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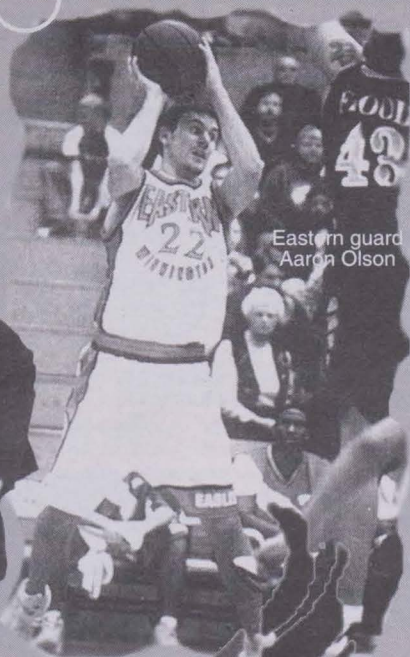
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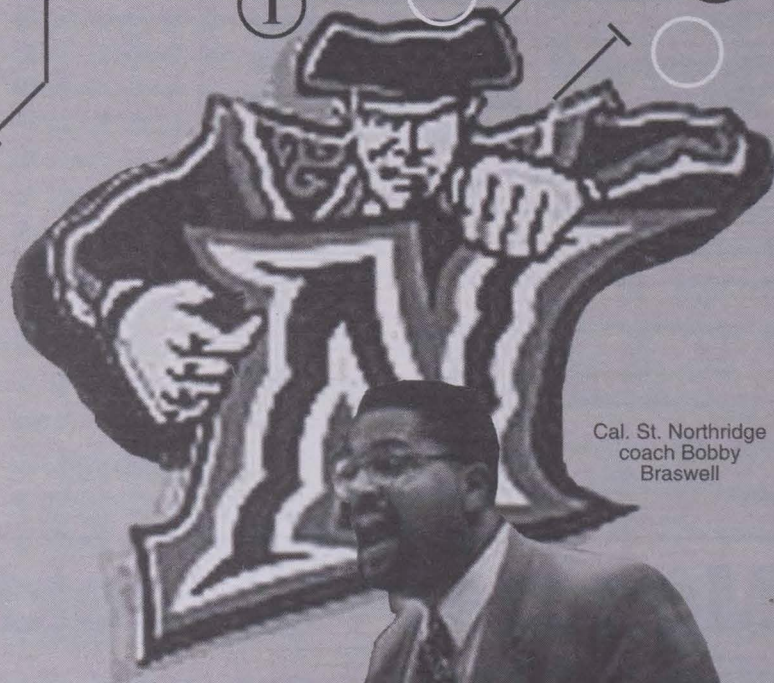
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**Title implications on the line**

Cal. St. Northridge and Eastern battle tonight at Reese Court

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# Theft accentuates need for change

## Students, legislators fight against use of social security number as ID

Steven J. Barry  
Assistant Editor

A bill requiring that universities in Washington State use numbers other than social security numbers for student identifiers is gaining support from both the ASEWU and state legislature, ASEWU President Bree Holsing said. Support for the bill has skyrocketed after the Feb. 21 theft of a computer containing personal student information.

The computer, stolen from the Body Shop, contains personal information for anyone who has ever been registered there, officials said. That information includes student identification numbers, which, as it stands, are social security numbers.

The proposed bill (HB 1381) would outlaw the use of social security numbers in this fashion, protecting students even in worst-case scenarios such as this one.

The bill passed unanimously in the state House of Representatives, and passed 8-4 in the Senate, with one senator abstaining from voting. Holsing said it will go to the floor now, and the only thing she thinks that could stop it from passing this year would be a low position on the docket.

Mike Johnson, ASEWU's Legislative Liaison, says the measure is certain to pass, whether it appears in the form of the bill currently being lob-

bied or not.

"The question is not whether they will stop using our numbers on campus, it is when they will stop," he said. "I guarantee they will stop within the next couple, three years."

The argument against changing the current system centers on the convenient use of social security numbers to track yearly earnings of graduates, Holsing said.

"That way they can say 'our graduates are making this much money per year,'" she said.

She also said there has been some dispute over the cost of the change to a new student identification system. She said the transition would cost about \$1.5 million, all told.

Johnson said there have been numerous incidents of identity theft on campus, including one situation in which a student found himself "\$30,000 in debt in Colorado without ever leaving Washington."

"The only way to do that is with a social security number," Johnson said.

Holsing said there was one reported incident in which someone was using the social security number of an Eastern student's deceased father.

The bill itself states the legislature's concern for identity theft.

Shortly after the computer from the Body Shop was stolen, University Public Information Officer Stefanie Pettit circulated a memo advising students to take precautionary measures such as calling the three credit agencies (Equifax, Experian,

and TransUnion) and warning them about the possibility of fraudulent use of their accounts, and carefully reviewing bank and credit card statements for discrepancies.

EWU Police Chief Tom McGill said that although all information on the computers is password-protected, students need to be aware of the incident and the greatly increased possibility of identity theft.

"We felt it was necessary to bring this to everyone's attention for their own protection," said McGill.

Holsing said that while the burglary was most decidedly not good, it could serve as an example of why it is so important the legislature pass the bill.

"I think it's horrible. I think it's a wake up call; I hope it's a wake up call," she said. "What else is going to have to happen for the people in the state legislature and our administration to realize this is an issue? If this isn't a wake up call—for someone to break into one of our buildings and steal one of our databases—I don't know what is."

Holsing said repeatedly that she did not want to get involved in the "hype" or politics of the situation here at Eastern, but would put forth her utmost effort to encouraging the legislature to pass the bill into law.

EWU is not the only university behind the bill. Central Washington University has also seen a huge movement of support for the bill, said ASCWU President Maren Oates. She said serious support for the bill began last year after former Philosophy Professor James Cadello was indicted for 33 counts of fraud. Cadello fraudulently used student's social security numbers for credit card use and other purposes, she said.

Associate to the President Judith Siminoe said the University Board of Trustees has yet to take a stance on the bill, and it may be some time until they do.

"The Board of Trustees hasn't discussed that legislation," she said. "I don't expect that they will bring it up unless it comes up as a report for comment."

She said the board would hear some information when Dr. Jordan addresses them, and that it may be a subject of comment. But in order for the

board to officially consider their stance, it would have to be placed on their agenda.

Siminoe also said the issue could end up on the agenda in the wake of the computer theft.

"Having this kind of break-in highlights the need for protection of personal information."

**"The question is not whether they will stop using our numbers on campus, it is when they will stop."**

**-Mike Johnson  
ASEWU Legislative Liaison**

**"The legislature finds that the occurrences of identity thefts are increasing. The legislature also finds that widespread use of the federally issued social security numbers has made identity theft more likely to occur."**

**-from House Bill 1381**

# Monroe Hall looking rejuvenated

Jadd Davis  
Reporter

The renovation of Monroe Hall has been a common sight to Eastern students and faculty for the last two years. Renovation began on the hall, which stands between Showalter and Hargreaves halls, in the fall of 1999. Since then, there has been practically nothing but encouraging news. Despite a minor "water seepage problem," the construction project has held tenaciously to its projected completion and budget.

The \$12.8 million renovation project is expected to be completed in a few weeks. Staff will be moved into the building in April.

"It has been a great project," said Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning Mike Irish, "When people see it, they're going to be amazed. It is going to enhance the campus,



▲ Monroe Hall before.

inside and out."

Irish is very pleased with the construction and anticipates no other setbacks before completion.

Over the years, Monroe Hall has been home to a variety of different programs. Originally, it



▲ Monroe Hall after.

was the university's first dormitory. Constructed in 1915, in honor of Mary Monroe, the first woman appointed to the board of trustees, Monroe Hall began as a women's dorm until 1951 when it was converted to a men's dorm. It switched back again in 1962, and finally, in 1968,

Monroe Hall transitioned into office spaces and locations for various programs on campus.

When renovation is complete, Monroe Hall will house the Black Education Program, Women's Center, Chicano Education Program, Learning Skills Center as well as hosting various speakers and presentations from time to time.

The Student Research and Creative Works Symposium will be held in Monroe Hall on May 24. The annual symposium is a collection of presentations designed to give students an opportunity to display their talents and accomplishments while gaining valuable professional skills.

The Monroe Hall renovation project, combined with the recent constructions of the Kennedy Library, PUB, Showalter Auditorium, and the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center is another step in the mandate by President Jordan to improve the educational environment at Eastern.

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# Student Health Survey: an overview

Nick Nash  
Reporter

The results of the Student Health Services Survey, which was administered by faculty during the fall quarter of 2000 in classrooms throughout the Eastern campus, has been completed by the Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC), was presented by Student Health Services representative Heather Harris, and unanimously approved by the Associated Students of Eastern Washington University, at their February 27 meeting.

The goal of this survey, which was distributed to an estimated 5000 students, with 1600 being returned completed, was to "gather student input and information on utilization of the current student health services provided by a student health clinic."

The results of the survey, which was responded to mostly by female's between the ages of 19 and 25, in their junior year of school, living in Cheney, and taking 13-18 credits, found that the current 34 dollar health fee was "acceptable," and that the services that were received were "desirable," with seven of the top 10 most wanted services being provided.

The survey also found that nearly three-quarters of the students who responded had their own insurance, with over half of these having no idea what the monthly cost for this insurance was.

"Students are predominantly uniformed about their private health insurance, thus supporting the need for easily accessible health care," stated the "recommendations" section of the survey's findings.

Based on the information from the survey, the SHAC committee suggested that the fee structure did not need to be reviewed. The committee also recommended that services should be maintained or increased but without a substantial increase of funds, possibly through an effective petition for alternative providers.

The SHAC committee, and the student health services survey where created in order to review the use and perception of the \$34 student health services fee, which after becoming a mandatory fee for all Eastern students in the fall of 2000, replaced the previous system, in which a student could waive the fee by providing proof of insurance.

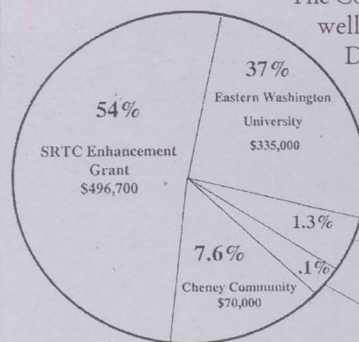
Early in the quarter, this new mandatory fee was loudly criticized. Harris pointed out that overall fewer complaints have been received than last year, even with

the new mandatory fee. "The negative comments about the 34 dollar fee seemed to have slowed down since the fall quarter, and there are still less complaints than last year."

University Vice-President Dr. Brian

Levin-Stankevich praised Harris and the SHAC for their work on the student health services survey. "Heather and the SHAC committee did a great job with this survey, and I would like to would like to commend them for their hard work."

## The path is clear



The Community of Cheney was able to raise well over their goal of \$70,000 for the Downtown Revitalization Project by March 1. As of the latest report, the community has raised over \$89,000.

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## Campus groups make pleas for funding from Student Tech Fee

Sara Leaming  
Reporter

The Student Technology Fee Committee will hold a public forum today, at 2 p.m. in Martin 158 outlining requests made by various campus groups seeking funds from the Student Technology Fund.

Some of them are the general access computer labs, the PUB computer labs, the Riverpoint computer lab and the Spokane Center lab. The Library has also put in a request for funds this year.

Ryan Kroum, chair of the Student Technology Fee Committee said that attendance at the meeting is a good way for students "to see how the student technology fee dollars are going to be working for you."

The Student Technology Fee is a mandatory fee paid by all new students entering the university as of Fall quarter 1999. Proceeds from the funds are put in the

student technology fund, which is used to benefit the general population of students at Eastern. Each student pays \$35 per academic quarter towards the fund.

The money collected from the student technology fee, as of right now, "has to be used for something tangible, that students can interact with in some manner," Kroum said. "A lot of it is hardware, but some of it is software."

The Student Tech Fee Committee has identified three priorities for money coming into the fund: Providing students who pay the fee with their own Internet account, covering the costs associated with the general access computer labs, and providing new technology services for students.

The Student Technology Fee Committee is comprised of five students. Kroum, who is the chair, three at large which are appointed by the council, and one student appointed by the general access labs.

There are four administrative faculty members who sit on this council as well.

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# Council, pizza, "my work here is done"

Nick Nash  
Easterner Reporter

This week's ASEWU council meeting was marked by a seventy-five minute executive session that saw the surprise delivery of two pizzas. These pizzas, which made their appearance about ten minutes prior to the beginning of the general meeting, were of unknown origins, yet arrived, according to the pizza delivery person, paid for.

"Yes, these pizzas are paid for where would you like them?"

When questioned about the mystery pizza's ASEWU president B Holsing said only, "We think they came from the people next door."

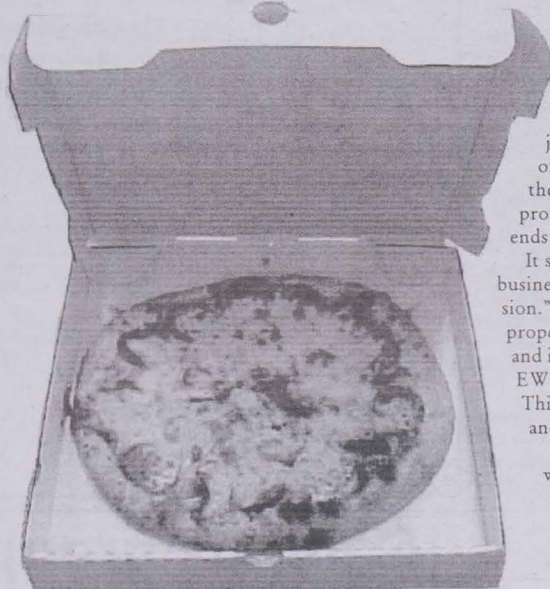
The subject of the executive session which was quickly noted to those present as "the possibility of misinformation from an ASEWU council member or members," was only interrupted by a short absence by Holsing, from which she returned with a half-case of diet Pepsi, the origin of which, was also unknown.

In an executive session the members of the gallery are asked to step outside so that matters, generally in relationship to council personnel issues, which may be in question can be discussed without the fear of anything that is said being repeated in quote form.

Strangely, prior to this executive session, a

motion was made to keep the session "open," meaning that the members of the gallery would have been allowed to stay for the proceedings.

The vote on the motion failed, however, in one of only a handful of votes for the entire year that was not anonymous. Six council members voted to close the proceeding, and



with the absence of Brad Pugh due to family illness, and the abstention of Athletic affairs representative Dan Clark, the session re-

mained closed

It was however decided that the ASEWU council Clerk, Seyla Yem, and University vice president Dr. Brian Levin-Stankevich would be allowed to stay to oversee the proceedings.

With the council chambers clear of gallery members, and the person to pizza ratio greatly increased, the discussion of "the possibility of misinformation of an ASEWU council member or members," began.

Seventy-five minutes later it ended, and amidst pizza ends and diet Pepsi cans the meeting was adjourned with no particular explanation of the proceedings that took place in the executive session other than those provided by the aforementioned pizza ends and Pepsi cans.

It should be noted that normal council business took place prior to "executive session." This business related directly to the proper use of student funds for the direct, and indirect gain of every member of the EWU campus, regardless of position. This business passed by with little notice, and no pizza.

Dean of Students Dr. Danny Pugh, who was also required to leave the council chambers during the executive session, took the seventy-five minute period in which the council did not allow his presence as a sign that he was no longer needed. Pugh is the

ASEWU advisor.

On his way out the door, when asked if he was planning on staying for the conclu-

sion of the meeting, Pugh answered, "My work here is done."

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## Robberies keep EWU police busy

Joel Peterson  
Reporter

New things have been brewing around campus other than the usual drinking and MIP concerns. Last Wednesday, individuals broke into the Phase area and vandalized vending machines, a Bank of America ATM, and made off with computers and a stereo from the body shop.

"What was taken is still under investigation and hasn't had a dollar amount placed on it yet," commented EWU police chief Tom McGill.

Apparently, this isn't the only break-in over the course of the past three weeks. On Monday, more vandals broke into Tawanka Commons, making off with various computers and pieces of electrical equipment. It is believed that the tools used for these crimes came from a trailer belonging to a construction company working

on campus, which was broken into about three weeks ago. Various tools have been sent to a crime lab to lift fingerprints and to determine if there are any identifying marks on the evidence. The final results will be known soon.

Another baffling mystery is how the suspects entered the buildings. The Phase is usually locked tight after hours, and there are no signs of forced entry. Police are looking for a number of suspects in relation to these instances. McGill stated "It's more likely that a group of people are responsible for this, considering the amount of damage that was done to the property."

Officials believe that the motive behind the thefts is probably drug related. McGill added "In this particular area of the country, most crimes of this nature are done to make money, in most instances to support a drug habit."

Not only have there been break-ins at Cheney campus buildings, but there have also been a

few reports of vehicle prowls in parking lots around the school. Last week, two cars were broken into. In each case, there was stereo equipment and other electronics stolen. If your stereo has a detachable face, it would be wise to take it off before someone else does it for you.

As for other concerns on the EWU campus, there has been a dramatic increase in DUI offenses on the roads around Cheney. The number of people being arrested for driving under the influence has already surpassed the total for the entire year 2000. The result of this will be heightened traffic patrol on streets around campus.

Along with the rise in DUI arrests, there has also been an increase of MIP's on campus. Although not as bad as the problem which existed during Fall quarter, numbers have been slightly going up in the past few weeks as we approach a much needed Spring break.

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# Eating disorders can be a dilemma

Sara Leaming  
Reporter

Every year five to ten million women and one million men will have been reported as

having an eating disorder. Of those, 50,000 will die.

Wendy Repovich, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Physical Education and Health and Recreation at Eastern spoke to a group on Tues-

day entitled "The Dilemma of Eating Disorders."

Repovich is the founding director of the Inland Empire Task Force on Eating Disorders. The task force was put together to provide the basics for preventing eating disorders in young men and women.

"We try to create a great network for people to use for eating disorders," Repovich said.

The biggest problem with eating disorders, she said, is that people don't know where to go when they have a problem.

That is why this week is Eating Disorder Awareness Week. It was created to enhance the awareness that there is a problem and to let people know there are places to go.

The dilemma is, American culture has cultivated the need for thinness through constant media attention. Gaunt appearance is equated with health, and success. Americans spend \$30 billion dollars a year on the diet industry alone.

"The media supports the myth that weight loss is an indication of health," Repovich said.

Those runway models are not pictures of health. Eating

disorders can have serious and long-term effects on the body.

People with eating disorders can suffer from depression, anxiety, interpersonal problems, usually linked to their families, and substance abuse, to name a few.

Some other health risks associated with eating disorders include cardiovascular disease, muscle loss and weakness, electrolyte imbalance, and fatigue.

Repovich also said that persons with eating disorders are at a greater risk of having stress fractures and bone breakage, because of the low estrogen and testosterone levels in the body from lack of food, which make bones

brittle and weak.

The focus of eating disorders needs to be on recognition, not just on prevention, Repovich said.

Friends and family members should be able to recognize the signs of eating disorders in order to help prevent the sickness.

There are two types of common eating disorders to be aware of, anorexia and bulimia.

Anorexia is the inability to maintain normal body weight. A person with anorexia is unable to see him or herself at a normal weight.

Some of the warning signs of an anorexic might be the significant weight loss, ritualistic eating habits, not eating, obsession with exercise, social withdrawal and fear of eating in front of people.

Female anorexics can also suffer from amenorrhea, or the loss of the menstrual cycle.

Bulimia is slightly different, in that people with the sickness are able to maintain a weight and look "normal" in spite of eating habits.

They have episodes of bingeing and purging; usually by vomiting up anything they eat. In order to be diagnosed with bulimia, a person has to have purged at least twice a week for three months, Repovich said.

Warning signs for bulimics may include minor theft of food or money, substance abuse and muscle weakness or aches and pains.

Repovich said that bulimia is usually a sickness that starts in college, when students move away from home for the first time and their eating habits change. Prevention is key in eating disorders. By knowing the risk factors associated with eating disorders, friends and families can help prevent people cope with the disease and recognize that they have a problem.

Intervention must be a team effort. It must include a doctor, a counselor or psychologist who specializes in eating disorders, a dietician, and if the person is an athlete, an athletic trainer must be present.

According to Repovich, eating disorders are psychological. "As far as we know, it's a behavior," she said. "Once you recognize that you have that behavior, it's something you have to fight for the rest of your life."

The Eating Disorder Awareness Program [EDAP], a national resource for those seeking help with an eating disorder, can be reached at 1-800-931-2237, or on the web at <http://members.aol.com/edapinc>.

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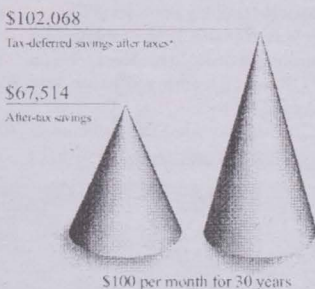
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*Photo Editor*

Each cadet takes position and waits patiently for the signal to move. Eager and cautious, the group continues on, ready to meet the opposition that waits in the forest ahead. The body is alert to every movement or sound made. Somebody sees something move and then the sound of gunfire is heard. Automatically everyone takes cover and returns fire.

The battle is short and BLUFOR, the good guys, are victorious against the opposition. The cadets collect themselves at a central point and discuss the events of the mission that has just taken place.

On the weekend of Feb. 22 to Feb. 25, EWU ROTC spent time at Fort Lewis to apply their leadership and tactical skills in the field as opposed to the classroom. Cadets learn most of their tactics and other procedures through classes and labs. The field training exercise (FTX) gave them the chance to apply what they had learned.

"It's a great opportunity for us to get some hands on training. To apply the classroom knowledge that we've acquired over the year thus far," said Captain James Stienhagen.

The sophomores and juniors spent Friday going over land



Maggie Miller/Easterner

▲ *MS I Cadets served as the OPFOR.*

navigation during the day and later that night. Land navigation is the use of a topographical map and magnetic compass to determine location, direction and terrain. Each cadet was given a map, five points to plot on the map and three hours to physically find the points. This task may appear easy, but the terrain and thickness of foliage can make it a little harder to stay on course. Night land navigation isn't any easier either. It's dark out and hard to see where you're going. Cadets have to learn to trust themselves more.

Being on post at Ft. Lewis is a lot different than tromping through the wheat fields of Cheney. The forest floor is denser than that of the forest in Eastern Washington. You can't just shoot an azimuth [the horizontal angular distance from a fixed reference direction to a position or object.] and go, you have to dodge blackberry bushes and other things that you can't just walk on.



Maggie Miller/Easterner

▲ *Cadet Robert Douglass signals to move out. Hand and arm signals were essential for the cadets in many situations.*

The freshman class spent their day a little differently though. They were busy preparing for the following days missions, which included three different situational training exercises (STX).

"The OPFOR's purpose was to challenge the sophomores and juniors to use critical thinking in order to problem solve on how to defeat the OPFOR using communication and teambuilding skills," said Major Leaf Rich.

The real action occurred on Saturday when the sophomores and juniors (BLUFOR) were actually engaged in battle with the

freshman (OPFOR). Each cadet was issued MILES gear (Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System), which includes a transmitter at the end of each weapon, and sensors that are worn by the cadets. Each time a cadet fires a blank round, a laser pulse is emitted from the transmitter. A loud beeping sound is made to simulate when a person

has been hit, as if in combat.

The first mission that was set up was reconnaissance (commonly referred to as recon). A local partisan is present to provide the BLUFOR with information about a location or OPFOR activity when asked. In this case there was the possibility of the CDC (Caquetan Drug Cartel) running drugs.

BLUFOR's mission was to be as stealthy as possible and identify the location and what was present. The site was set up as a drug lab, but in reality was an arms cache site.

The next mission for cadets was movement to contact. The BLUFOR and OPFOR move through the woods and eventually come in contact with each other and react accordingly. However, there is a surprise for the BLUFOR, civilian refugees that have lost their homes and been beaten by the CDC. A choice must be made; either take the civilians along or leave them and continue on after calling for assistance.

The last mission consists of the BLUFOR going to a known location, such as a road intersection, to find and attack OPFOR in defense of the location. This mission is a little different because the OPFOR aren't focused in just one direction, but all around the area.

The weekend is designed to teach cadets how to work together and develop skills that can be applied anywhere in life and not just the military.

"Placing our cadets in stressful situations gives them the opportunity to reinforce their leadership skills," said Colonel Charles Green, EWU Fighting Eagle Battalion Commander.

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# Sorry kids, it's the summer of love no more

Adrian Workman  
Campus Life Editor

Welcome to the 21st century. Some things have changed; others have not. In either case, you lived past the ripe old age of 22.

There are still hippies (or flower children, or free spirits, or magicians, or whatever moniker by which they choose to identify themselves).

There is still a war on drugs going on, and we all know who is winning that war, because the same drugs—and some newer ones—are still all over the place.

There is a still lot of live music. There is a reincarnate of the Grateful Dead known as Phish, and there is a lot of people who go to these shows, many of them drive late-model Volkswagen Jettas, and generally present themselves exactly like the flower children of 30 years ago. We've even had an exceptionally memorable Woodstock recently, although I think that free love and peace had little to do with its outcome.

Things have mostly changed, which is why the faddist presence of hippies bothers me.

Here is what I see: If I go see a reggae show at the Grange (too near to Bellingham), I feel intimidated. I'm high as a kite and bobbing my head around to the phatty riffs, right? The second I open my eyes—to make sure I'm not jumping on any Birkenstocks—I see people dancing like they're trying. Trying to trance.

Trying to dance as if in trance. Guys wearing various articles of hemp clothing are jog-

ging in place, but it's a few young women who get to me. They could have been in a line-dance had they been in a line. Swishy skirts, halter-tops. They are dancing like they have held a scoop of ice cream really high up in the air, and that scoop is now melting, racing down slender arms. They chase this imaginary scoop with their hands in a futile attempt to re-elevate it. Forever and ever, world without end, song without outro. Attempted replication of a previous generation.

The Summer of Love. An event, a unity brought about by a frighteningly large amount of people pissed off about similar things. The fact that you could be sent to Viet Nam before you could vote was a biggie, if my sources are reliable. The Civil Rights movement experienced a huge, overdue birth.

Drugs pulled these folks together, too. The best way to hang out with someone who's high is to be on the same substance they are. If otherwise, you feel alienated, or like a babysitter, or both. The people who were not pissed off or high were there to be a part of this movement.

Most of these people have since felt that being broke and enlightened isn't as fun as having a job and being enlightened. Hell, VAG (Volkswagen-Audi Group, the corporation that now produces VWs, Audis, owns SEAT, and I think Lamborghini) targets beached hippies. Watch their commercials. They've taken jobs as loggers, cashiers, pink-collar employees working telephones at collection agencies, and assembly

line peons. Sunflower tattoos fading amidst the noxious chemicals and people. The folks who have not woken up from that movement are slightly more pathetic.

That movement is gone. The presence of current hippie 'after-births'—most born after '68—is a signal that this generation has been inhaling so much second-hand activist smoke that we are unwilling to stick to any sort of movement of our own and ride it all the way into legislative sunset.

The Vietnam War is long gone. Nixon is dead. Peace signs can be purchased for 50 cents in pizza parlor coin-op machines. Lenny Kravitz thinks he is Jimmy Hendrix. Jimmy Hendrix is dead. The Grateful Dead are, well, dead. Jimmy Morrison is dead.

Almost all the reasons that people united in that brief-but-significant era are void and gone. Quit emulating that era. Bury it. We've got our own era, with its own music and problems. These are problems which need our attention, before we get old and start telling our kids tales of how cool Napster used to be, how file swapping used to be free. Hopefully, our kids will not run around in Napster t-shirts listening to Metallica.

It is still a perfectly clear and teeth-grinding problem that the people have very little to do with the outcome of what/who attains office, and therefore what kind of government 'represents' us. If you own a gun and are Pro-Choice, you basically can't vote in this country. Our po-

litical system is that bipolar.

Marijuana is still illegal for moral reasons, and immoral for legal reasons.

Corporations still have their meaty, stinky, sacrilegious fingers in every aspect of our lives. Radio is a huge commercial for music television. Music television is a huge commercial for fashion designers.

Technology has slapped around and even replaced privacy.

C'mon kids. Our issues may be more diverse, but they are uniters, not dividers (snicker). They deserve backing, and get so little. It is far past the time to believe that yesterday's issues spawn the same type of people, attitudes, and styles.

It's church, kids: What was once a giant finger to pop culture is now pop culture. How revolutionary. Full circle. It is church: It had a grass roots start, a few inspirational leaders. The leaders and their grass are gone, replace by 'pastors' and conformists who believe they are on the same page as the perpetrators. It is church: There are doctrines. Some are stated, some aren't. They will shun, reject, redeem, and accept.

This religion stifles a cohesive generation, and prohibits positive change. The rest of Generation Why are too petrified by the MTV music video awards to do anything either, but that's another story, and any modern hippie should be schooling them.

Bring me the head of Arthur Janov. May our children be as volatile as our parents were.

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# Lack of candidates? No, bloke. Lack of monikers.

Byhl McGuinness  
Contributor

This article is in response to Steve Barry's article on the university voting process. The legacy of wretched indifference that has crept, like a rheumatic malaise, into the very fabric of university life and underscores just about every election, continued with the

latest round of popularity contests—er, excuse me, I mean elections.

Barry cited the lack of interest in these elections, the lack of candidates to fill the lacklustre positions that constitute the electoral process, and the lack of interest in these positions. The way that this scribe reported these lamentable facts, though, one would

think the situation hopeless. However, I have arrived at a solution to this difficult and vexing state of affairs. Strangely enough, the lessons of the past have provided a resolution to what will, I am sure, signal the demise of the ballot-box lethargy and lassitude that has become a perennial EWU hallmark.

Last year, Bree Holsing got the nod for the top job: ASEWU president. Indeed, I voted for her. Now, I don't know her, and I have never even met her, and would n't

know if I bumped into her in the street. Now don't get me wrong, dear reader—I am sure she is a fine, upstanding, and civically minded member of the community. The fact remains that I was not acquainted with her. So why did I vote for her? The answer is simple, dear ones: cheese. Yep, that's what I said, cheese. Bree has one of those cool names that reflect a consumer item or food product, and, additionally, I am partial to that soft scrummy spread produced by our French cousins. Not much of a reason, I grant, but there, my lethargic school chums, you have it.

Now, it seems to me that what

we need is a group of prospective candidates who have colourful and exciting names. Why would we, the voting public, be induced to elect a Bob, Mary, or Fred when we can choose someone with a really cool name? I would gladly vote for, sight unseen, an Evian, a Mercedes, or any individual whose parents had

taken the time to anoint them with a really cool moniker. They deserve to win. But, I hear you whine, "Hey man, what if I have a standard quotidian name like June, man? What the heck

do I do then, man!?" Fear not, chums. Just spell it Joon, like in that cool movie. Cindy becomes Sindy, Alex becomes Ahlix, Bill becomes Byhl, and so on and so forth. Anyhow, you get the picture. Sadly, these cool names are lacking in school elections, which underscores the dismal and pathetic voting legacy that this institution has compiled. So, get cracking you sthewdents [that's "students" spelled coolly] and change those names. The quest for cool must begin. Then, and only then, my lethargic ones, will we have an election to remember.

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## The Nostalgia Corner



### In my day... You Smelled

Nick Nash  
Reporter

When I was younger, my dress was far less calculated. As I wander around a campus and world full of people so concerned with their dress, their appearance, their smell, I so often wish I could be moved back to my younger days, when I wore bad unwashed, out of style clothes, for weeks on end with no need for a shower, no need for a change of clothes, no need for quarters for laundry. All I needed was a Happy Meal.

Then I realize, those days are still here, for me at least. Sure, I now prefer a Big Mac, but if you offer me a Happy Meal, I'll take it and never look back.

Really what I mean is that, just like when I was in elementary school, I still run around in bad, unwashed, out of style clothes, for weeks on end with no need for a shower.

I realize at this point I may come across as critical. That is not my intention. I don't expect you dear reader to stop taking your showers, stop changing your clothes, I am not a hippie, I am not cutting edge, I guarantee you I am neither hip, nor particularly concerned with the environment.

I'm just not big on personal hygiene, past that which is required to live. I like to wear what is in my closet, that is full of clothes people give me, that they no longer care for. I once went for three months without doing laundry, because every time I started to run out of clean clothes someone would give me some new ones.

To again reassert that I am not

trying to gain some sort of following, or get others to jump to the unwashed and uncool side, I admit freely that I am occasionally embarrassed because of my appearance, and often because of my aroma. I live in a society of people who shower and change clothes daily. I do not. This puts me at a certain disadvantage.

Most people in my situation have the convenience of falling back on some belief system, similar to those vegetarians use for not eating meat. I don't have or want this convenience of belief. The trade off: yes, when you tell me I smell funny I am embarrassed. Merry Christmas.

However, causes, beliefs, movements, and all of the other things that make us easier to categorize are neat. So much a part of daily life, how could I take those away from you? After all, this is suppose to be some sort of opinion article, specifically one dealing with "the good old days."

I'm suppose to tell you something I believe, perhaps even try to get you to believe it, not that I don't shower regularly. I'm not even talking about the "good old days" much at all.

So, here we go (you can even think about this as coming from the "good old days" if you wish): Look at the guy next to you. Do what he's doing. If it turns out to be wrong, at least you didn't think of it yourself, and if it turns to be right, you had the foresight to know.

One last bit of info, something from the very core of the "American experience." Don't forget to eat your apple pie.

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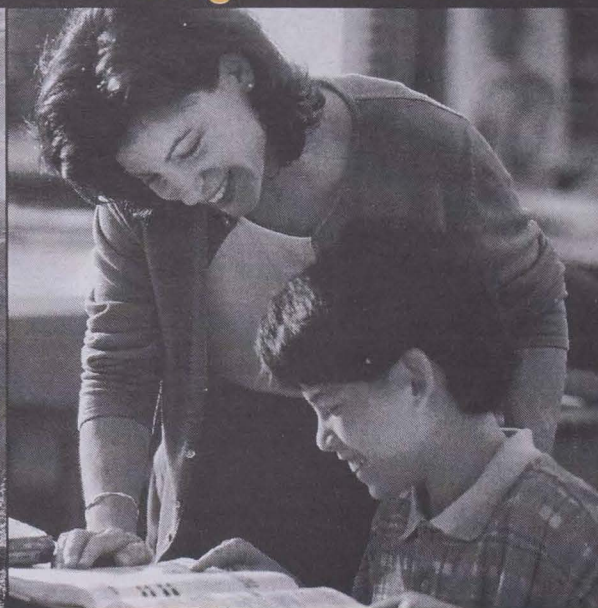
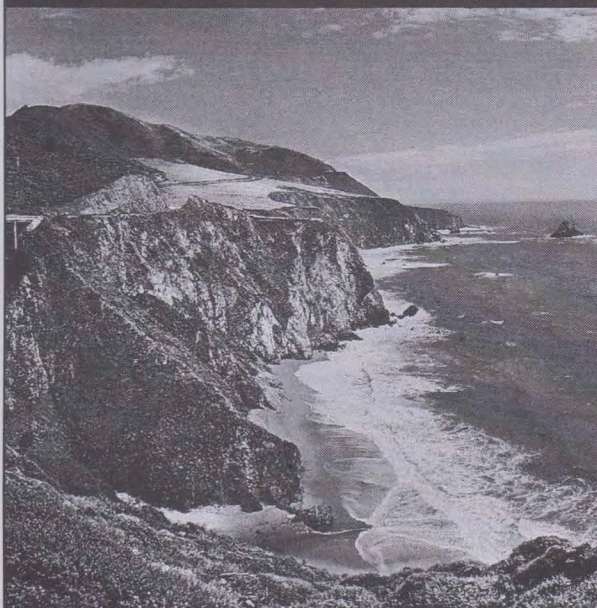
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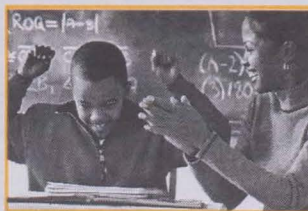


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# "Comedy of Errors" is no mistake

Solomon Pech  
Reporter

Stumbling slapstick, sharp one-liners, and situations filled with tomfoolery were the tiles that were used to make the mosaic that was Eastern Washington University's newest theatrical production *The Comedy of Errors*, written William Shakespeare.

"They (the cast) didn't believe me when I told them how silly this play was. Ploutess is the masters of silly", said Gene Engene, the faculty director of the play. I furrowed my brows and asked who



▲ The character of Adriana is aptly portrayed by Kelley Cliber.

Ploutess was. Gene told that Ploutess was the author of the play and that all of Shakespeare's plays, with the exception of *Love's Labours Lost*, are adaptations. News to me I thought.

As I sat chatted with Gene, I came to learn that he has done between 15 and 20 of Shakespeare's plays, and that we had at least one in common, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. I am a thespian as well, and who can escape The Master as a thespian, or a human for that matter. I'll get to that later.

"Have the lions part written? Pray you, if it be, give it to me, for I am slow of study." (Snug the Joiner) "You may do it extempore, for it is nothing but roaring." (Quince). I was Snug; he is not a very talkative character in that play which probably says a bit about my acting abilities. Oh well.

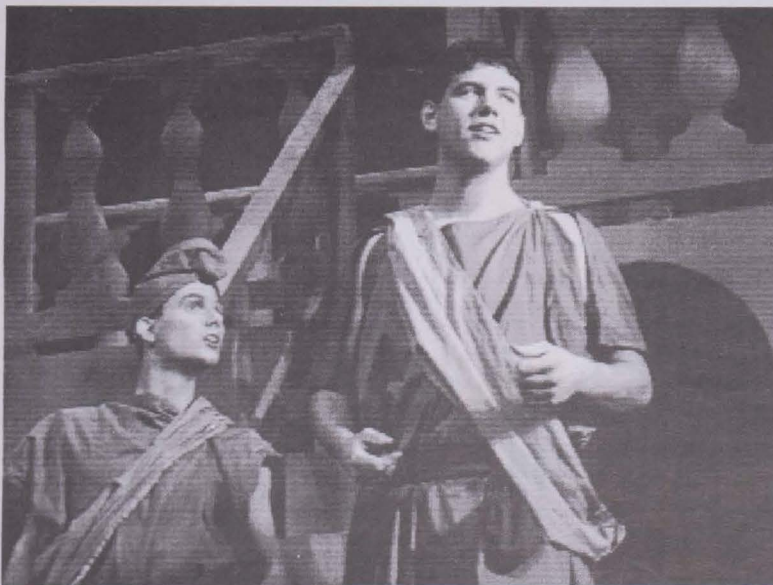
My point is that Gene was a veritable fount of knowledge about his profession. He has worked from coast to coast in theatres. He regaled me with stories about a theatre that he kept in his pocket, so to speak.

The troupe, Center Theatre Group, was five people in size, and had no home except for the hearts of those that made it up.

They acted in a bar and an old Railroad hotel and wherever it might suit them. He told they spent many a year in a logging town, St. Mary's, which had several intellectuals, including the loggers.

I very much enjoyed all that he told me and was excited to see the production he had guided.

The play itself made me think of the Three Stooges and cartoons. A brother Dromio stutter stepped around corners and while running like Bugs Bunny and leapt like



▲ Men of Action: Jason Thayer and Ryan Davies in a scene from the play.



▲ Twins meeting twins: An scene from Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors"

the roadrunner. Really, I wanted to pinch him just to see if any ink came off on my fingers.

I started to see through time and get a feel for how timeless comedy and theatre can be. These sort of antics were being used in Ancient Greece. I was caught a bit off guard by this.

At other times a guard and his prisoner were dodging about the stage and poking their heads out of various nooks, which reminded me of the wacky 60's show "Laughin." This comedy really had it all. There were blunders of identity and intelligence abound.

As with all Shakespeare plays the lines were poetry and lyrical. All the actors carried the language well. "Time comes stealing by night and day." I loved it all rolled of their tongues. It was a full round comedy, a boisterous comedy.

The leads were strong and carried the play

well. My hat's off to those who played Dromio, Adriana, Antipholus, and Luciana. As well, the rest of the cast all looked sounded like their parts. Bravo.

The second act was truly my favorite.

The world went to into a fit of madness about the players and brought out of my chest the same in the form of laughter. I thought it was just a hoot. It was a comedy then of crazy mistakes, slapstick abuse blended with the wit of words.

I am sure that by the time it opens, the first act will have shaped up too, not that it was bad, but I really was taken with the second act.

Comedy is a funny thing. It really does work best with a crowd. I was by myself for basically the first part, so some of the humor went over my head, but I am sure--or at least I hope I am--that the humor is conveyed. This was truly a delightful time spent.

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# White Oleander: A story of conflicting beauty and poison

Lucy Dukas  
 Reporter

*White Oleander*, Janet Fitch's debut novel, is a book about identity, growing into womanhood, human relationships and survival. It is gorgeous and moving. The language is mesmerizing, the characters real. It is a story seen through the eyes of a girl as she struggles through adolescence, at first a lost and needy child, finally a contained woman in control of her responses to the world.

Oleander is a plant that grows in the desert. It has beautiful flowers, but it is also deadly poisonous. It is Ingrid Magnussun, a beautiful poet, to whom musical language, art and aesthetic perfection are everything, but humanity nothing. She is poisonous.

It is also Ingrid's daughter Astrid, through whom the story is told. Astrid is beautiful too, but living a poisoned life.

Ingrid is not a woman who falls in love with men. When she condescends to a relationship with an aesthetically imperfect man, eventually breaking her own rules and loving him, she is furious and dangerous when he ends the affair. She stalks him and paints his doorknobs with a mixture of boiled down oleander and a chemical that allows the plant poison to seep through his skin. Her daughter, Astrid is left to the mercy of the foster care system when Ingrid is imprisoned. Astrid shuffles from one foster home to another, learning how to survive, and how to be a complete person.

At her first foster home, Astrid flails in needy anguish, becoming infatuated with her foster mother Starr's boyfriend, Ray. Astrid

discovers guilt, and that she, too, can poison things, as Starr and the foster family unravel into alcoholism and abuse with Starr's growing knowledge of the relationship.

Astrid's second home is a detestably ugly place without, where she is treated like a servant. Ingrid sends her reading lists, Anais Nin, Walt Whitman and Germaine Greer, delighted that her daughter is "brewing into an artist, someone she might want to know someday." Nobody sees her human needs. Astrid finds a book, *The Art of Survival*, a manual for the shipwrecked. It becomes her Bible.

Astrid practices her survival skills in her next home, where the refrigerators are padlocked and she eats out of garbage cans. That does not last long, however, and she moves in with Claire and Ron. Gentle, concerned Claire teaches Astrid what true love is like, but Claire is also clinically depressed. Claire touches Astrid's soul, but kills herself because she cannot function in life.

Astrid's dependence on others dies with Claire. She pushes through her next foster home with her needs contained. She does not want others to touch her again, and when she leaves she spends her emotions on art.

While the plot may seem like that of a Danielle Steele melodrama, *White Oleander* is a work of contemporary literature. Because we see the world through Astrid's skillfully wrought child's eyes, the scope expanding as her knowledge expands, the reader grows with Astrid.

We feel what she feels—her confusion, her neediness, her despair, and her self-discovery. The language Fitch uses to tell her story resonates like poetry, like the title *White Oleander*. The words roll around in the reader's mouth like chocolates.

"The words roll around in the reader's mouth like chocolates."



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◆ EWU Pagan Society: PUB 302 from 12-2 p.m.

◆ Wednesday Bake Sales: Isle Hall from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

◆ Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship: PUB 206 at 8:10 p.m.

### Thursday-February 22

◆ Eastern Environmental Meeting: PUB 357 from 4-5 p.m.

◆ Special showing of "The Color Purple" sponsored by the African American education program and the Women's Center.

◆ Women's Basketball vs Idaho State: Reese Court at 7:05 p.m.

### Friday-February 23

◆ Winter Pachanga Dance: 8 p.m.- 12 a.m. Admission \$3, or \$2 with a can of food. Dance contest, prizes, and fun sponsored by MECHA.

◆ EWU Hockey vs. Walla Walla Community College: Planet Ice. Tickets are \$2. Call 359-6319 for more information.

◆ Investment Club meeting: PUB 357 at 9 a.m.

### Saturday-February 24

◆ Snow van to 49 Degrees North ski area: departs at 7 a.m. and the cost is \$9

◆ Women's Basketball vs. Cal State Sacramento: Reese Court at 7:05 p.m.

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### Sunday-February 25

◆ Sunday Night Impact: PUB MPR at 7 p.m. For more information, call Donna Evans at 744-7014.

### Monday-February 26

◆ EWU Music and Art Exhibit: PUB. Expressions of student creativity. For more information, call Tanna at 359-4839.

### Tuesday- February 27

◆ Eating Disorders featuring Wendy Repovich: Part 153 from 12-1 p.m. For more information, call the Women's Center at 359- 2847.

◆ Bible Study: PUB 321 at 12 p.m.

◆ EWU Music and Art Exhibit: PUB. Expressions of student creativity. For more information, call Tanna at 359-4839.

◆ Intro to Indoor Climbing at Wild Walls Climbing Gym: 3-6pm. Cost is \$25 + \$15 deposit. For more information, call the Outdoor Program at 359-7920.

### Wednesday- February 28

◆ Open Pool Kayaking Session: EWU Pool from 7-9pm. Cost is \$8. For more information, call the Outdoor Program at 359- 7920.

◆ WYSIWYG's The Gong Show: PUB MPR at 7pm. For more information, call Melissa at 359- 4839

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### Thursday- March 1

◆ Eastern Environmental Meeting: PUB 357 from 4-5 p.m.

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# Art Show allows students to display their talents

Jadd Davis  
Reporter

If you have explored the PUB at all this week, you would have noticed a variety of artistic endeavors set up in the Multi-Purpose Room. This week the art students of EWU are presenting their talents to the public through the Student Art Exhibit. The event displays examples of all of the fine arts departments, including paintings and sculptures, musical and theatrical performances and films from the R-TV students.

The students participating in this event are very grateful for the opportunity for public exposure.

"It shows people what's out there," said Jennifer Peterson, a violinist in Eastern's music department.

"Sports get a lot of publicity, this shows the other side of the school," said Rosie Sampter, who performed with Peterson on Tuesday as part of the exhibit.



▲Lynne Emenegger looks at a piece called "Ice Storm" by Cheryl Koerner.

The showcase is sponsored by Eagle Entertainment and is the brainchild of Tanna Peters and our very own Isaac Grambo. The idea was hatched about a year ago, but planning never got serious until recently when they found out how many artists would be willing to participate in the event, said Peters.

How wonderful for us that they followed through.

Peters, who helped coordinate many Eagle Entertainment activities such as the dialogue series and 2<sup>nd</sup> City, is very happy about the showcase. She sees it as an opportunity for the arts complex to gain recognition despite its relatively isolated location on campus.

"We want to get the rest of the campus interested in the arts," said Peters.

Peters is definitely planning on making the arts showcase an annual event, but her dream would be to install a permanent gallery in the PUB. Her concept for the gallery project was proposed last year, and even had adequate funding. However, the logistics of the project were difficult to overcome, due to PUB space limitations.

Since then, Peters has been kicking around several ideas to make her dream a reality. A possible compromise would be installing a mini-gallery in the rendezvous room, said Peters.

Such an installation would give other Eastern students more opportunities to appreciate the arts without making the trek across campus to the fine arts complex, Peters continued.

Future Fine Arts Events at Eastern:  
-William Shakespeare's *A Comedy of Errors*, performed by the theater department March 2 & 3, 6-10 at 8:00 P.M., EWU Theatre

-Band concert March 8 at 7:30 P.M., Showalter Auditorium

-Choir concert March 9 at 7:30 P.M., Showalter Auditorium

-EWU Orchestra performance on March 11 at the Fox Theater at 7:30 P.M.

-EWU Orchestra at EWU March 12 at 7:30 P.M., Showalter Auditorium.



▲ This piece, called "Lincoln" is done by the Easterner's own Isaac Grambo

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## Matchup with Northridge could prove to be difference for Eagles

By Jeremy Muck  
Reporter

Thanks to their successful road victories last week at Idaho State and Sacramento State, the Eastern Washington Eagles are still in position to host the Big Sky Tournament.

Tonight, the Eagles square off against conference leader and pre-season favorite Cal State Northridge at 7 p.m. in Reese Court. The Matadors lead the Eagles by one game in the conference standings. Earlier this season, Eastern defeated the Matadors 88-75. It is Northridge's only home loss of the season.

The Eagles defeated the Bengals last Thursday in Pocatello, Idaho 77-64. Chris White scored 20 points and had eight rebounds. Jason Humbert added 15 points. In the game, Eastern shot a season-high 66.7 percent from the field. White was 7-of-9 from the field and Humbert was 6-of-9. Aaron Olson scored 14 points, while Jamal Jones chipped in nine points, three rebounds, three assists, two steals, and a blocked shot. Jones was

instrumental in holding the Bengals' Jordie McTavish to 14 points.

"He's had a couple of great defensive efforts lately," said Eastern head coach Ray Giacoletti. "I think if you were to ask the Idaho State people, that was as good a job somebody has done on McTavish all year. It was an unbelievable effort by our team, and it starts with the guy guarding the basketball, and that was Jamal Jones. We need those kind of efforts on defense for the team."

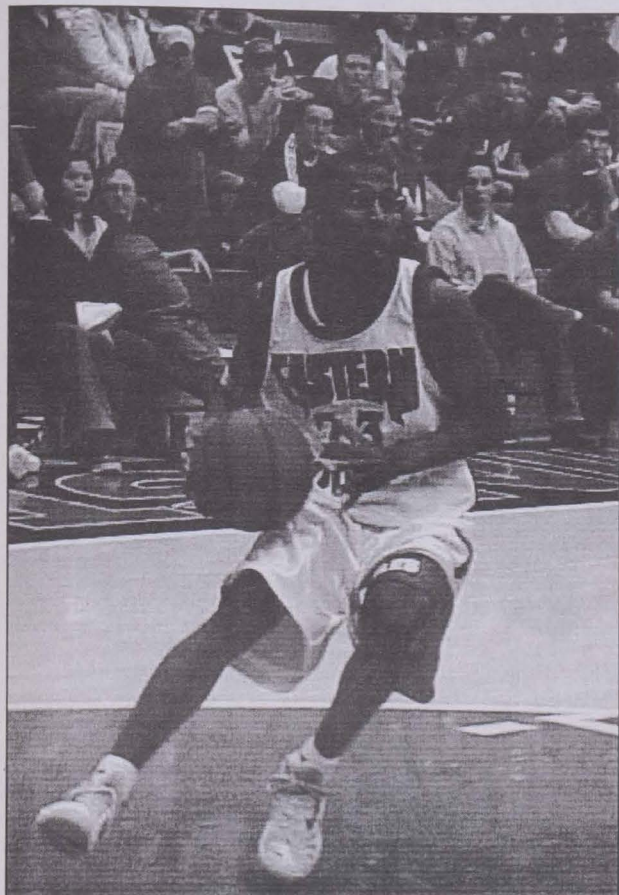
With the victory in Pocatello, the Eagles headed down to Sacramento to play the Hornets last Saturday. Eastern held off Sacramento State to roll to an 80-68 victory. Jones led the Eagles with 18 points. Olson added 15 points with career highs of six rebounds and six assists. White had his fifth double-double of the season, finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Reserve Kareem Hunter chipped in nine points and seven rebounds.

"All of them, at different points in the game, stepped up," Giacoletti said of his seniors, who are now 30-

21 overall and 22-8 in the Big Sky in the last two seasons. "Those four seniors have been through this a number of different times. I'm just happy that they were able to seize the opportunity tonight, and that the opportunity we hoped to have next Thursday is going to be realized."

That opportunity comes tonight against Northridge. In order for the Eagles to host the Big Sky Tournament next week, they must defeat the Matadors tonight and Northern Arizona tomorrow. Tomorrow's game against the Lumberjacks will be televised on Fox Sports Northwest at 7:30 p.m. at Reese Court.

"We could really use the support of the Eastern student body and the communities of Cheney and Spokane," said Giacoletti. "These guys have worked their butts off the entire year, and have put themselves in a position to be playing for something here in late February. We would really appreciate if fans would come out and support us Thursday and be that sixth-man we need."



Maggie Miller/Easterner

▲Senior guard Jamal Jones will be vying for his second conference championship, if the Eagles can sweep its last two games.

EAGLES						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
3	Clint Hull	G	6-2	190	Fr.	
4	Eddie Lincoln	G/F	6-4	195	Fr.	
13	Marco Quinto	G/F	6-6	215	Jr.	
14	Jason Lewis	G	6-3	175	Jr.	
21	Chris White	F	6-9	220	Sr.	
22	Aaron Olson	G	6-5	205	Sr.	
23	Jamal Jones	G	6-0	180	Sr.	
24	Kareem Hunter	F	6-6	215	Sr.	
31	Alvin Snow	G	6-2	205	Fr.	
52	Jason Humbert	C	6-9	245	Jr.	
54	Chris Johnson	C	6-10	235	So.	

MATADORS						
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
3	Denny Ogden	G	6-2	185	Sr.	
4	Craig Calloway	G	6-0	183	So.	
5	Marco McCain	G	6-3	190	Sr.	
10	Lionel Benjamin	G/F	6-4	210	So.	
12	Markus Carr	G	6-1	180	Jr.	
20	Carl Holmes	G	6-2	180	Sr.	
21	Jermar Welch	F	6-7	220	Sr.	
23	Whitney White	F	6-5	195	Sr.	
25	John Burrell	G	6-3	200	Sr.	
31	Brian Heinle	C	6-9	225	Sr.	
33	Curtis Slaughter	G/F	6-7	180	So.	
34	Joey Busch	F/C	6-7	230	Jr.	
42	Jeffrey Parris	F	6-5	223	Sr.	
55	Sidney Hampton	G/F	6-4	195	Fr.	

EWU students.

This is Ray Giacoletti, my head men's basketball coach here at EWU. I would personally like to extend an invitation to the whole student body.

Thursday night, March 1, we will host Cal State Northridge. Friday night, March 2 we we host Northern Arizona. Two wins this weekend will guarantee a Big Sky Regular Season Championship and the right to host the conference tournament the following weekend.

This is a great opportunity for our team and our university and the bottom line is that we need your help! A full and vocal student section at Reese Court is a huge asset in a game of this magnitude. Our players have played hard all year and have put Eastern Washington University in a position to do something very special. We would love to celebrate a huge win for this school with all of you. Thanks for your support and we will see you Thursday night.

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Ray Giacoletti

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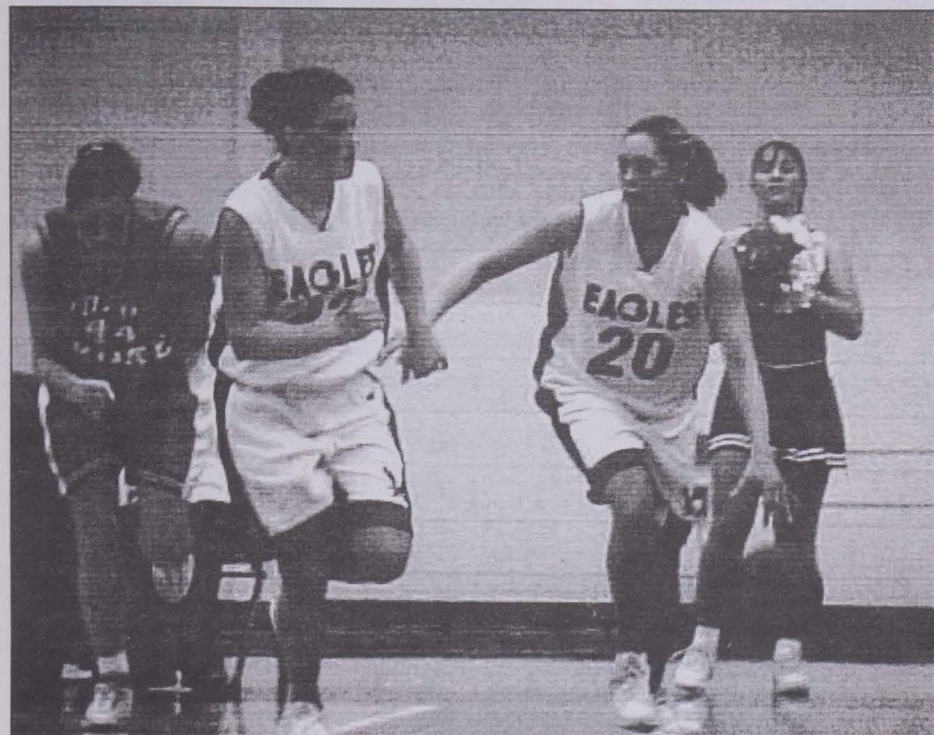
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# Eagle women split series, play at Northridge



Joy Wysong/Easterner

▲Jennifer Paluck (20) and Jamie Granger break away from Cal St. Sacramento players on Saturday.

By Jeremy Muck  
Reporter

Last week the Eastern Washington women's basketball team split two games between Idaho State and Sacramento State.

The Bengals defeated the Eagles 70-63 last Thursday, but Eastern made the Bengals earn their victory. Undeclared in the Big Sky Conference at 14-0, Idaho State overcame the Eagles' defense to go on a 7-0 run in the last 2:03 of the game. Eastern had its biggest lead of 10 with 1:25 in the first half. But the Bengals came back to score 10 unanswered points to tie the score at 41 at halftime.

Heather Thoelke led the Eagles with 19 points. Jennifer Paluck added 18 points and six rebounds. The Bengals were led by Chris Urbanski with 17 points. Jennifer Griffin added 14 points and four rebounds.

"Against ISU, the kids played hard but just had a three minute lapse, about a minute and a half in the first and two minutes in the second," said Eastern head coach Jocelyn Pfeifer. "We had too many turnovers. The

girls did everything we asked them to and we had ISU on the ropes."

Putting the tough defeat against Idaho State behind them, Eastern took advantage of a depleted Sacramento State team, defeating the Hornets 74-41 last Saturday. Allie Bailey led the Eagles with 16 points. In the contest, all of the Eagles scored. Janelle Ruen tied her season high of eight assists, and Kelli Pilkington scored six points and four rebounds in her final home game as an Eagle. The Eagles out-rebounded the Hornets 50-31. The Hornets had only seven players in uniform due to injuries. Eastern is now 5-9 in the Big Sky and 10-16 overall. They are tied with Cal State

Northridge for sixth place in the Big Sky. The top six teams in the Big Sky will advance to the Big Sky Tournament, to be played in Pocatello, Idaho March 8-10.

The Eagles take on Northridge tonight in Northridge, California, and Northern Arizona in Flagstaff, Arizona on Saturday.

"We're a little more confident than we were at the first part of the season which will definitely help," said Pfeifer. "It is a big game for us. Richardson and Rose are playing really well so we need to watch out for them. They are on a six game losing streak. It's going to be a very intense game as we are both playing to get into the tournament. Our kids know what is at stake and I think they will play with a lot of heart."

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## Kraemer wins Big Sky "Field" Athlete of the Meet

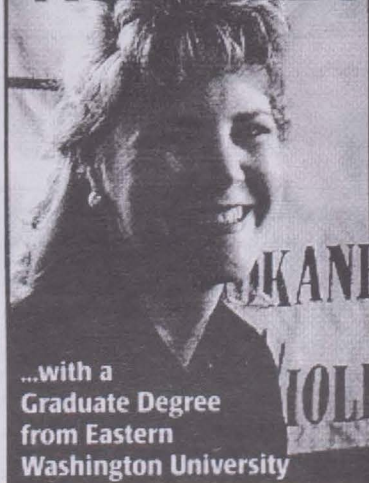
By Jeremy Muck  
Reporter

Junior Kurt Kraemer won "Field" Athlete of the Meet honors last weekend at the Big Sky Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships last Saturday in Bozeman, Montana.

Kraemer won the triple jump with the third-best indoor leap in Big Sky history at 53-5 1/2. His jump meets the automatic standard of 53-1 3/4 for the NCAA Championships. The triple jump event at the NCAA Championships will take place Saturday, March 10 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

He also won the long jump with a leap of 25-3 1/4 that met the NCAA's provisional qualifying standard but was six inches short of the automatic standard. Kraemer will find out March 5 if his long jump mark is good enough to earn a spot in the 14-competitor field at the NCAA Championships. He also added a fourth-place finish in the high jump with a 6-9 3/4 effort.

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## Eagles and Matadors on Collision Course

John Lichorobiec  
Online Editor

All anyone can ask for is a chance to be able to control your own destiny. That's what lies in the hands of the Eastern Washington University's Men's Basketball team this Thursday as they fight for the Big Sky Championship against Cal State Northridge at Reese Court, with tip-off at 7 PM.

The Eagles (15-9 overall, 10-4 Big Sky) are just one game behind the division leading Matadors (18-9 overall, 11-3 Big Sky) with two games remaining in the regular season.

For Northridge, the equation is simple. Beat Eastern Thursday night and the Matadors are the 2000-2001 Big Sky Conference Champions. An Eagle win, and the conference is tied with each team having one game remaining. Eastern plays third place Northern Arizona to finish their regular season Friday night at home, while Northridge travels to seventh place Portland State on Saturday to finish their schedule.



Ray Giacoletti

"We're going to keep preaching to the guys that they earned this opportunity, and they need to go have fun and make the most of it."

The Eagles did beat Northridge on January 20, 88-75, so if the Eagles win out and Northridge beats Portland State on Saturday, the Eagles would host the Big Sky Tournament based on beating Northridge twice.

If the Eagles split this weekend, they guarantee themselves a No. 2 seed and a first round bye in the Big Sky Tournament to be held next weekend, at the home of the conference champion.

Two losses this weekend could spell doom for the Eagles. Depending how the rest of the games play themselves out, the Eagles find themselves in a four-way tie for second place, though after crunching some numbers it appears the worse the Eagles could land would be third place, and forced to play a first-round game against the No. 6 seed next Thursday night.

"We're going to keep preaching to the guys that they earned this opportunity, and they need to go have fun and make the most of it," said Ray Giacoletti, EWU head men's basketball coach.

The Eagles are led by the senior triumvirant of Chris White, Aaron Olson and Jamal Jones. Olson leads the Eagles in points per game (14.4) and free throw percentage (.847). White leads the team in rebounds per game (12.3) and Jones in three-pointers for the Eagles (39).

The Matadors are led by its senior corps of Brian Heinle, John Burrell and Jeff Parris. Heinle leads the Matadors in scoring (20.8 ppg) and rebounds (9.4 rpg). Burrell is second in scoring (15.5 ppg) and leads the team in free-throw percentage (.866). Parris is third in scoring (14.0 ppg) and second in rebounds (4.5 rpg).

Be sure to log on to <http://www.easterneronline.com> for up to the minute updates and pictures from tonight's game, as well as comments from Coach Giacoletti and Coach Braswell.

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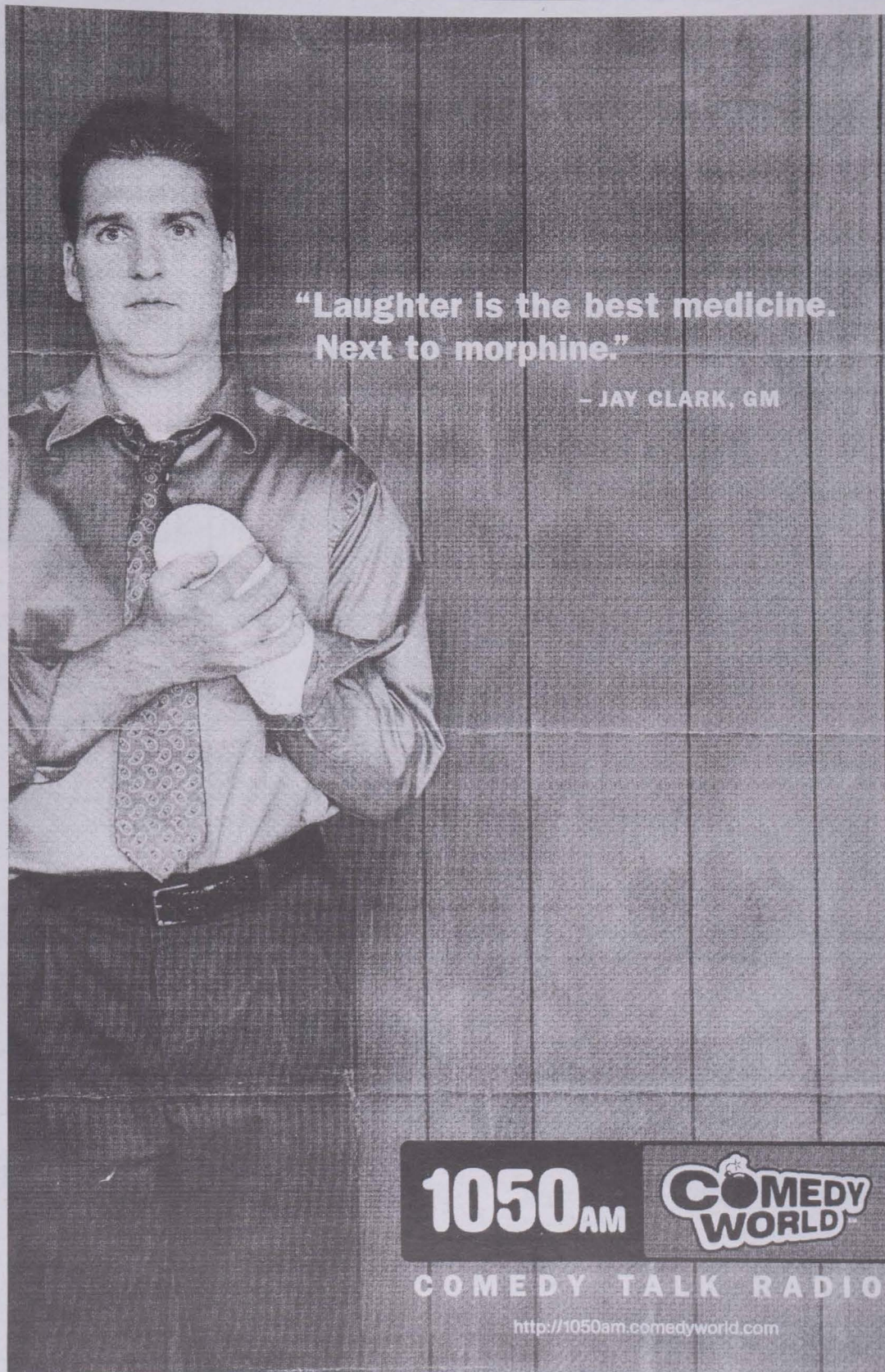
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