing in line at the bookstore.

One of my classes requires two books: volume one and volume two. Aside from the contents, the books are identical. Same binding, same paper, same color, print, size, and nearly the same number of pages, even the same plastic wrap. When I checked on the prices of the books, I found that they were sold at the bookstore on campus for $25.30 each.

This isn't unheard of. I mean, your average Chemistry book costs twice as much. Then I found out that the same books were sold at

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AS council sponsors petition against merger proposal

Carlos Acero Staff Writer

The student council members are hoping that Olympia gets their messages in a big way. Soon they'll be sending the Higher Education Coordinating Board a giant, poster-sized letter with hundreds of signatures from students on campus who are agreed on one thing: A merger with WSU is not acceptable.

The signatures are from a petition the council is sponsoring at the PUB in order to express the sentiment of the student body regarding the merger proposed by Sen. Jim West late last year.

Students can also email legislators on a computer specially setup for the task.

The petition is the brainchild of Amy Smith, academic affairs representative for the student council. She said she got the idea after observing the

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Merger discussions began a year ago

Sara Ellen M. Hutchison Staff Writer

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According to The Spokane-Review, the president of WSU's board of regents, Richard Albrecht, said that they also discussed a full merger of the universities. Last July, Albrecht met with governor Locke and James Kirschbaum, president of Eastern's board of trustees, to discuss Eastern—but not a takeover by WSU.

West's letters to Drummond and Smith on Dec. 2 revived the debate, prompting Locke to direct the Higher

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Washington Student Lobby Update:
Student lobby supports higher education endowment

Press release - The Washington Student Lobby joined university presidents, development officers, and faculty representatives at a hearing of the Senate Higher Education Committee on Jan. 19 to support legislation that would create an endowment fund for higher education at the state's public institutions.

The Washington state endowment fund (Senate Bill 6242) would be created through the matching of state funds and private fundraising. The earnings from this fund would then be distributed between the institutions for distinguished professorships, graduate fellowships, undergraduate scholarships, equipment, faculty teaching awards, curriculum development, faculty development and library resources.

The Washington Student Lobby sees the benefits in funding this endowment. These benefits include increasing access to education, improving the quality of curriculum and providing the most advanced equipment and resources for instruction.

Glenda Morrison

Mood swings, anxiety, stress often mistaken for depression

What might seem like "another bad day" to stressed out students could be subtle signs of something more serious - depression.

"People can get depressed any time of the year," said Neil Newman, psychologist with the Ohio State Counseling and Consultation Service. Depression comes from many sources, including pressures from home and school, he said.

"Stress, though, is often misidentified as depression. Mood swings, anxiety or grief are all specific conditions college students may experience.

"Depression is a fairly overused label," said Charles Klink, associate director of the counseling center.

"Each person may show symptoms in their own special way," said Klink. "There are behavioral, cognitive and physiological indicators students can use to identify depression. He said for example a student may notice a change in appetite, sleep pattern or consistently low self esteem."

If a student gets a bad grade and mopeds around for a few days that is not necessarily depression, Newman said. "If it persists for three weeks or more, you could be in a depression."

Students can receive help for depression through the university's counseling center.

Each counselor handles depression differently, Newman added. Physicians initially identify and determine the source of stress, he said.

"Counselors and students can then work on problem-solving techniques."

"Not everyone is depressed the same way," Klink said, adding statistics show that depression is more common in women than men.

"This fact may be misleading though, said Klink, because women are more likely to seek treatment.

Students who notice signs of depression in friends should encourage them to see a professional to properly diagnose and treat the problem, Newman said.

"Say what you're noticing, but don't assume you know what it means," he added. Many times students are just busy and distracted and not depressed.

White House internships offer brush with history

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - On an average day there are about 250 unpaid interns between the ages of 18 and 25 working at the White House, answering phones, sorting mail, running errands and hopping for a brush with history.

Allegations that former intern Monica Lewinsky, may have had an affair with President Clinton, have put a spotlight on the program, which aims to give young people work experience and the White House, a source of cheap, enthusiastic labor.

Clinton denied he had an "inappropriate sexual relationship" with the woman or that he encouraged her to have one.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters Wednesday said that program includes roughly 250 youths at any time of year, half of them male and half female.

They work in a wide variety of settings at the White House and in many of its key operations, from the office of the chief of staff, Clinton's top aides, to the press office that presents the administration's public face to world.

Interns, who are not paid, can work full-time during the summer and up to 25 hours a week during the school year, McCurry said, adding that there are two sessions of interns during the summer and one each in the autumn and spring.

Many find the program an intoxicating introduction to the White House world of national politics and use their experience as a springboard to paying jobs elsewhere in the government.

The interns, who often are college students trying a semester off from their studies or recent graduates looking for a foothold in Washington, face the same background checks that are applied to White House staff.

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Education Coordinating Board to evaluate higher education in Eastern Washington.

"This is not simply a matter of deciding either in favor of the status quo or in favor of a merger," said Locke in a Dec. 22 press release.

In the Jan. 15 issue of The Easterner it was reported that the office of student health services is in Showalter Room 107. The correct room number is 117.

Correction Box

In the Jan. 15 issue of The Easterner it was reported that the contact for National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, may be reached at 624-0151.

The news editor regrets these errors.
Little, tiny squirrels have memories like elephants

By Lynne Kozarek

Squirrels around campus are generally viewed in nuisance or cute additions to the community, but the little gray critters have pretty complex habits as they gear up for winter. A recent study at the University of California-Torrance showed that squirrels have far better memories than humans do, burying food for the winter in hundreds of different sites. Later the squirrels dig up the food in order to have enough for the cold months. The study found that humans, given the same situation, would only be able to remember the locations of six or seven burial places. But good memories don’t make for good health. Paul Fusco, a research assistant at the University of Minnesota’s Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, said squirrels are the No. 2 or No. 3 animal they see. “Usually the most common thing for squirrels to be injured by pets,” Fusco said. He also said the employees at the center recommend that people don’t feed the squirrels because he found they have found the most likely animal to bite people. According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the 1979 gray and fox squirrel hunting season began Sept. 13 and ends Feb. 28. But aggregated students shouldn’t be running for their guns quite yet. Students on campus have differing views on the squirrel population. Ishih Candy Ashbach, a UM senior in psychology, and Mark Bowler, a UM junior in psychology, have had close encounters of the squirrel kind. “I think they’re a nuisance,” Bowler said. “They have invaded the Arnebys,” and one of my psychology classes, we had a squirrel running around everyone’s foot for an hour.” Bowler added that while the incident in his class was mildly entertaining, it was made as humorous to find that a squirrel chewed through the screen in his room at Gateswood Hill and ate his food. Ashbach, however, said he believes the squirrels are wonderful additions to the campus atmosphere and often treats them as pets. “They are funny, ingenious and crafty,” Ashbach said. “When I have food, I feed them, and I talk to them, too.” Ashbach said the squirrels are survivability and she thinks that is an admirable trait.

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**I saw Elvis at the Dairy Queen last Tuesday and...**

Colleen De Baise

CHICAGO — It’s one way to prove that you’re a hunka hunka burning intellect. This year’s application to the prestigious University of Chicago invites students to concoct their best conspiracy theory explaining how Elvis Presley is alive, well and maybe even hanging out at the mall.

“If you’re in the Office of College Admissions,” the question begins, “we are persuaded that current Elvis sightings in highway rest areas, grocery stores and laundromats are part of a wider conspiracy involving five of the following: the metric system, the Mall of America, the crisis of the Hindenburg, Heisenberg’s uncertainty principle, lint, J.D. Salinger and wax fruit.”

The question, which is optional, asks students to get to the bottom of this evil plot in 500 words or less.

So far, nearly a third of the 6,000 applicants have taken the challenge and answered the Elvis question, passing over a more traditional question about what factors comprise a neighborhood.

One female student drafted her response in the form of a memo to President Clinton. The King of Rock, she explained, is actually a crusty scientist who faked his own death so he could devote more time to working on complex physics theories.

To that end, Presley currently is developing a polymer coating that would prevent lint from forming on clothes, she wrote. Also, “he is very angry that nothing has been done to incorporate the metric system into general use in America since President Ford signed the Metric Conversion Act in 1975,” she wrote.

Another student presented her theory that J.D. Salinger, the elusive author of “The Catcher in the Rye,” is actually Jesse Aaron Presley, Elvis fraternal twin presumed to have been born dead in 1935. “Paranoid that his older twin’s fame and overall ‘phoenix’ would distract from his artistic genius, Jesse changed his name to ‘Jerome David Salinger’ and since then has avoided public attention of all sorts,” she wrote.

A male student decided to wax poetic and presented his answer in a Homeric ode: “I call you, Muse, to help me sift through the sick crime committed hereby? Help me to write of a conspiracy so great as to send shock waves through-out the scholastic circles, to cite great things, too.

The university boasts 69 Nobel Prize winners among its alumni, more than any other school. Walsh said the wacky question helps him and the nine other members of the admissions committee gauge a student’s ingenuity.

“It really does tell us something about a student,” he said. “If you’re going to come here, you’re going to really have to think it’s fun, important and engaging to play with ideas.”

The committee doesn’t place much stake in the highbrow stuffiness usually associated with academic greatness, he said.

“Nobel Prize winners are a little bit nuts themselves, by and large,” he said. “Actually, in an odd way, the ability to make quirky connections is incredibly consonant with academic achievement.”

There’s one more reason why the admissions committee favors odd essay questions, Walsh admits.

Put yourself in their ‘blue suede shoes’ for one moment and imagine sorting through 6,000 college applications. “Nobody has more of an incentive to lighten this than the people who have to read through them,” he said.

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Student groups for nonbelievers and skeptics starts at Ohio State

Michelle L. Meyer
Lansing

It’s hardly to notice the flirts around Ohio State University’s campus that read: “We Don’t Believe In God. Do You?” But then that’s the idea. Students for Prechristian, a new campus organization for atheists, agnostics and humanists, posted the eyebrow-raising flyers.

“We want to give people something to think about,” said August Brunsman, the group’s president.

Atheism is not believing in God. Agnosticism is believing there isn’t enough evidence to say whether God exists, and humanism is centered on human interests. The group wants to educate OSU and the surrounding community about these beliefs and introduce their own philosophy as well.

A “freethinker,” members say, is anyone who’s not afraid to question claims to knowledge or authority. A freethinker also requires proof and reason for believing and refuses to take a stance out of fear or pressure to conform.

Brunsman, a junior psychology major, started the organization because he said there were student groups for religious believers, but none for those who choose not to follow traditional beliefs.

“When you come to the campus and go to the oval, you get assaulted by people who want to change you to their version of the Bible,” Brunsman said. “I want people who are freethinkers to meet other freethinkers,” he said.

The organization believes in the open discussion of all ideas and in the freedom of people to believe however they want, as long as they are not hurting others. They are against censorship, homophobia, racism, sexism and any ideology professed to be the ultimate truth.

“No one ever told me that God was real,” said Brunsman, who was raised by parents who were not religious.

David Frison, treasurer for the group, was raised United Methodist and went to church every Sunday.

“It was something I just didn’t question and didn’t even look into it all that much,” said Frison, a junior majoring in fine arts.

When he was about 15 years old, Frison said he began thinking about what the Bible means and wondered whether God exists, he said. “Things just took off from there, and I eventually concluded that reasons for being a Christian were not valid ones,” he said.

The Bible and any other religious text or doctrine, including scientific theory, cannot be followed blindly, Frison said.

“Human knowledge is never final because we can always learn something new and find out that we are wrong,” he said. “Critical analysis of everything is the key.”

The organization’s seven members are planning to sponsor forums for debates, discussions and guest speakers. They’re hoping everyone, regardless of their personal beliefs, will participate.

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At Eastern the writing is on the walls
The bathroom walls that is

Derrick Knowles
SelfWriter

Image and identity in the '90s have become very important to organizations in their quest for a larger market share in an increasingly competitive world. Here at Eastern, things are no different. Everyone from the administrators to the ASEWU has been struggling to find and decipher the image and the identity of Eastern.

Washington University, but somewhere behind a stack of papers, or shoved into the back of some dusty file cabinet the truth of what it means to be a student at Eastern has been lost.

Maybe it has been overlooked by countless university bureaucracies with their shiny spics or more likely, it was just forgotten by an indifferent student majority. But I believe there is still hope for Eastern. For four years I have been making a casual survey of what I believe to be the university's best indicator of identity—the writing on bathroom walls.

I have subsequently put my observations into various categories, including musical, social, antiscial, political, and other. Under the musical category, a few specific taggings caught my attention including the infamous "I Love Slayer," with lightning bolts for added artistic flare; the honest "Earth Brooks Steak," with the proven social Sublime lyrics above an ignjous racist remark that read, "Life's too short so love the one you got. You may get wet or ya might get shot."

Moving on to the social category, I included the international '90s of communism, the naive "Can't everybody just get along;" and the wry "Yes, all the Whighted Peas."

And to continue the social group, I offer a short list from the category I labeled antiscial. Interestingly enough, I have found that the majority of the writings I have read here at Eastern seem to fall under this category. The first being a short rhyming poem that has been cleverly designed to fit various problematic situations one may encounter in a bathroom beginning with the verse: "Here I sit all broken hearted." Another popular one is the timeless, sexually dysfunctional voice crying in the bathroom "For a good time call..."

Moving on to quickly my favorite and most intellectually stimulating category--the political. Beginning with the pessimistic "USA/USE," the petrichoric "Burn the State;" the green "Earth First;" and its counter "People last!" The realistic "If the Earth is First, People will Last." And, finally, the patriotic "NO 676."

The final group I vaguely titled other, was reserved for all unsightly or completely random scribblings including one long "Shhhhh..." followed by the commanding "Allah forbids it;" and the strange carpetings in the paint on the wall that just made me nervous to think someone was carrying a knife with them into the bathroom.

What does this all mean, you may be asking. I'm not so sure myself, but it seems to me that it's a colossal abuse of public funds to be spending so much money searching in vain for Eastern's identity when such a reliable survey of individual beliefs and expression have been preserved for us on the university's bathroom walls.

In light of my discovery, I propose that the school administrators and student government spend more time reading the words left by Eastern students in bathroom stalls, and less time searching the pages of Teen magazine and Rolling Stone looking for Eastern's new hip image. And even more time pondering the thoughts of Eastern students and less time conducting costly ambiguous surveys around the world.

If this modest proposal was only incorporated into the school's policy, Eastern officials would soon know that there is no one mass identity of EWU, no one collective image that will draw students here by the thousands. If they would only look, they might notice the different things students write and think about, and then it may occur to them that what Eastern really needs is to encourage the kind of creative expression that is taking place here already to perpetuate individuality and diversity rather than praising the stagnant monochromatic image that dominates most universities these days.

If they would only read the writing on the walls, they may notice one of my personal favorites: "We are all ONE, say the guru's Ave, I might agree, but one what?"

So next time you get concealed, and you're not quite sure what it means to be an Eastern Eagle, just pick a stall out of line's many clean, well-lit bathrooms, and take a look for yourself and find out what it truly means to be a student at Eastern Washington University.

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**Horoscopes**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): Have you been feeling like you're butting your head against a brick wall these past few days? Well, don't fret, my pet. Things are on the upswing. Before you know it, you'll be ramming your skull against that wall, coming through the other side completely unscathed, wearing a Jack Tormene grin on your face.

**TAURUS** (April 21-May 20): Has your daily life been a little too hum-drum lately? Tired of the same old stuff happening two ways? Our advice to you is to introduce a little variety. Our favorite method is to get your special someone a little hot and bothered (but don't tease, please), then just when the two of you are feeling just right, stop. Go into a long-winded over-analysis of why you shouldn't go any farther. Once your love is convinced, stand up, rip your clothes off and get freaky. Mind-blowing!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Tough enough to handle it? That's what I call your Cancer. You've got a soft squishy inside and a tough outer shell. You're afraid to let people see what's hiding inside your armor. My advice to you is to put your guard down — let someone in to feel your empty inside — who knows, you just might like it.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22): Last week you were sexy. This week, you're tarty. Don't know what it is, but this week you are in for a yummy treat. You'll be feeling pickup lines and passes like nobody's business. Be careful — you are an easy target. And, in just case you're feeling generous with your excess invitations, I wouldn't mind handling your leftovers. Just let them call me at 800-NOT-ON-YOUR-LIFE.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 23): Sorry. I was so crabby last week everyone. I assure you I'm feeling much better this week. It's groovy. All Virgos everywhere listen up. You are among the greatest group of people anywhere. But your symbol is the Virgin, and I know all of you are not virgins. So, Virgos are liars. And so am I, because I told you I was in a bad mood this week. NOT!

**LIBRA** (September 24-October 23): It's all about balance. You feel most in control when you've got all of your ducks in a row. This week, take time to do hunting. Get rid of all the bull you're throwing your life off balance. By next week, you'll feel just ducky.

**SCORPIO** (October 24-November 21): I think it's time for you to take a break from being so in control of everything. Sometimes it's fun to just let a situation take control of you and ride the wave as far as it will take you. Just take a deep breath, close your eyes and jump head-first into something or someone you know nothing about and enjoy yourself.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): I was looking at an illustration of your sign the other day. It's a centaur — half human, half horse. So, you are represented by a crazy mixed-up Beast. How does that make you feel? It should make you feel like you have free reign to be nasty and animalistic whenever you like.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19): I read somewhere that Capricorn people age in reverse. They're born old and stay that way. But I found out that you can be a little bit shy of commitment and relationships that center on exclusiveness. Try transferring a little of your party energy to someone special and see what it feels like to have someone else be the center of attention.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18): I suppose you already know that people born under the sign of Aquarius are known as the mavericks of the zodiac. They're deep, thinking people. You have a mind of your own. You value your independence and your freedom. You love to be the center of attention. But at the same time, you can be a little bit shy of commitment and relationships that center on exclusiveness. Try transferring a little of your party energy to someone special and see what it feels like to have someone else be the center of attention.

**PISCES** (February 19-March 20): Pisces people are sensitive and easily hurt. You are a little bit emotional. One minute you're laughingly out-as an NHL enforcer, the next minute you're sobbing your eyes out at a Hallmark commercial. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, because you share your emotions with those around you and make others feel warm and fuzzy inside. You're so tough-tough-fuzzy people. I just want to invite you all to come up to me and give me big hugs whenever you feel the need.

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**AREA 51**

**Bryan English**

**Staff Writer**

For the past 40 years, the Air Force testing range deep in the desert of eastern Nevada, known popularly as Area 51, has been a mecca for ufologists worldwide. Many have stated that this near square-mile of warehouses, quonset huts, and hangars is the best proof of the government's complicity in the coverage of evidence of extraterrestrial visitations. Until recently, crowds of people would gather just outside of the site's chain-linked fence several nights a week to watch what could only be described as an extraterminally huge light show. During these times, tourists (including your humble author during the summer of '93) were treated to dozens of strangely colored lights swooping around in the air above the site.

By hours, the lights could be seen, silently maneuvering not so much like aircraft, but rather a flock of giant luminous birds. One fellow observer (an Aerospace engineer) has described the maneuvers as "impossible" for any known aircraft to perform.

Many people who claim to have been "buzied" by the strange aircraft described them as "wedge shaped" and similar in makeup to the B-2 stealth bomber, only smaller. Other people described the craft like a "saucer broken in half" and reminiscent to the UFOs spotted by Kenneth Arnold while flying above the Cascade range in 1947.

Feeds of sightings have recurred and the sightings above the site, but most experts (saber ones anyway) are at a loss to explain what they are.

The U.S. Air Force, possibly the only entity with knowledge to clear up the matter once and for all, continues with its muddling "we cannot confirm or deny" stance that it has maintained since the '50s. As a result, rumors of alien spacecraft in Area 51 abound.

A recent series of articles published by Popular Mechanics magazine offers a more down to earth explanation.

According to the magazine, the object seen above Area 51 are pilotless test drones of new designs of military aircraft that employ improved versions of the stealth technology used with mediocre results in the Gulf War. For several decades, the military have been perfecting the aerodynamically efficient "flying dish" design that the vast majority of UFO reports describe.

The article goes on to state that the Air Force cultivates the UFO rumors in a campaign of misinformation that camouflage the real explanation.

Nevertheless, the stories of borrowed alien technology abound and many die-hard ufologists maintain that the experimental plane explanation as a smoke screen for the other-worldly truth. The battle rages on.

**Good Will Hunting**

A must-see movie

**Scott Carr**

**Goodwill**

Writing reviews is not really my cup of tea, but I saw a movie the other day that possessed me to do just that. The movie is called Good Will Hunting. Go see it.

I might even put myself out on a limb and say it was better than Titanic. Granted, these are two completely different types of movies, and it's hard to compare the two, but I really wanted a chance to say I wanted to put myself out on a limb.

This is an amazing film about a guy who is our age (average college age — if there is such a thing) and is a math genius. The problem is, he doesn't go to school to study, he goes to school to fulfill his position as a janitor. But that's not all this film has to offer. There's also a love story mixed together with the trials of a kid growing up.

This is a really amazing movie. I won't say anymore because I like to see movies that I don't know too much about. It makes the movie all the better for me. I'm sure some of you out there can appreciate my take on this.

So do yourself a favor and go to this movie. You will thank me for it.
My body is my temple

An Eastern student expresses her experiences with body art

Tricia Jo Webster

I was educated in a little Catholic school. I know what you're thinking—those Catholic iris, watch out for Alil Eastern student expressing experiences. Catholic education, many attempts were made to teach me one very important rule, "Your body is your temple." As children we were told that in my six and a half years of school. I know what you're thinking—those Catholic iris, watch out for Alil Eastern student expressing experiences.

Well, let's just say that this is just one in a long line of lessons that my spunky Catholic education didn't teach me.

I am what the priests and sisters would call a Catholic school reject. I believe that if your body is indeed your temple, you should be free to decorate it any way you choose. And I choose to decorate mine with colorful designs and titanium and steel jewelry. It all started when I was 17, way back in 1989. I was at a party, and a big group of retro punks showed up. About four of these party crashers had their noses pierced. I was a bit naive and inexperienced—when it came to this fine art and didn't know how to let myself feel about it. So I squirmed and cringed and got reeled by the tattoo guy. There was a little frog labeled "strength" in front of my face as I was lying in agony on his table. It read, "Goo Crybabies." A look to my left brought me into anotherabit of reading that had a profound effect on my life. "Welcome to your new addiction." If I only would have known how true those words were. I remember thinking, "A new addiction, that sounds really cool." Well, it didn't really matter if I had known the impact those words were going to have or not, because I wouldn't have done anything differently.

I walked out of that patchouliladen tattoo parlor and gave the usual mother crap, "What are you going to do when you become a professional and have to wear dresses and necklaces? That stupid little frog thing is never going to go away." I realize, with grace of a rebellious 18 year old, "Mom, give it up. I'm never going to do a job where I have to wear dresses and necklaces. And for some God-forsaken reason I do sell out and become yuppy-scout. I'll make sure to have "strength" in my next tattoo." So I said it was the most sensitive area of the body to tattoo. I got pierced and said, "Look bad, I've got two other tattoos, my belly button has a titanium ring hanging from it and I've even had a steel stud stuck in my mouth."

I wasn't going to do it where I got it done. I was instructed to rinse it out of the bathroom with a blue envelope and test your thresholds from time to time. Pain can be your friend. Pain can make you strong, make you feel good if you learn to use it. So, for all of you out there who have been toying with the idea of doing something like this to your body, I say go for it. But don't do it because your best friend did, don't do it because it's trendy. Do it because you want to see how much you can take. Let pain be your guide.
A sense of trust, gone but not forgotten

Pia Kornrup Hansen
Staff Writer

Trust is the fleeting sense of knowing someone’s intentions. Trust is also the belief that you know and, thus, are able to predict someone’s behavior – at least to a certain degree. Trust is expensive, because you usually don’t get it unless you are able to give it yourself – but the price of trust is nothing compared to the price of betrayal.

We all know the feeling that someone has betrayed us, gone behind our backs, or deceived us into believing something which turned out not to be true – or only half true. When the whole truth comes out, and I do believe there is a tendency for this to happen, we shake our heads in disbelief. We look at each other and ask “how can that be?” We blame ourselves, asking “how could we be so stupid, how could we be deceived so easily?”

As an aspiring journalist I am often asked how I feel about how cynical the media has become. I usually answer that I don’t really know simply because I am not a very cynical person. Rather I am somewhat naive and trusting – not in a dumb, ignorant sense, but simply because I believe in the best in everybody, at least until they have proven me wrong.

Let me tell you in case you don’t know: on occasion, being naive and trusting really hurts. It hurts so bad, I can hardly bring myself to ask the questions I ask, call the people I call or write the stories I write, because I know somebody out there is lying.

Once again, we have to face a situation where the reliability of the people in charge here on campus has been seriously brought into question. It seems like someone knew a lot more than they showed when the WSU merger proposal blasted the top of The Spokesman-Review’s front-page, followed by an avalanche of letters to the editor and stories about our administration’s behavior.

If half of what has come out, combined with a tiny fraction of the rumors I have heard, is true, it is beyond my level of comprehension how these people can get up every morning and face themselves in the bathroom mirror. My only conclusion is that they quite possibly have gotten so good at deceiving other people, that they now have successfully deceived themselves.

Lying is really what this is all about. Very few people possess the ability to deceive without lying, but for the select few who master that “skill,” deception becomes their preferred means of communication. These people usually justify their behavior in a multitude of ways, and if you add a solid dose of power to their self-justification, a potential traitor is staring you right in the face.

This effect is now plainly visible here at Eastern. To add insult to injury, most of us can’t leave. We either have paid, or get paid, for being here, and there simply aren’t that many other feasible options.

The one thing these masters of deception have not taken into consideration is the price of betrayal. Usually, you ask for something and some believe you can do it, an indefinite number of times. Personally, on a human level, I believe it only works a few times – at the most. Then you are stuck, labeled, fairly or not, as a traitor.

This is where the price of betrayal comes in: hopefully, all the people who were deceived and betrayed, all the people who now sit around asking “how can that be?” will unite. Hopefully, they’ll be able to let go of some of their distress and find a way forward together.

That would be a lesson in trust the students here at Eastern could learn something from.
Basketball suffers rough weekend

Women get roughed up at home

Dave Humphreys
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team will be gunning for their first road victory in Ogden, Utah, where they will be facing the Wildcats of Weber State.

The Eagles seek to avenge a 61-54 loss they suffered to Weber State in the friendly confines of Reese Court earlier this season.

In the first game, center Juli Carlton got double-doubles with 15 points and 15 rebounds, and Tracy Ford and Julie Moore scored in double figures. But the Ladybirds got the better of the Eagles in the second half, scoring an unrecoverable 16-point lead.

After the trip to Utah, the Eagles hope to extinguish Weber State's red-hot Portland State. The Vikings have won three of the last four games and have the Big Sky's best overall 3-point defense.

Maye playing on a foreign court will bring the Eagles a little more luck than they had on Reese Court this past weekend.

Montana State came to town and scored a 65-53 win. In a back-and-forth contest, MSU led by as many as 18 early in the second half, but Eastern streaked on a 21-4 run to pull within one with just under eight minutes to go. The Bobcats came back with 16-2 thanks to a 1-10 shooting drought by the Eagles to seal the victory.

Saturday, EWU closed out its four-game homestand against three-time defending Montana. The Griz hit 13 free throws to score 15 of the final 21 points of the game, winning 71-56.

Men return home after 1-3 road swing

The Eastern Washington University men's basketball team came off its longest road stretch of the Big Sky Conference season with a humbling 1-3 record. Currently the Eagles stand at an unimpressive 1-3 record.

Coach Steve Aggers, on Eastern's second-half performance against Montana.

"We just have to learn from this," said Aggers on Eastern's second-half performance against Montana.

"When you go on the road and you have a one-point lead at halftime, we have to be able to control the tempo in a little better way. If you can control the tempo and keep the crowd out of the game, it helps."

Eastern did play well in the first half, outscoring the Grizzlies 33-32 but continued their second half troubles when they were outscored in the second half 33-46, producing a final score of 66-78 in favor of the Griz.

On Jan. 15, the Eagles traveled to Montana State University in hopes of pulling down an upset over the Big Sky favorites. In the first half, Eastern played exceptionally well, entering the locker room at only a 32-27 disadvantage. In the second half, however, the Eagles were blown out 59-31.

The one glimmering flicker of hope that came from this game was the reemergence of center Jon Berger, who led all scores with 12 points, pulled down six boards and collected three steals. Not bad for a guy who hasn't played since Nov. 25.

Two days after the loss in Bozeman, the Eagles looked to a possibly more manageable University of Montana team for a win.

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Four players scored in double figures for the Eagles. Karim Scott pulled down another double-double, collecting 10 rebounds to compliment his 11 points and Berger, again, led all scores.

"You can tell how much we missed him," said Aggers regarding Berger's return.

"He's probably our most physical front-line guy and plays with great energy and intensity. Hopefully he can get better and give us that guy on the front-line we desperately need."

This Friday Eastern returns home to do battle with Weber State, which is on a five-game win streak and currently sits atop the Big Sky Conference at 5-1. The Eagles look to avenge the loss suffered on Jan. 10 at the hands of Wildcats.

"I'm sure the taste of that loss will linger in our mouths for a long time," said Aggers on the first game between these two teams. "It's no big secret that the Eagles play better at home, and a win this Friday could easily be the fuel the Eagle train needs to get back on track this year.

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Sports
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Track team sprints out of blocks

Keith Lindquist Staff Writer

Once again it's on as Eastern Washington's track team gears up for its 1998 season. Head coaches Stan Kerr and Marcia Mecklenberg are excited and optimistic for the upcoming winter and spring seasons.

Kerr, the men's coach, feels that a top finish in the Big Sky is well within the men's team's reach. The past two years have delivered above-average recruiting years. More athletes means more points and a better chance to keep up with the other teams in the conference, especially Weber State and North Arizona.

The women's team will be strong, especially in the distance events. Two 400 runners, Patrick Williams and Steve Carey, will be looking forward to the conference finals come the end of the season.

JUMPERS MAKE LEAPS TOWARD NATIONALS

EWU high jumpers Sevillia Broussard and Andy Irvin have been honored as the Big Sky Conference Field Athlete of the Week for their performances last Saturday. Broussard, who is the EWU Early Bird Open Track and Field Meet, both athletes met the provisional standards exactly for the NCAA Championships in Indianapolis, Ind., March 13-14.

Broussard, a junior from Walla Walla, Wash., jumped 5-9-7/4, a junior from Tacoma, Wash., leaped 5-7/4. Broussard's jump was 1 1/2 inches less than her school record of 5-11 1/4 set three years ago in her freshman season. Irvin's leap was an indoor personal best indoors 8 1/4 inches and was third best in school history indoors.

Broussard and Irvin will be back in action this Saturday (Jan. 20) for the EWU Invitational at the Thorpe Field House. Field events begin at 9 a.m. and running events start at 11:30 a.m. Admission is $7 for adults and $3 for children 13 and under. The event is free.

University of Washington and highly-regarded freshman sprinter and wide receiver for the football team, Warren Holloway, will join the Huskies, joining another, area colleges such as Eastern, WSU, Idaho, Montana and Gortoba on the NCAA Division 1 asport, as well as Whitworth, Eastern Oregon, CC of Spokane and North Idaho College.

Free-riding skier hits EWU

Carlos Acero
Staff Writer

Free-riding. It's a creative and spiritual blend of several styles of skiing and the focus of Mitch Black's presentation Friday afternoon. Using slides and a movie, he will share his experiences and thoughts on this unique sport.

"In the past you had recreational skiing and professional skiing and then extreme skiing came in," Black explained. These styles were blended with freestyle skiing, mountaineering and snowboarding, which played a pivotal role as well, he said.

For Black's show "Field of Spirit" Friday at 7 p.m. in Martin Hall room 158.

Admission is free.

The ski industry learned a lot from snowboarding." This result was a "redwood, groovy style of skiing" that is accessible to anyone and not just extreme skiers, he said.

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