Income Formula for Pell Grants hurt working students, argue lawmakers

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Contributor

Working to pay for college? It might harm your chances for financial aid, say Washington analysts, who want to reform the current eligibility process.

At issue is how the federal government treats earned income. When it determines eligibility for student aid, particularly for Pell Grants, the arcane debate has pitted the House of Representatives against the Senate and, in an unusual twist, aid for needy students against programs for the poor and elderly.

The central issue is the "income protection allowance," or IPA, the amount of money students can earn and still remain eligible for a Pell Grant. If they surpass $1,750, they lose eligibility. Indian students, who rely on parent contributions can earn no more than $1,750 and still remain eligible for a Pell Grant. This is less than half the $4,250 a student could earn back in 1992 and stay eligible for Pell Grants. So far, Congress has left the formula alone.

"Because the IPA is not enough to meet living expenses, independent students find themselves unable to pay tuition and meet their basic living expenses," said Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine).

They lose access entirely when their incomes exceed $4,000 — still by most estimates a poverty-level income. "Because the IPA is not enough to meet living expenses, independent students find themselves unable to pay tuition and meet their basic living expenses," said Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who favors a change in the current system.

"They are forced to defer or even forego higher education." Because of the tighter income requirements, the number of independent students receiving Pell Grants has dropped from more than 1 million annually to about 750,000.

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BOTT member answers questions about athletics decision

Tasha Ratayczk

The review of athletics is not about whether the athletics program is doing a good job or not. Nor is it about the athletics department itself. What it is about is whether it should continue to exist, he said.

The last time there was a president of the Board of Trustees in May to do a review of what athletics means to the outside world, other people who aren’t part of the university, such as potential students, potential donors, other areas, the benefits of a qualified student loan, you could train in certain specialties in specific units. One week per month plus two weeks’

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Jim Kirchbaum explains issues to ASEWU members.

Jim Kirchbaum makes an explanation to the Associated Student Government about potential student interest in a school with strong athletics. This would deplete any additional money that the school may have counted on. “I don’t know if we would have any money going back to anybody,” said Kirchbaum.

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“Addressing the question that funds now going to athletics could be disbursed elsewhere, Kirchbaum said he was not convinced there would be additional funds for other EWU organizations if the athletics program is closed. Aside from having to continue to honor scholarship contracts with approximately 300 EWU athletes, the university would probably lose potential students interested in a school with strong athletics. This would deplete any additional money that the school may have counted on. “I don’t know if we would have any money going back to anybody,” said Kirchbaum.

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Editor

Students living in campus residence halls are signing a petition to protest some aspects of the new Eagle Card.

After hearing complaints from numerous residents, Dessler Hall, resident Roger McKee, along with other residents, decided to circulate the petition. They expect to collect several hundred signatures from students living in the various residence halls around campus.

Mick said the problem became readily apparent when new Eagle Card processors were put on the washers and dryers in the residence halls and then the price of using was raised for the processors.

“People who don’t want to use the card are the ones paying for it,” said Katie Mitchell, a Peace Hall resident. They want to bring in more students and then just make things more difficult.”

Rick Romero, Director of Contact Services and one of the coordinators for the Eagle Card, said the cost of using cash was raised, instead of the cost of using the Eagle Card, because they want to encourage students to use the card. He added that the upgrade was paid for by the vendor who owns the machines and that any profits would go to the vendor.

Students have also complained that the cards do not always work and are not very secure. If lost, any money deposited on the card can not be replaced. McKee said residents would also like accounts consolidated with their meal plans.

Romero said that meal points are kept track of in a central data base, but that everywhere they are used, such as in Bailey’s and the Eagle shop, needs to be hard wired through communication lines. He said that simply was not possible.
News Briefs

Food Drive

The University Bookstore is sponsoring a fall quarter food drive during the week of October 20-25. The collected food will be donated to the Cheney Food Bank. The bookstore will have a collection barrel in the front lobby of their store. The reason for this food drive is to help build the food supplies of the Cheney food Bank before the cold season starts. For more information call 359-2531.

Legislative Internship Program

Student applications are now being taken for the Legislative Internship Program for the 1998 Washington State Legislative Session that begins January 12, 1998. Student interns selected for the program will have the unique opportunity of participating in the legislative process through an assignment to a legislative staff for the duration of the winter Quarter.

EWU students will be participating in an internship program that involves 35 students from the colleges and universities in the state. Professor George Durrie of the government department will administer the program at Eastern.

To apply for an internship position, a student must have an overall GPA of 2.6 or better and must be a junior or senior by the end of fall quarter, 1997. A student does not need to be a Government major or minor. However, some academic background in the field is required.

Application forms and further information are available in the Government department, Patterson 208, the University Internship Office in Showalter 116, or from Durrie in Showalter 216 (359-2415). Application forms must be submitted to the Government Department by October 27, 1997.

EWU offers correspondence courses

EWU is offering a series of courses which can be taken by correspondence. A total of 45 credits earned from these courses may be counted toward a bachelor's degree.

Eastern has correspondence courses in art, accounting, mathematics, education, psychology, business, English, creative writing and more. A few, among dozens of courses available, are Literature of the Bible, Adolescent Health Issues, History and Government of the Pacific Northwest, Finite math and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity in the Schools. For more information, please contact EWU Continuing Education at 359-2268.

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Collins said.

Leaders in both political parties acknowledge the current system has problems.

The question is how to correct it—and then pay the bill.

"Taking money from one needy group and giving to another is not something we actively support," said Adelsheimer.

But the government's new budget framework often requires just such a trade-off. To rewrite the rules for Pell Grants that would provide up to $700 million more grant money for students, lawmakers must find funds from somewhere else.

Last month, Senate Republicans tried to fund changes in the income allowance by cutting home heating aid for the poor and elderly. Traditionally pro-education Democrats bristled at the thought.

"We should not be robbing the poorest to help other low-income people get an education," said Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa).

Even USA failed to support the proposal, even though critics called the energy program an outdated remnant of the 1970s.

The proposal ultimately failed amid talk it could force senior citizens to choose between "heating and eating," as some senators noted. But the Senate found no other way to fund the Pell Grant change—and left it out of its 1998 education spending bill.

That decision sets up a showdown with the House of Representatives, which set aside $528 million for the change. It did so by allocating more funds for education and less for other, unspecified programs.

The issue now goes to a House/Senate conference committee for final action. USA is pushing for the House figure, although it acknowledges $528 million may not solve the problem completely.

The Clinton administration pegs the cost of a new, more realistic formula at about $700 million.

Under one plan proposed by Collins, Congress would raise the IPA to $4,200 for dependent students, $6,000 for single independent students and $9,000 for married students before they lose ground on Pell Grants.

The plan has some bipartisan support, but lawmakers have little time to spare. Congress was to resolve the issue by Oct. 1, the start of the government's new fiscal year.

Now the topic threatens to hold up final action on a 1998 spending bill for the rest of the U.S. Department of Education.

The department and its programs have only temporary funds to last through Oct. 23. Congress sees the "income-protected" problem as one that needs correction," Adelsheimer said.

The question is whether lawmakers have the time and energy for a solution this fall.

Negotiations on a final education bill began this week, with action possible by month's end.
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Carr Talk
Ferrari: Motivation for graduation

Scott Carr
Staff Writer

Oh boy, if my mum could only see me now! This thought blazed through my mind as I am screaming down the freeway in a 1985 red Ferrari 308 GTB. Yep Ferrari, as in Magnum PI but in tough-guy black.

The speedometer goes up to 200 mph and the tach needle races at 8000 rpm. You have just entered a whole new dimension of car driving. This car takes off so fast it whips your head back, corners so fast and hard that it seems to break the laws of physics and brakes so quickly that your gums will shoot out of your mouth, even if your mouth is closed.

Sliding down into the leather seats the Ferrari fits like a pair of comfortable jeans. The high backed leather seats slip around you and hold you completely still even in tight turns and hard braking.

The Ferrari is powered by a 260 hp 3.0 fuel injected V-8. This engine seems like it is only happy when it is screaming like a Formula One car in the redline. The extreme flexibility of the engine, coupled with the gated five speed transmission leaves me with complete confidence that the car is capable of the estimated top speed of 154 mph. This was further emphasized as I was on the freeway shifting out of third mph. Ninety-five was about the fastest that I got going (I really don’t need a ticket for doing 130 in a 55), but I had complete confidence that the car wanted to go much faster.

The handling of the car is completely amazing, the large 225-55 VR 15 tires kept the car glued to the road and the four-wheel, vented disc brakes slowed the car down so fast I felt like I was riding in a roller coaster. The Ferrari stops like that, the nose doesn’t dip down, the car doesn’t shake, it just stops. I think that the brakes are the most impressive feature of this car.

Surprising, to me, the Ferrari is an extremely easy car to drive. I figured that I would stall it right off the bat, but I had complete confidence that the car wanted to go much faster. The only complaint that I would have is the offset pedals. The car is so low to the ground that the right wheel well takes up some of the space where the pedals are. Instead of making skinny pedals cramped together, Ferrari kept the pedals big, but offset them a bit. The clutch is where a conventional brake would be, the brake is where a conventional gas pedal would be, and the gas pedal is tucked around to the right. If you look down at your feet you can barely see the gas pedal. This was a little strange at first, but after doing a bit of shifting, you don’t even notice it at all.

All in all this car was a kick in the ass to drive, and I can’t wait to get my hands on another one. In the words of Matthew Broderick in the movie Ferris Bueller’s Day Off, “It’s completely choice, and if you have the means, I’d highly recommend that you get one.”
Peace Gig '97 strives to help those in need

Tricia Jo Webster
A&E Editor

How many times have you shelled out $10 to see a band play? And how many times have you walked out feeling like you had a nice time, but could have found a much better way to spend $10? My guess is too many times.

Well, I know a way for you to get the best of both worlds. You can spend $10, see a great show, and spend your money in a much better way. Can this be true, you ask? Well, yes indeedy.

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To start, let me introduce you to the Spokane-based non-profit fund-raising campaign, for a woman in Nepal, called VIP (Very Important People). A&E Editor Tricia Jo Webster is working to bring help to many of these people at work, and I must say, it made my blood boil.

A typical monthly wage for a woman in Nepal is about $20. This money doesn't even allow a subsistence-level life, and so out of desperation, these women are forced to put their children to work.

Still, the moneys brought in allows a subsistence-level life, and the money left for those living in rural areas.

VIP is looking to change as many of us as this they can. By raising money here in the United States, and sending it directly to established contacts in Nepal, they know the money will get to where it needs to go — to the needy people suffering in poverty. It's a country where children, especially little baby girls, are still thrown out the back window immediately after birth because they are considered a useless burden," said Yontun Gonpo, founder and President of Ventures In Peace.

Gonpo also said that some girls are sold into bondage and forced to live a life of slavery.

Nepal is the second poorest country per capita by income. 

$400,000,000 in foreign aid is sent into the country annually, but after it trickles through the foreign aid bureaucracies, there is no money left for those living in rural areas.

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It's a country where children, especially little baby girls, are still thrown out the back window immediately after birth because they are considered a useless burden. "I'm tired of seeing my baby in the morgue," said one mother.

Health care is almost nonexistent. VIP plans to spend some of its money on training Tibetan and Nepalese men and women as health care practitioners.

Gonpo said that this is the first "real" fund raiser they have attempted. VIP is striving to "develop funds to be able to function and do work that needs to be done."

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Hey baby, what's your sign?

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Have you ever opened your mouth, and before you knew what was happening, you were talking whatever happened to be close to you with a psycho babblingsh nugget of truth? Me too. It kind of sucks, because the truth hurts. My advice for this week is this: Keep your mouth shut. You're feeling a bit too cynical at present to be psycho babbling.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Back-and-forth. In-and-out. This way and that way. Feels good doesn't it? Just a little to the left please. There, that's it. Don't stop.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
It's time to take a little trip from reality. You have been dwelling in the world of real life too long. Imagine yourself in a land far, far away, slipping a Sex On The Beach while getting a massage from some cutie-pie. Ah, feels good doesn't it? Just a little to the left please. There, that's it. Don't stop.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Feeling a little crazy? This week would be a great time for you to do that one little thing that's been gnawing away at the back of your brain. Pierce your navel. Get a tattoo on your but. Shave your head and draw a Jack-O-Lantern on your bald scalp, using permanent ink, of course. Let loose, have a little fun, will ya?

Leo (July 23-August 22)
Roar! You mighty King of the Jungle! You are a fierce predator with a voracious appetite. Do get something to curb your hunger, maybe a sweet little bunny rabbit caramel cowering in your palm. Chomp chomp. Gobble gobble. Eat all that's sitting before you on your outrageously overfilled plate and don't even think about wiping your chin 'clean.

Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Are you noticing lately that people have been looking at you kind of pretty. In the clouds, I know you can. It's only because you've been walking around with your face in the clouds, paying no attention to those around you. There's nothing wrong with that. There's really nothing all that interesting going on around here that you need to be paying attention to, so just keep on truckin'.

Libra (September 23-October 22)
Those of you reading this one just might be celebrating a birthday this week. Have a good time! Celebrate! And if you're not among those turning a year older this week, there's nothing stopping you from pretending like you are. Wear pretty dresses, flash Jazzier smiles, get dates with the cuter guys. You can do it Jan, I know you can.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Bee Craft
Guest

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Marcia! Marcia! Marcia! Find yourself suffering from the Jan complex these days? Step out of that shadow and let yourself step into the limelight. Wear prettier dresses, flash Jazzier smiles, get dates with the cuter guys. You can do it, I know you can.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
Clouds are a comin'. Hold on, because you're in for a wild ride. Have you ever ridden on one of those old wooden roller coasters? You know the one's that make you want to puke at every turn, but strangely enough, you like it that way? Well, that's what this next week is going to feel like. Grab your barf bag.

Entertainment 7 Nights a week

SUNDAY: Totally '80s night
MONDAY: $5.00 beer 'til someone pees
TUESDAY: Live original music
WEDNESDAY: Ladies night with Paul Gray
THURSDAY: College night
FRIDAY: The Refreshments, Garrison Starr and Sparkler
SATURDAY: Saturday Night Fever with D.J. Ryndog

Outback Jack's World Famous Kangaroo Klub

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Mon - Sat 7 PM - 2 AM

*Ages 21 and Over* ID Required

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Guest

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Bee Craft
Guest

October 18 - Saturday
Delbert
Guest

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Hot spot happenings

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Spokane Opera House

525-5680

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Jars Of Clay
Plumb

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The Associated Students of Eastern Washington University present:

BlackHawk

Saturday, November 1st - 8pm

Policies with special needs may make arrangements for accommodations by making Student Services at 208-6175, by Oct. 7th, 1997.
Remember Columbus Day! I do. I remember learning about King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella sending Christopher Columbus and three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria, to find passage to the Orient. Instead of finding the Orient, Columbus discovered the New World. I remember taking great pride in making my Santa Maria paper cut-out and coloring it to hang in the classroom.

My five year old son came home from school on what is now called Discoverer’s Day instead of Columbus Day and told me that Columbus discovered America. Next time he learned that much, but that’s all he learned about Columbus and the start of the greatest nation in the history of the world. Before, but shamed. My son’s school can’t celebrate Halloween because it might violate someone’s religious beliefs. Same thing with Easter and Christmas and just about every other holiday this country celebrates. I find it pathetic that my children and I cannot celebrate our cultural identity. Instead, we are being made to feel guilty about the history of our country. This country is losing its cultural identity very fast. My parents liked and celebrated their nation’s holidays with pride. They were proud when an American flag flew high in the air. They were proud to sing the National Anthem and say the Pledge of Allegiance. As Americans, we don’t even look up to the president of the US anymore. There was a time when all Americans took pride in our nation’s leader, but all we do now is try and find things wrong with him.

Let’s talk about Columbus. How many people can name the first European to come to the New World? How many people can recite his accomplishments? How many people can explain why Columbus is celebrated in the United States? Not many people can. Columbus is just one of the many people who discovered the New World. We call the day Columbus Day because it is called Columbus Day. As Americans, we don’t even look up to the president of the US anymore. There was a time when all Americans took pride in our nation’s leader, but all we do now is try and find things wrong with him.

Americans took pride in our nation’s leader, but all we do now is try and find things wrong with him. The English have a right to be proud of who they are and where they came from. That is, they have a right to celebrate that pride. Americans can be proud of who we are and where we came from. Our cultural identity has been obliterated by political correctness, and it’s time we as Americans take back the pride that our parents had. We should all be proud of who we are and where we came from.

Cultural identity is an important part of our history, but they are only a part of our history. I’m not saying we have to be proud that we brutalized the Indians, but we should feel proud that we are Americans. And why not? The English have a right to be proud of their cultural identity. Germans are proud of their heritage even after the Holocaust. Who can’t Americans be proud of who we are and where we came from?

We are an incredibly diverse country, but we have been taught to feel guilty about being an American. Apparently our country has oppressed blacks into slavery, brutalized the Indians, discriminated against Asian immigrants, put the Japanese in internment camps, used nuclear weapons against Nagasaki and Hiroshima, and terrorized and demoralizing things. We have done these horrible injustices that are not even a part of our history, but they are only a part of our history. I’m not saying we have to be proud that we brutalized the Indians, but we should feel proud that we are Americans. And why not? The English have a right to be proud of their cultural identity. Germans are proud of their heritage even after the Holocaust. Why can’t Americans be proud of who we are and where we came from?

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What do you want to do with your life?

Lisa Fleckinger
Contributor

“What are you going to do after you graduate?”

I must get this question once a day. It didn’t bother me before, but now it just makes me look like a slacker. I’m not a slacker, really. I just don’t know what I want to be.

It’s not like I tried to find something I could do. I’ve worked through 11 majors trying to find my way, but I have had no luck. Finally, I decided to just get my degree and get out of this stuff. My hope is that after college, the career of my dreams will fall into my lap.

When I was young, I knew exactly what I wanted to be: a part-time veterinarian and a part-time Dallas Cowboys cheerleader. Short story: better prophecy, however, I discovered I was terminally uncoordinated and had an inherent loathing for makeup. Then, in high school, I held my cat while the vet put her to sleep. So much for childhood dreams.

I had a theory, up until recently, that half of the people who do for a living what they say they want to do will change careers before they are 30 years old. I was also very comfortable with the idea that I would probably be changing jobs every often when I get out of college.

All of a sudden I think everyone—except me knows exactly what they want to be and will do very well at that job. However, I am doomed to wait tables. At least with a degree hanging on my wall, I can wait tables with the confidence that I could have a career.

Child Care for College Students

Who “Suffer” from Binge Drinking

Froma Harrop
Contributor

Anyone who is suspicious that the American university experience has become a four-year extension of childhood need look no further than the colleges’ latest response to the binge-drinking ‘problem.’

Now, in a growing college world, college administrators would tell students who down four or five stiff drinks in a row they are jerks. If they commit violent acts as a result, the police get called; if they drive after drinking, they go to the slammer. If they die from alcohol poisoning, they have nothing but their own stupidity to blame.

But if they can drink responsibly, then they have a good time. Forget about hearing any sober voice, because that would turn students into self-directing adults. Better to blame the problem on all-purpose “cultural attitudes.”

Thus, demands grow for better policing of off-campus liquor outlets. That is, turn local businesses into babysitters. There are calls to ban sponsorship of college events by companies selling alcohol or the marketing of such beverages on campus. That is, protect their charges from evil influences and trample on free speech.

One former college official has suggested universities serve champagne at parents’ weekend brunches or at fund-raising events. Remove the bad example for the sake of the children. Somewhat it is hard to believe a college with such a sense of self-preservation would insist that its binge-drinking waters remain cold sober.

The truth is, most Americans can drink without problem. Careful use of alcohol reduces and warms the drinker with a sense of well-being. Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt saved Western Civilization without ever missing a cocktail hour. Students have long enjoyed their own drinking traditions. Brahms’ Academic Overture, the stately piece heard over and over again at college commencements, took its melody from a student drinking song.

Where is there a campus drinking crisis, anyway? Six college students have supposedly died this year from excessive drinking. These cases are lamentable, but many more college students died from smoking-related injuries or car accidents.

An even more interesting question is: How many noncollege people in late teens or early 20s have died from alcohol poisoning? Take note that no one is memorizing this particular statistic even though the majority of high school students do not go on to college. That number is not cited on our national worry list for the following strange reason: From excessive drinking cases are lamentable, but many more college students died from smoking-related injuries or car accidents.

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I would like to inform everyone about the events taking place with the Board of Trustees and the ASEWU Council regarding the upcoming decision to be made on athletics here at Eastern.

Funding is low for the entire University right now due to low enrollment. For a while now, the University has been concerned with funding for athletics, so the administration began taking a look at ways to save money.

A review and analysis of the intercollegiate athletics program at Eastern was recently completed by Nicole Grier of McFarland & Alton P.S. The report included information about the history of athletics at Eastern as well as an internal and external study. There were also surveys passed out, but the report noted that few were returned.

The report focused on the impact of athletics on student life, student recruitment, fund-raising, image enhancement and also revenue. The report stated that the funding problems at Eastern are much like those at other universities. The report went on to show how Eastern's athletic budget is below the average of a Division I-AA institution.

In fact, our athletic department is smaller than that of any other Big Sky Conference member.

I have spent time talking with members of the Board of Trustees as well as the Athletic Director here at Eastern. I learned that the University has only three options: move down to Division II, or in an attempt to save money, stay where we are in the Big Sky and Division I-AA or drop athletics all together.

Now most might say that we should just drop to Division II, but then we could play schools like Central and Western, as well as save money. However, most feel that it wouldn't happen that way. If we drop to D-II, the first schools to apply for the vacant position in the Big Sky would likely be Central and Western. Currently Western spends large amounts of money on travel, so that they can play their opponents who are halfway across the country, like North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii. If we were to drop to D-II, then our travel budget increases.

I have learned of some estimates on roughly how much would be saved by dropping a division. A Division II school in North Dakota with a strong football team spends about $3.18 million on athletic department that supports 14 sports. Eastern's athletic department spends $3.4 million to support 15 sports. That seems like a good way to save money. However, if we drop, the University would probably never see that money. The money that the state gives the University for athletics would probably be absorbed by the savings. The travel budget would need some extra money as well. Another factor in whether enrollment decrease if Eastern moved to D-II.

As we learn more about the situation, our three choices are really only two, because of the fact that dropping to D-II would not really save any money. The choice remains for the Board of Trustees to decide. Does the University stay in Division I and remain in the Big Sky Conference? Or do we drop to athletics altogether? This remains to be seen, but a decision will likely be made on Oct. 24.

Please feel free to contact any council members in the Associated Students office (PUB 303), or call 359-2514 if you have any comments or concerns.

Casey Curtis, ASEWU rep for Athletic Affairs with the support of the ASEWU Council.

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Racist attitude apparent to some

When I read "Lessons on African American History," I was left wondering what exactly she was trying to say. In the article, Christy Allen blames hundreds of schools nationwide for not teaching black history. Does she feel that black history would have been more helpful to our education than English or Math? Is she trying to say that a black history course or two would have prevented such incidents as the 1996 KKK burning of black churches? I was personally offended that she said "My fellow white students would say 'so what?" I am one of her fellow white students and would not say "so what?" and neither would any of my friends. I have met a few African-American students who do not even know who Rosa Parks is and do not care to know in the article, Christy Allen referred to her high school teaching white English, White Art and White Science. I must ask her then, when did English, Science and Art become white? Who put on these color labels? How can we as students (neither black nor white) come together as people, if these color lines keep being drawn? Overall, I think Allen's article was racist toward all colors, especially white students. I feel the author needs to consider her audience before she writes something so opinionated.

Alexa Donato

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Eagle Card handy and fun to have around

I was already feeling foggy at the thought of a return to my higher education institution of choice a few weeks ago, but imagine my surprise when I saw my brand spanking new and improved Eagle Card, with added Super Chip Features! Well, being the questioning chap that I am, I peered my gold-speckled chip off my card and entrusted it to the care of a friend in the Technology Department, who meticulously examined, scrutinized and cataloged its many "secret" functions.

Besides its use as an automatic debit device at campus-wide students' union, coffee and vending machines, the new Eagle Card "Smart Chip" also does the following using patented integrated circuits, bulky's leftovers and good old magic:

- Causes intense and uncontrollable bowel movements in pseudo-Christians each time they nervously sentence someone to hell while parading around campus.
- Issues a gentle, yet firm vibrating reminder to smokers (some, not all) who forget that the curiously shaped things by the doors are "ashtrays" and not strange alien temples.
- Does the same for those around campus who forget why some cool dude invented the "garbage can."
- Chooses the quickest, least dangerous route around campus construction and plots in it vivid technicolor on a nearby wall.
- Subliminally programs professors to not be personally offended when a student doesn't have time (due to work/relationships/hippie drinking/finishing assignments) to finish assignments.
- Solves budget crises, extinguishes enrollment woes and quells disputes between administration/faculty/staff about who, what, when and why we are.
- Increases on-campus smiles passed between strangers by a factor of eleven.
- Destroys barriers, builds confidence and makes a great mo­cha.

I'm sure that the "official" uses of the card will be touted by the Eagle Card staff as the only "real" uses, but keep your eyes and minds open, some television show keeps telling me that the truth IS out there.

David Friedman

Calling all hypocrite Liberals

You know who I'm addressing. When someone screams that there is too much sex and violence on television, or in our schools, or in our libraries, you're the one with the stock answer, "Hey man, it's free speech. If you don't like it, change the channel, don't check out the books, no one is forcing you to look at it or read this mate­rial." Sound familiar people? Then you'll fumble yourself into bed that night, saying to yourself, "I was so liberal today, I fought for civil rights." So, for you free speech and fighting for rights meaning supports, only your view of the world. Right? That means, it's not liberal and it is sure as hell not free. This type of free speech is not a fight just for speech you agree with; it is a fight for the speech you don't agree with. And in your own words, you don't have to watch or listen, ignore it, or just walk away. The point is, you have a chance that day, my friends.

In the sign man's defense, at least he was a man of conviction. It does not matter what they are, he believed in them and, surprise, surprise, he has the same civil rights as you. Which means he can legally express his views. He made fools of you all. Standing on the PUB steps screaming like dolts, not students-; engaged in expand­ing your intellect through having an open mind and exploring differ­ent points of view.

And where were Eastern's vocal and visual warriors of Christ? I saw you standing on the sidewalks, covering and safe. Where were your religious convictions that day? The sign man was speaking brutally the same dogma I read everyday in the Focus and weekly in the Easterner, so why weren't you out there supporting him, or asking him to get off your turf? Did his delivery ruffle your lazy Chris­tian's feathers? After all, even Christ sought out his disciples, he didn't place ads in the Jerusalem Tribune. "The hottest corners in Hell are reserved for those of you, when faced with crisis, claim neutrality."

In one way or the other, you missed your chance that day, my friends.

I spoke with the sign man and I too think he is short of a full deck. I don't buy into his bleak world view, but I will fight for his right to have it and to preach it. This nation is now confronted by a situation like this, you might want to take a page from your own handbook and change the channel, don't check out the book or just quietly walk away. If you don't agree, fine, but with all the educational tools available at Eastern, you might want to stop by the library and look up the word "but." Remember, it is better to keep your mouth shut and have someone question whether or not you are a fool, than proving you are by opening it.

Gregg Jensen
Eagles rebound against Hornets; prepare for ‘biggest game of the year’

The Eastern Eagles came out of Woodward Stadium victorious over Big Sky underdog, Cal State-Sacramento, 30-17. A tougher test awaits the Eagles as they travel to Montana to face the Big Sky’s first place, and the nation’s second-ranked team, the Grizzlies. Coach Mike Kramer is hoping for a little miracle.

Injuries are the big problem. Senior quarterback Harry Leans is still suffering from a mild concussion he received in their game against Montana State. Qb Griffin Garske injured a shoulder in the game against Sac State. That leaves freshman Chris Samms as the only healthy starter to date.

“Right now Harry has still not yet been cleared... Griffin hurt his shoulder a little bit in the ballgame and I’m glad it’s Monday,” said Kramer. “Right now, Chris Samms would be our starting quarterback and he’s a true freshman. So that’s a nasty deal. on the biggest game of the year.” Kramer, however, believes that either Leans or Garske will get the start in Missoula.

In the Eastern Eagles' victory over Cal State Sacramento, running back Rex Prescott led the team with 201 yards rushing on 30 carries. Not to be outdone, Mike ‘MacKenzie ran for 101 yards. Griffin Garske, who started due to Leans’ injury, completed 11 of 18 passes for 137 yards. The Eagles were led in receiving by wideout Steve Correa’s five catches for 50 yards.

On defense, Derek Strey put the hurt in Sac State’s offense with 10 tackles. Freshman linebacker Brit Lenz, in his first game for Eastern, added nine more tackles and a couple passes broken up.

“Lenz has played well. He played like a redshirt sophomore. He played high and inconsistent and he played spectacular at times. Redshirt sophomores, they give you grey hair or no hair,” said Kramer.

Other notables are Jim Buzzard and Kevin Peterson, who have been playing extremely well on the defensive line. The player that seems to be unstoppable right now in Chris Scott. “He’s literally been unblockable,” said Kramer. “When teams don’t double team him, he’s in the back field continuously.”

This week, all of these players will have to prove their worth against a strong Montana team. One of the problems they will face is a shored up defense. After losing 10 of 11 starters, Montana has plugged the holes effectively. “We felt in the summer their inexperience on defense would give us an advantage, but it appears that is their strength,” said Kramer. “We’re facing a pretty formidable opponent in a tough environment.”

That environment will be in Missoula, Montana, a place where students are rabid, cursing fans. “This team really doesn’t have a sense of what it’s like to be in that big game environment and a hostile, hostile environment where the fans sit right on top of you and really become the 12th element,” Kramer said. “They talk about what your momma did for a living.”

Another obstacle Eastern will face in the tough Montana offense is standout QB Brian Ah Yat. “Their offense is going to be good. And you know Brian Ah Yat, one of the premier quarterbacks in the U.S., and you know their wide receiver core is going to stretch you and run you to death,” said Kramer.

Kramer feels the quarterback (Leans, Garske or Samms) is going to have to make or break this game. He sees ball security as their number one priority. “If we can avoid the mind-numbing, mind-assaulting turnover early, then I think we’ll be OK,” said Kramer.

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**Volleyball ‘shows its mettle’**

**Eastern 15-3 overall after CSS loss, ISU & Gonzaga wins**

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It was the best of weekends - Eastern's volleyball team lost their first conference game against Sac State before rebounding to beat Idaho State.

"Looses are going to happen no matter how good the team," said coach Pam Parks. "It's the team that responds to that adversity that shows it's mettle." For Parks it's also the support that will help Eastern claim the Big Sky crown this season with the help of the "seventh person." With two raucous crowds of over 500 fans at Reese Court last weekend, the Lady Eagles are receiving more exposure at fan base that they've seen since their last championship run in 1989.

**Hurting Eagles hopeing for luck**

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For Eastern's volleyball team, a week off couldn't come at a better time. Two Eagles are down with injuries and could miss some significant playing time.

Starting setter Kim Maxwell has been out since tweaking her knee in practice on Oct. 8. MRI results show a possible knee damage and she will undergo arthroscopic knee surgery in Canada. If all goes well, Maxwell could be back by the end of the regular season in two to four weeks.

The Lady Eagle's other injury is to right side Jessica Clish, who's currently undergoing X-rays on her injured foot. Worst case scenario for Clish is a stress fracture that could sideline her for the season. Otherwise she could be back at some point in the season.

**Soccer sweeps weekend series**

**Offensive explosion improves EWU to 3-3-2**

**Casey Withers**
**Sports Writer**

Nine goals, five assists, 85 shots on goal and one bored goal keeper is what the 123 fans saw from the women's soccer team this weekend. By dominating Carroll College and Wintersville Valley Community College to improved their record to 3-3-2.

A steadily improving offense, led by Caryl Noel and Lora Auch, took advantage of a weak Carroll team and scored three of the six goals enroute to a 6-0 shutout. An outstanding midfield kept the Eagles in possession of the ball for most of the game. When Carroll did manage to form any kind of attack, a fastly defense shut them down. Goal keeper Amy Schmitt might as well have brought her sleeping bag. Eastern out shot Carroll 46-0.

The rest of the offense against Carroll was provided by Angie Drumett, Jessi Edelebeck and Katie Bowers, who provided a goal and an assist. Schmitt picked up her second shutout of the season. In the Sunday matinee, Eastern once again showed a dominant mid-field game that controlled the game. The defense held up their end, allowing only five shots on goal during the 3-0 victory.

Noel and Auch led the way for Eastern, providing a goal and an assist each. Auch provided the play of the game by putting a beautiful touch pass right off the foot of Noel and into the net.

Other marquee players for the Eagles include Madonna Clish, Bowers and Schmitt, who racked up another shutout, her second in as many days.

Eastern looks to continue their dominance this weekend against Gonzaga Community College on Saturday and University of Idaho on Sunday. These are the final two home games of the year for the Eagles.

**Lynn Robison racked up 30 digs versus ISU.**

**Catch the Eagles final two home games.**

- Tacoma CC: Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. and University of Idaho: Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

- Both men and women's tennis teams kicked off their season last week with losses. The men began play at Gonzaga on Oct. 7, losing 7-0.

- Eastern traveled to Montana for a weekend series against the Grizzlies. The Thunder lost Friday 6-9 and the men lost 0-7 Saturday and then 0-7 on Sunday.

- Both the women's and men's tennis teams will host their first meet of the season this weekend. The women's meet will take place on Sunday.

- Cross Country to host meet

- Several local colleges are getting set to travel to the Finch Arboretum in Cheney for the EWU Invitational Cross Country Meet. Gonzaga, WSU, Lewis-Clark State, NG and Flathead Valley CC are all scheduled to compete.

- The women's three mile race begins at 10:05 a.m. and the men's 5-mile race is at 11 a.m.
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