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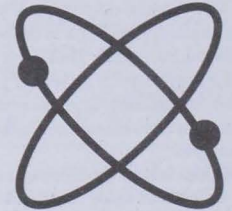
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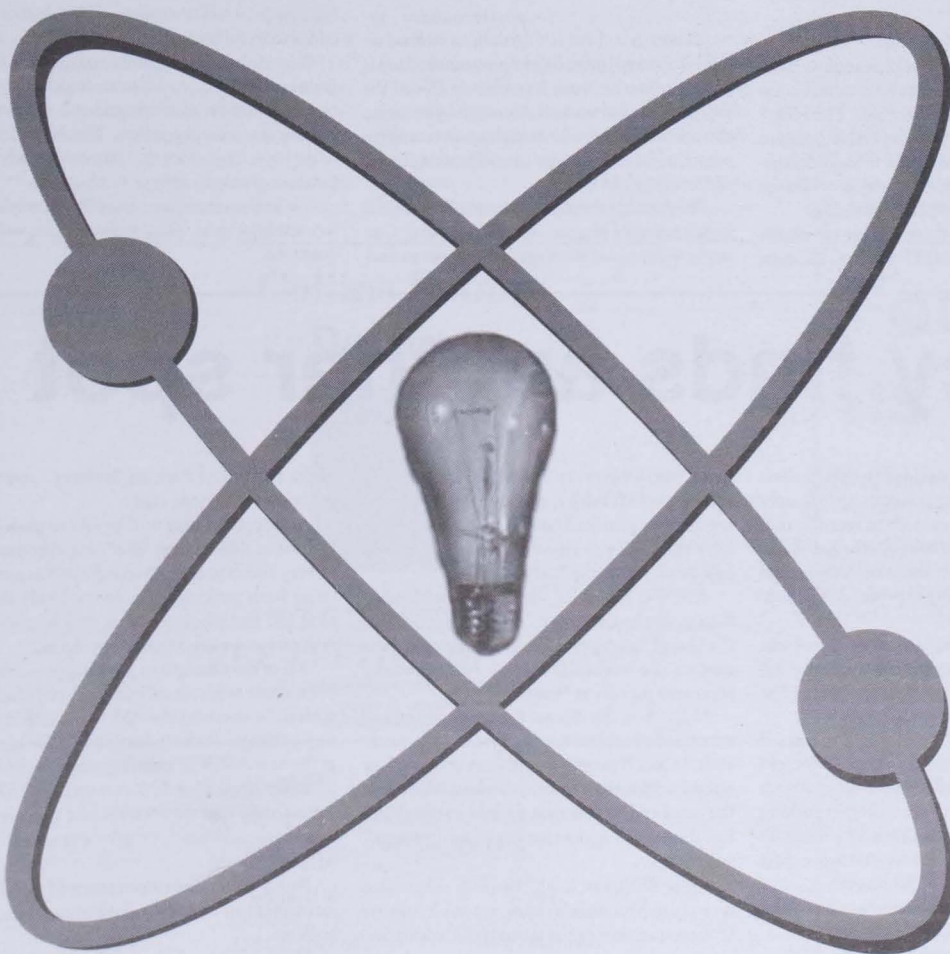
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HELP on the way for new welfare reform

Program would offer aid to assist families with long-term financial security and stability

Jadd Davis
Reporter

A new financial aid program aimed at helping needy families [SB 5201] is in deliberation in the Washington State senate. The Higher Education for Lifelong Progress program [HELP], if passed, will increase the availability of postsecondary education to financially unstable and nontraditional students with families.

The idea behind establishing the HELP program is based on many recent studies that have shown a strong correlation between a postsecondary education and a financially successful life. These studies have indicated that two years of college can lead to a \$250,000 increase in lifetime income. A bachelor's degree can improve one's financial well being up to 73 percent over a high school diploma.

"The goal of the program is to help college-qualified parents who have dependent children in need and are eligible for temporary assistance for needy families receive up to two years of undergraduate education or training," stated the senate bill, which was sponsored by senators Kohl-Welles, Deccio, Winsley, Carlson, Sheahan, Swecker, Jacobsen, Hargrove, Sheldon, Shin, McAuliffe, and Fairley.

The HELP program is designed to improve upon financial assistance already offered by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program [TANF]. TANF provides financial grants to poor families to attend college but requires that the recipients be involved in an individual responsibility plan. To most students, this means working a required amount of hours per week. A problem that has been found in this system is that most students using work study as their individual responsibility plan were not able to work enough hours and were forced to find other jobs. The HELP program will act in part with the TANF program and serve as an alternate means of individual responsibility [substituting for work], provided the recipient maintains good academic standing.

Besides providing a more flexible option for TANF participants, the HELP program will assist

needy families with such benefits as medical assistance, working connections, childcare, food stamps, tuition assistance and other support services. The program may also facilitate access to Pell grants and other state need grants.

The HELP and TANF programs are a result of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1995 (otherwise known as the Welfare Reform Act); which limits an individual's time on welfare to five years and generally requires work activities for recipients as a condition of benefit receipt. The HELP program will expedite the process of becoming financially independent.

This postsecondary approach to welfare reform...would help alleviate the shortage of skilled workers.

-Senator Kohl-Welles

"This postsecondary approach to welfare reform is allowed by the federal government, and is being tried in other states. It would help alleviate the shortage of skilled workers. Current requirements of work and school make it take longer to complete school, and therefore delay the exit from welfare," said Senator Kohl-Welles.

The shortage of skilled workers in Washington is what makes the program especially appealing. Currently, 64 percent of Washington employers are find-

ing difficulty in finding qualified applicants. The demand for skilled workers is expected to increase. Therefore, the demand for college and trade school graduates is going to increase proportionally. The goal of the HELP program is to help facilitate that.

There may be some time before the program is actually implemented, though.

In congress, the bill has not made it past the senate. However, senator Paul Shin has brought it to the floor in the rules committee.

Based on the testimony reports of the committees to which the bill has been delegated, it is likely that the bill will pass. In the senate's higher education committee, there was a 7 to 2 vote in favor of passage. In the senate's ways and means committee the vote was 13 to 5.

If the bill makes it past the senate, as it looks like it will, it will go on to the Washington House of Representatives and go through the same process. If it passes there, the bill will go on to Governor Locke where he may or may not sign it into a law. Once the bill is signed, it will be implemented 90 days after the end of the regular congressional session.

If senate bill 5201 is passed and the HELP program is established, legislators are hopeful there will be a larger number of college graduates and a smaller number of welfare dependents. Which they feel will be the key to improving the situation of needy families throughout the state of Washington.

To find out more about this bill or any other, go to www.leg.wa.gov. The state senators also welcome questions.

Parking policy finds another spot

Additions made to last quarter's extended permit hours, increased patrols

Nick Nash
Brian Triplett
The Easterner

If you have visited the Red Barn recently you may have noticed a sign posted at knee level that has been adapted with black marker. Don't worry—it's not the work of a vandal brave enough to work his art inside the building that houses the EWU police, just the parking regulations changing. Again.

It was decided by Parking Services that starting spring quarter, the "high demand use" lots nine and ten would begin being patrolled seven days a week from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Lot nine is on Washington Street near the Phase, and lot 10 is behind the Pub near Dressler and Pearce Halls.

Some time during the spring break, how-

ever, Parking Services decided to change their new extended patrolling policy to include only lot ten. This change was made so recently that even the single sign that hangs in the Red Barn, created to warn students about the change, had to be "adjusted" with a very professional looking black magic marker.

There is, of course, also mention of the change to the new policy [minus black marker] on the Parking Services web site, which can be reached from the EWU home page.

The hours of patrol were initially increased for several reasons including "illegal parking in handicapped spots, and people taking advantage of school property," according to parking services office assistant lead Dawn Mclenahan.

Students living in the dorms who move their cars during the weekend into lots nine and 10 for easier access were also seen as one of the reasons for this change.

"Students who live in the dorms move their cars into those lots and park there all weekend which makes it difficult for support staff who work in the PUB and the PHASE to be able to

park," said University Police Services supervisor Edward McInnity, who continued by saying that the goal is to "make sure more people have the ability to enjoy the facilities, and to enjoy coming to the Body Shop."

ASEWU Executive Vice President Heather Ruley, via the Easterner Online, responded to the charge against dorm students moving their cars on the weekends being a reason for the increased patrols as "bogus."

"I lived in the dorms for three years and never had a problem finding space on the weekends. In fact if people would look around they would notice that Cheney is ghostville come the weekend. A few cars parked in the closer lots should not make that big of a difference," said Ruley.

Mike Williams, EWU student, responded directly to McInnity's claim, via the Easterner Online, questioning the attitude of Parking Services.

"Who should have parking on the weekends and after-hours? Paid support staff, or parking students. This is just another example

of the attitude of Parking Services...screw the students," Williams said.

Although lot nine will be safe to park in for the rest of this quarter, don't expect that to be so very much longer. According to a representative from parking services, it is likely that by next fall the whole campus will be patrolled seven days a week from 8 a.m.-8p.m.

All of the changes in parking policies have been made without any input from students, which is something the ASEWU council is trying to change. Parking Services will be speaking at the next ASEWU meeting, which will be held Tuesday April 10 at 3:30 in room PUB 323 and open to any one who would like to have their questions answered, or give a students point of view.

Ruley stated the importance of student involvement in changing Parking services new policies.

"Parking services is out of control. The students need to get together on this and demand that this not go through. What's next? Tolls for walking on the sidewalks?"

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Alleged computer thieves apprehended

Caught at the scene

Two of three suspects in Body Shop, Tawanka break-ins arrested and linked to thefts in city of Silverdale and Stephens County

Steven J. Barry
Assistant Editor

After the theft of computer equipment containing student information last quarter, many students were left worried about the potential for identity theft and credit card fraud. They can now rest easy—EWU and Cheney police have recovered the stolen equipment and arrested two of three suspects involved in the burglaries, EWU Police Chief Tom McGill said.

The suspects allegedly stole computers, stereo equipment, and a television from the Tawanka Commons and the Body Shop, he said. Of particular interest to most was one computer taken from the Body Shop that contained all student information for anyone with a membership there.

The suspects were able to gain access to the information, but apparently—and fortunatel-

for students with information in the computer—only deleted it in an effort to make the computers untraceable, McGill said.

"They deleted the information in an attempt to conceal any connections with the university so they could hawk or sell the equipment," said McGill. "That was their intent."

The first suspect was arrested in the early hours of Sunday, March 4th, while attempting a second break-in to the Tawanka Commons with his two partners, McGill said. Members of the EWU and Cheney police departments chased the suspects out of the building during their failed burglary. Cheney Police Officer Jason Moore chased one suspect for several blocks before catching him and making the arrest.

The suspect was identified as James B. Hand, a 20-year-old white male, and he was charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools. He was released on his Own Recognition the next day.

Then information was developed—through work by both police departments—as to the location of the second suspect. On March 7th, EWU and Cheney Police took into custody Steven J. Machurick III, a 19-year-old white male. He was also charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

Hand, who had been released only a few days earlier, was re-arrested during Machurick's arrest,

this time on charges of criminal assistance. McGill said Hand and his companion were allegedly in the process of helping Machurick escape when they arrived.

A warrant is still out for the third suspect.

About 95 percent of the stolen equipment was recovered, McGill said, along with material

pair will be charged with is still unknown.

"We haven't added them up yet," said McGill.

McGill and members of the Cheney P.D. will meet today with the Spokane County prosecutor to discuss the suspects' possible violations of new computer information laws in effect as of July 1, 2000.

McGill called the investigation a "fine example of community policing," citing the assistance contributed by both departments in Cheney, the Springdale Marshall, the Stephens County Sheriff's Department, and the Spokane County Sheriff's Department. He said over 100 hours of work went into solving the case.

"It was through excellent, excellent, excellent police work that we were able to track these guys down as quickly as we did," he said. "We had very minimal information to work with. They did an outstanding job in this apprehension."

If convicted, the suspects could face sentencing of up to five years for each count of burglary, a class 'b' felony, and up to 90 days in jail and a \$5000 fine for each count of possession of burglary tools, a gross misdemeanor.

Anyone with information regarding the third suspect still at large can call the EWU Police Department at 359-6300.

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-Tom McGill
EWU Police Chief

linking the suspects to at least three other burglaries.

"Because of the efforts of the Springdale Marshall we were able to recover additional stolen property," he said. "As a result of this investigation, two burglaries were solved in the city of Springdale and one in Stephens County."

The total number of counts of burglary the

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Founder's Day lost its foundation

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

Sometimes traditions outlive their usefulness.

Until this year, Founder's Day was celebrated during the first week of the Spring Quarter. Founder's Day commemorated the establishment of Eastern Washington University in the Spring of 1882. The event was an understated affair with activities that included speeches, presenting awards to members of the faculty, and honoring staff members who were retiring.

Perhaps the event was a little too understated. According to University Public Information Officer Stefanie Pettit, the event was canceled this year because "it was not well attended."

EWU President Stephen Jordan's cabinet reviewed last year's event and decided to remove Founder's Day from the school

calendar. The awards that would have been presented during the Founder's Day ceremony will now being given throughout the year during events such as the faculty Thanksgiving dinner, commencement, and the "Welcome Back Breakfast" that is scheduled every Fall.

"None of the awards were eliminated," Pettit said.

President Jordan's cabinet includes students, members of the faculty, and trustees. The concerns of students, staff, and alumni were considered before they agreed to stop holding the annual event. The members of the cabinet decided it would be more productive to honor the achievements of Eastern's faculty in other ways.

According to Pettit, ending the Founder's Day tradition should not be perceived as a lack of respect for Eastern's 119 year history. It is simply a matter of practicality. The university's history will continue to be honored through the Centers of Excellence, Pathways to Progress, and other programs designed to create a better learning environment for EWU students.

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Science students test their tubes

High school Science Olympiad competitors to come to Eastern



▲ A demonstration at last year's Science Olympiad.

Jeremy W. Kramer
Reporter

The Washington State Science Olympiads will be held Saturday throughout the EWU campus. Forty teams of high school and middle school students from across the state will come to participate in a number of events showcasing their skills in science related activities. The participants have already won on the regional level.

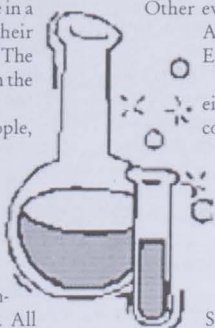
Teams are made up of 15 people, plus alternates, so more than 1000 students and family members are expected at this Saturday's event.

This year's events begin with the Opening Ceremonies at 7:30 a.m. at Reese Court. Competitions will begin around 8:15. All of the events are free and open to the public.

Some of this year's events include: Bungee Egg Event where contestants build a harness to hold a raw egg, attach an elastic cord, calculate the height and velocity and drop the egg. The egg coming closest to the

ground without making contact wins. Another event is Bottle Rockets where contestants, using 2-liter bottles, construct a bottle rocket to pump up with air and water and the one that stays in the air longest wins. Also, Science Crime Busters is where contestants use chemicals and other evidence from a "crime scene" to solve the crime of the day.

Other events are Science Clue, Water Analysis, Reach for the Stars, and Experimental Design.



Eastern has served as host for either the regional or statewide competition since 1994 – and last year served as host for the National Science Olympiad, drawing more than 3,000 competitors and families to the campus in Cheney from across the nation.

The winners from this Saturday's events will move on to the National Science Olympiad that will take place May 17-18 at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

For more information about this year's Science Olympiad, you can visit their website at www.ewu.edu/scienceolympiad/index.html.

Science Olympiad schedule of events

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Reese Court	Disease Detectives	SC 296
Opening Ceremonies		Dynamic Planet	Isle 138
8:00 - 8:50 a.m.	At Event Location	Experimental Design	PUB 204
Impound Devices		Physics Lab	SC 172
8:15-10:05 a.m.	LA 1 st Floor	Qualitative Analysis	SC 212
Experimental Design	SC 110	Science of Fitness	SC 273
Metric Estimation	PUB MPR	12:15-2:05 p.m.	
Mystery Architecture	SC 169	Can't Judge a Powder	SC 210
Physical Science Lab		Dynamic Planet	Isle 137
Science Crime Busters	SC 208	Life Science Lab	SC 244
Cell Biology		Science of Fitness	SC 269
Road Scholar	SC 292	Using the Web	CS 207
Rocks & Minerals	SNR Lounge	Amphibians & Reptiles	SC 280
Science Clue	SC 118	Chemistry Lab	SC 298
Using the Web	JFK AUD	Practical Data Gathering	SC 247
Write it—Do it	CS 207	Reach for the Stars	SC 212
10:15a.m. -12:05 p.m.	CH 210	Water Quality	SC 247
Amphibians & Reptiles		3:45-4:15 p.m.	
Reach for the Stars	SC 274	Entertainment & door prize	Reese Court
Road Scholar	SC 245	4:15-4:30 p.m.	
Rocks and Minerals	SNR Lounge	Parade of Teams	Reese Court
Water Quality	SC 113	4:30 p.m.	
Write it—Do it	SC 246	Award Ceremony	Reese Court
	CH 210		

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You might be a "spiritual stinker"

Natalie Stephenson
Reporter

Guess what? If you qualify as a "spiritual stinker," according to two re-

cent visitors to campus, you're going to burn in an eternal lake of fire.

On April 2nd, the first day of spring classes, passersby during the lunch rush outside the PUB were treated to a spec-

tacle of name-calling and whistle blowing. Two men called Jeremiah and Bible Jim held up signs with phrases such as "He who believeth not is damned already" and "You spiritually stink!" and

shouted their message to groups of students. Their audiences reacted angrily, arguing with the men and calling them names that were returned in kind.

Jeremiah James Baldwin, the man holding the biggest sign, and with the biggest crowd, was a fairly personable, if not an emphatic man. He is currently earning his doctorate at Bethany Theological Seminary in Alabama. He is not affiliated with any particular denomination, but travels with others to campuses around the country to preach the "hard truth" about heaven and hell.

Baldwin's crowd, mostly comprised of other Christians, reacted angrily to the heavy-handed judgments he was giving out to the crowd at large and to individuals. He responded, "I don't come out here to arbitrarily judge people. The names up here [on the sign] are subject matter and different religions—unless people come up here and I get some information about them, then I got something to tell them. I personally believe it's okay to judge, but not to judge hypocritically."

Baldwin added that Jesus and the authors of the books of the New Testament judged other individuals and groups of people in the Bible, making it imperative for every "upright man" to be the judge of his neighbors.

"I'm more critical than modern Christianity by far, but I take that as a badge of honor. I'm showing them plenty of mercy by telling them to come to Jesus," Baldwin said.

A young man in the crowd asked Baldwin a question about his views on judgment and he retorted, "I'm coming out here like Mr. Normal, but I'm manly, and you're not really used to that."

Most of the students reacted either extremely negatively or with bemused detachment to Baldwin's message. Tiffany Walters, a freshman member of Campus Crusade for Christ, stood in the cold for over an hour arguing her case and defending herself against Baldwin's judgments of her faith. She even brought a Bible out with her to try to get her message through.

"I think he's a nice guy," Walters said. "But I think he was pushing people away from the truth by judging and condemning. He thinks that it's not wrong for us to judge, but I believe what it says in James 11: 11-12, that God is the only one who can judge a person."

"I heard [Baldwin] from a distance

and I thought, 'Oh gosh. This is not helping people; it's hurting people.' We're all saved by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, who died for our sins," Walters said. She added that his judgments and focus on the negative in others was damaging to the way people view her faith.

"I think [the demonstration] is funny," said graduate student Michael Smith. "It's enlightening; it's very comical. He's a showman, he holds a big sign, he's very loud, he's combative. [He is] here to get engaged in confrontation."

Smith was not personally bruised by Baldwin's combative style. "I'm non-Christian. I'm a social worker, so I endorse feminism. I'm a Bahai, and the Bahai faith pretty much accepts teachings from all religions."

"Mostly what I find is that it's been other Christians trying to debate with him," he said, "which I find hilarious because we have all these Christians here arguing over the same thing...do they really think they're going to come up with something he hasn't thought of already?"

Baldwin asserted that he was not on a mission of conversion. "I'm not here to convert people. Are you kidding? Would I use a sign like this if I were trying to convert?" Baldwin said that his only real objective was to stir things up, to get people excited.

Baldwin was unwavering in his commitment to his mission. As he replied to an indignant student in the crowd, "What I do for Jesus is based on my calling in Christ. I'm just me, a normal man. If you shot me, if you spit on me, I would react with compassion."

Walters, at Baldy's after her encounter with Baldwin, was unconvinced of Baldwin's assertions that he was trying to get people to "wake up" spiritually and nothing else.

"He said he's not trying to evangelize, but that we're supposed to be bold in our actions [as Christians], but by pointing a finger like that, it's pushing people away and that's so hurtful. He said he can identify with me. [Baldwin said] we both believe in the same things, but he thinks that my approach won't get as much done as this will."

Did Baldwin succeed in his mission at Eastern? Walters admitted she was riled by her encounter with him, commenting, "I'm still shaking!" Her friend, freshman Annalisa Langford, added, "If that was his point [in coming here], he sure succeeded!"

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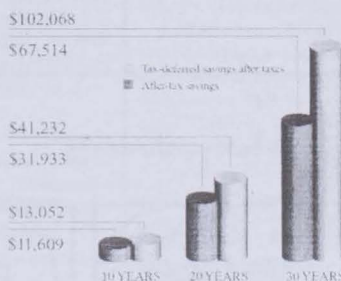
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A modest gun proposal: more shock, less crock

Adrian Workman
Campus Life Editor

Most of the people I know completed driver's education while in high school. I got to drive a really archaic-and useless-simulator. We all got to sit behind the driver's wheel of that "special" car with two brake pedals. We were also shown at least one video of the potential damage someone can cause with a vehicle (or train, or heroin, or beer, or any combination of these things and conducting a ton of scrap metal down a road).

Everyone I've talked to who can relate to the above paragraph distinctly remembers the "train video." You know the one: The lady crosses some tracks, gets walloped by a train, and then something that looks like a lump of gray matter flies toward the camera and knocks it over.

There is no way you can legally drive a car in this country without enduring some sort of training that gives you plenty of negative images or stories involved with driving-gone-awry. Illegally, you sure won't drive for long. It fre-

quently disturbs me then, that someone can buy a gun without any sort of acceptable or universal training, other than having aged 21 years.

Unfortunately, the political stage of this rat-politician infestation we call the American process is set so that you are either "Yay, Guns!" or "Boo, Guns!" This does not leave a lot of room for thinkers who see a center path to operate. Many gun owners feel that any sort of regulation regarding guns means that someone is trying to take them away. Many people opposed to the idea of personal firearms feel that guns will disappear forever if they are made illegal.

I think that guns can be reasonably safe if they are in the hands of the right people. The right people, in my mind, are people who know what kind of damage a gun can do, how a gun can affect a conflict situation, and it's relationship to the people on both ends of the barrel. These people who decide to own a firearm should have an intimate knowledge of gun laws in their locale.

I saw a bumper sticker once that said "Guns don't kill people: People kill people" (or "Guns don't kill people: I kill people!") The point would seem to be that we need to crack down on murderers more than we do gun owners.

That works fine, except for one caveat that I'll call "Remote Culture." Remote Culture means that the less involved humans are with something, the more ambivalence they will feel toward it. I'm hard pressed to find someone who changes television channels without a remote. I tend to think that the invention of the remote directly caused the invention of cable and satellite television. People flip more channels than middle fingers anymore.

In the instance of gun control, it means that society sees a person who kills somebody with a knife as far more dangerous and sick than a person who shoots someone. There are virtually zero horror movies about deranged, psychotic gun killers (COPS does not have a movie out yet). The villains are always brandishing knives, chainsaws, swords, axes,

ice picks; you name it.

Don't go off about violence in the media. Everyone started building these rickety soapboxes after Columbine erupted, and everyone without a soapbox became a whipping bitch. I read an essay by a surgeon once, and he argued that the problem was that there is not enough violence on television (specifically). The problem, he says, is that we see our hero get shot in the shoulder, then pick up an AK-47 and kill all his enemies. The problem is that when the bad guy dies, he falls over and his eyes shut, neat little red stain and all.

The solution, he says, is to show people what really happens when someone gets a gunshot wound: Our hero would almost definitely not be able to pick up a hotdog, let alone an assault rifle. If he didn't bleed to death or die from an infection, his arm would probably have to be amputated, or if left attached, it is likely that he'd never be able to use it again.

The enemy he just mowed down would be lying on the ground, possibly choking on his own blood. Maybe he's crying,

calling out in delirium to family members or God as he slowly bleeds to death. Perhaps he's holding his own intestines, futilely trying to keep them inside his failing body.

You get the point.

I agree with this doctor. That's why I propose that we teach children how to safely operate guns at a young age. Maybe before they learn how to drive (I'll argue guns being less lethal than cars some other time, perhaps). The classes could be part of Elementary School or Junior High. Part of the curriculum could be an emergency room field trip to visit a victim, a prison to listen to the testimony of a man serving a life sentence for shooting someone to death. Guests to speak in class can be police officers, victims, licensed firearms safety instructors. Video or slide presentations could include the aftermath of a shooting, the ER, the crying family members, or watching someone die from a gunshot wound. Shock treatment such as this should go hand in hand with Hollywood's gun-gung-ho-hero antics.

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The Nostalgia Corner



In my day... religion was simple

Adrian Workman
Campus Life Editor

My stained glass window that shattered at 15 got its first crack when I was six. My mother was driving us to church (Jehovah's Witnesses call their place of worship a "Kingdom Hall") one Sunday and we had to pass about five different churches on the way to ours. I remember thinking, "How come if we're the right religion, all these people don't know it?"

When I proposed this dilemma to my dear mother, she dutifully informed me (bless her) that Satan had hardened everyone's hearts so they wouldn't want to hear our message of truth. I still had a disturbing notion that there were an awful lot of nice, intelligent people who probably would not openly accept the accusation of owning a Satan-hardened heart. They also all claimed to worship the same God, and read the same black book.

Momma said not to let Satan influence my thinking. Thus, I hid those dissonances underneath my mind somewhere for another nine years or so.

Long story short: I really miss the days when everything was black and white, wrong and right.

When I was young, there was no such thing as religious diversity. There was my religion on one hand, and then a hefty gaggle of Satan-mislead, spiritually blind morons on the other. If any of them were lucky, they'd listen to us when we pounded on their door Saturday mornings.

There are some things I only kind of miss, however. Things like excusing myself to the library during classroom birthday, Valentine's Day, and Halloween parties.

It was all good, though: I knew that they were fools, and I alone would be saved after God wiped them all out. Besides, I wasn't exactly the one who got a whole lot of Valentine's Day cards anyway.

Christmas used to be better, too. I wasn't allowed to celebrate it, but I was particularly lousy at returning gifts that people 'forced' upon me. It worked out to where I received gifts without giving any away. Buying loot for others seemed to reek so much more of observance than did unwrapping loot.

Now things suck, though. I'm on this never-ending quest for spiritual enlightenment to fill the void, which is hard work, because finding out that all I'd been taught was a lie has made me quite skeptical. There are more religions on this planet than empty bottles of wine in my living room. What was once a given is now a plethora of choices, none more reasonable than the other.

If God is perfect, then why would any earthly organization of his be imperfect? If God's organization is necessarily imperfect, being composed of imperfect people, how could I sleep at night knowing I'm in league with that sandwich-board asshole and Planned Parenthood terrorists? The solidness of religious foundation has crumbled away to reveal a nightly earthquake of unanswerable questions.

The only analogy I can think of rests in part of a rhyme that might be credited to Shel Silverstein (not sure). The verse goes something like this: "Maybe life was better when I used to be a wetter." This clearly was not about living a nonreligious life (it was about nocturnal bed peeing). To me though, it means that life definitely used to be a tad unsightly, but back then, at least I was comfortable, and knew what to do.

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Easterner Letters to the Editor

Math problem may be more complex than some think

Dear Editor,

I became disturbed upon reading your article in last week's Easterner entitled Math department a complex equation. I am well aware of the failings of not just the math department in particular, but within the entire system where it concerns math.

It has been rumored for years that in any given math class, nearly half of the individuals in the class are repeat performers; they have taken the class previously and failed or not lived up to the expectations inherent within the math system itself. Often you find students berating the entire need for math at all, after all, what the hell will you use this for, I can balance my check book and am well versed with my \$100 Texas Instrument calculator, what more do you need?

However, the fault I find with your article last week concerns the suggestion that due to the fact that only two math classes are required in high school, students land at Eastern lacking math skills and haven't retained anything previously learned. I find fault with this for two reasons the first of which is that I myself took 5 years of math in 4 years of high school. Yes, I was sick enough my junior year in high school to take pre-calc and geometry back-to-back. Why? Because I wanted to get into calculus my senior year and without that extra year of math, I wouldn't be able to. I don't like math, I'll be blunt, but I don't find it exceedingly hard, just hard to retain when you don't use it on a daily basis.

This leads me to my point. I was out of high school for a year when I came to Eastern and after one failed math placement, I placed into math 101. Having gone through calculus in high school obviously didn't prepare me for the basic skills of determining what X equals. Secondly, standardized tests similar to the math placement test aren't indicative of your learning ability especially where it pertains to math. I placed into math 101 but had I placed into math 105, I would have done as equally well haven't not gone through the entire series previously. Again, math isn't one of those subjects that is easily remembered if it isn't applied daily.

One also has to realize that what you learn math-wise in high school has little bearing on what you learn in college. The teaching style is much altered and essentially, I learned more in my math 106 class than ever I had in any of my high school math classes. This, of course, was also emphasized in your article and I wholly agree. However, don't presume to think that math competency or lack of is indicative of intelligence in any way because it's not and I suggest that before altering math labs and making higher level decisions that you start near or at the origin of the process; the math placement test. Listen to a student that took 5 years of math in 4 years of school and placed (having failed the test initially) into math 101; a student who got a B average in her high school classes and did better in her college math classes.

Obviously the math placement test is meant to catch every student and perhaps the idea is that it's better to place a student in a lower class than in an upper class that they aren't prepared for. However, what about those students placed into basic level math classes who are prepared for upper level classes? Myself, for example, was forced to endure math classes that were way too easy for me and I had no way of proving myself otherwise ready for upper classes save for the math placement test which had obviously failed with respect to me. I had to endure the process (101, 104, 105, etc.). Essentially I lost two quarters because I had to go through the series and didn't even receive university credit. It was a waste of my money and time, but I was there because the math placement test had falsely categorized me as unprepared for pre-calculus.

I highly suggest that you re-examine the math placement test initially to see if perhaps you're expecting too much. The math placement test is highly subjective though and it doesn't account for individual variation as it should. Perhaps this is impossible to fix, but I would suspect that a quick glance at one's high school transcript may give you a little indication of what a student is prepared for or not in this case. However, if the problem starts within high school math departments, then the solution needs to be more widespread and currently, as a university dealing with the issues of mathematically unprepared students, we just have to deal with it as best we can.

Sincerely,
Aimee Flinn

The Easterner

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WYSIWYG: What you see isn't all you may get

Joy Wylong
Reporter

When was the last time that you got a cash prize for having a good time? WYSIWYG of Eagle Entertainment recently took out a drawing for exactly that.

Every Wednesday, WYSIWYG sponsors a program for EWU students. A few events that WYSIWYG has been responsible for this year include: Open Mic Night, Free Movie Night, The Gong Show, Winter Playday, The Vagina Monologues, guest speaker Dr. Drew, Club Vegas, and many others.

As some of these programs were being staged, who would have guessed that

WYSIWYG was keeping track of the attendees to later award one of those lucky people a \$200 prize? On Wednesday, April 4, a random drawing was held, and Eagle Entertainment members Steve Powell and Shaun McMackin drew out the name of the winner, Justin Yonk, who won \$200.

Anyone who works with Eagle Entertainment will tell you what a great opportunity these programs are. Steve Powell was eager to invite all students to attend. "WYSIWYG is every Wednesday at 7:00 in the MPR. Eagle Entertainment puts on cool events for everyone, and they're free." Powell has worked directly with many WYSIWYG programs here at Eastern, and knows firsthand what can go into a pro-

gram to make it safe, fun, and free of charge to all.

Not only do we consistently receive entertainment from WYSIWYG, but the chance to win as well. This quarter is also filled with exciting, upcoming events sponsored by WYSIWYG such as Jazz Makeover Night, Stupid Human Tricks, Comedian Taylor Mason, Shana Banana, and more. To find out about more upcoming events, check out the weekly calendar at www.easterneronline.com.



▲ A couple takes part in WYSIWYG's Easter event.



▲ Steve Powell and Shaun McMackin draw a name, a name that will win \$200

Kwagiulth carver shares his art

Eastern student Herman Bruce student on cutting past communication barriers

Egraine Jack
Reporter

EWU student, Herman Bruce Jr., promotes cultural education through art. Working locally with children and seniors, he turns the ancient art of carving into a modern communication tool. "I have learned so much sharing my art with people," Bruce said. "It makes me want to be more serious and dedicated."

Bruce, a member of the Kwagiulth tribe, located near Vancouver Island, Canada, is a third generation carver following after his father and grandfather. Together, Bruce and his father participate in

shows to share the Kwagiulth culture with people, and help them understand the significance of the masks in relation to the religion.

"It helps them understand the ceremonies," said Bruce. "There is a reason behind the masks. It's a medicine." People go to potlatches for healing purposes, or sometimes out of curiosity. "You would have to speak Kwakwaka'wakw to really understand though," Bruce explained. "English is almost never spoken in the Long House."

At the age of nine, Bruce started painting. He started carving at age 14 and today teaches the art to

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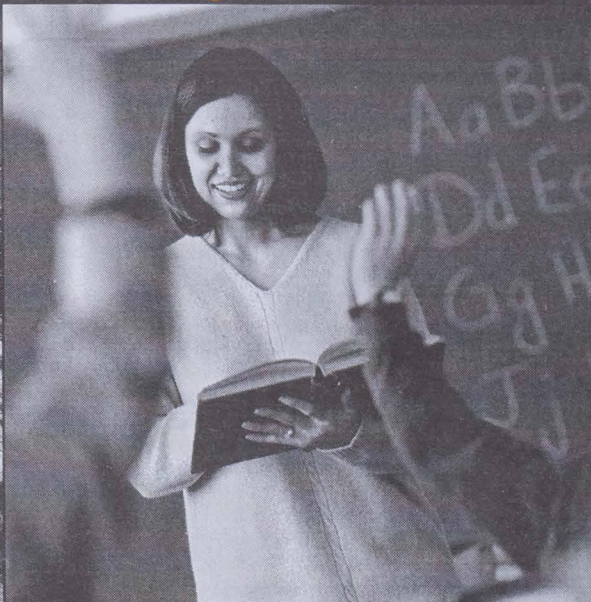
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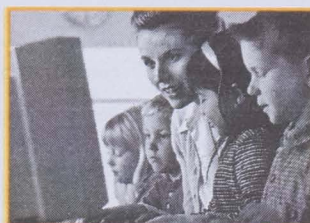
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"Enemy at the Gates" Hollywood's latest WWII effort deserves better marks

Jennifer Harrington

Editor in Chief

Hitler's army had been steadily been sweeping across Europe, taking city after city until they reached Stalingrad, where they were confronted with undaunting morale, and an unbelievable will to survive.

Consequently, Stalingrad is also where French filmmaker, Jean Jacques Annaud chose to set his latest movie. "Enemy at the Gates" is a story of love, war, friendship and loss set in Russia during the tumultuous Battle of Stalingrad.

Although "Enemy," Hollywood's latest WW II movie, has received only mediocre reviews from most of the nation's film critics, it deserves more credit than it has been given. The film manages to give moviegoers a gut-wrenching, yet heartwarming portrayal of the bloody and infamous 5-month long battle.

This is accomplished by concentrating on the story of one man, Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law), a young soldier from the Russian wilderness known as the Urals. Shortly after arriving in Stalingrad, Vassili is "discovered" by a man named Danilov (Joseph Fiennes) who serves as a sort of morale or public relations officer to the Russian army.

The movie opens with most of the Russian army's new recruits being gunned down by their own officers for fleeing the battlefield. In the midst of all this, Danilov catches Vassili, then an unknown a foot soldier, hiding quietly and unarmed in a pile of corpses to save himself. Vassili, using Danilov's rifle, slowly picks off nearby German officers with the skill of a trained sniper, to aid in their escape.



▲ Rachel Weisz plays Tania Chernova, a Russian sniper

Bruce: This Eastern student is a cut above the rest

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both children and seniors through community classes. In addition, he volunteers to help with individual projects as possible.

Niles Nicola, a local Cub Scout, recently received Bruce's mentoring to carve a wooden race car for the annual Pinewood Derby hosted by the Boy Scouts of America. Watching intently while Bruce demonstrated, Nicola learned not only carving techniques, but was instructed in issues of safety as well. "Its just great to get his help with my car," said Nicola. "Its neat watching him work, but it isn't so easy for me. I will sure have to practice."

Bruce has worked with children in several capacities over the years. When working as a teacher and a childcare worker in a youth crisis center, he used puppetry to reach the chil-

Danilov quickly jumps on the opportunity to boost the army's waning morale by using the exploits of the young man. Vassili gained his skill with a rifle while a child, poaching wolves with his grandfather in the mountains of Russia. Danilov's stories quickly become exaggerated. Vassili finds himself a national hero, having to work increasingly hard to live up to his superhuman image.

From the German perspective, Vassili was increasingly becoming a problem. Due to the boost in morale, a city that was expected to fall in a matter of days was holding out over months of warfare. To remedy the problem, the German military sent their most revered sniper. Major Konig (Ed Harris), a nobleman, had one mission—to take out the peasant hero Vassili. The rest of the movie consists of the two men stalking one another through the war torn streets of Stalingrad.

"Enemy" is nothing, if not a work of international scope. The film received funding from all over Europe, and recruited talent from there as well as the United States. Because of its absence of nationality, it lacks many of the stereotypes regarding the Russian culture that perhaps an American movie might have.

As a result of this, many critics are skeptical of the fact that the movie makes little to no mention about the fact that Russian dictator Joseph Stalin perhaps rivaled Hitler when it came to ruthless tyranny and persecution.

I however would argue that the story had very little to do with Stalin, and everything to do with the common man triumphing over class boundaries and the struggle for man to find his niche in the world. In fact, had any more time been spent on Stalin himself, it would have detracted from the film's message. As a moviegoer, I didn't care about Stalin so much as I cared about the story of Vassili and his friends.

Stalin was only mentioned in passing reference, and as Stalingrad's namesake. Additionally, he was never glorified in any way. In fact, I felt Annaud did an excellent job in illustrating his ruthlessness in the opening scenes of the movie when he showed Russian soldiers being mowed down by the gunfire of their own officers as they tried to flee a hopeless battlefield.

Jude Law does an excellent job of portraying Vassili.

dren and "they opened right up," he said. "Art can give you things that books can't, its medicine that people can give you."

Originally, the EWU student came to Cheney to study urban and regional development, as well as anthropology and English. His plans then were to return to his reservation to work. Though now only a few classes away from graduation, he has decided to pursue his art as a full time endeavor. Recognized in the northwest coastal region as one of the top carvers, his work has been featured in both museums and magazines.

When asked about his academic experience at EWU Bruce said, "I believe that at any cost an education is worth the learning. Even just the experience of getting there is worth the cost."



▲ Vassili Zaitsev (Jude Law) is an unwilling war hero, and shows it.

He illustrates his anxiety at being thrust into the limelight and being hunted by a legendary killer in a quiet, brooding manner that is very effective.

Depth is also brought to the character of Vassili through his love for fellow sniper, Sgt. Tania Chernova (Rachel Weisz) and how he deals with the fact that his friend Danilov is in love with her as well. The romance provided much needed relief from the dark nature of the rest of the film.

Weisz character deserves much more attention in the film than

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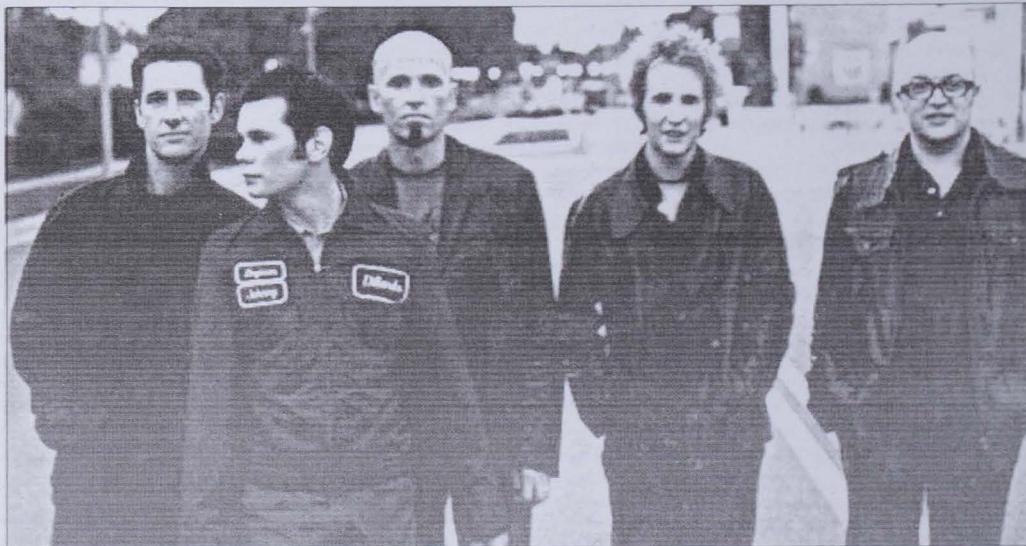
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Can spirituality make you Delirious?

The contemporary Christian band Delirious? will be playing here at Eastern Washington University's Pavilion on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. The British quintet combines ethereal, ambient musical textures with simple, reverent lyrics similar to the worship choruses sang in many Protestant churches.

The resulting combination is more appealing than it might sound at first. Their most recent CD *Glo* blends together disparate elements ranging from a group of Benedictine monks singing in Yorkshire's Ampleforth Abbey, to bagpipes, to a group of 150 fans singing, to samples, to a string quartet with more traditional pop instrumentation in order to create songs that could appeal just about equally to church choir directors and fans of Radiohead.

This ability to communicate effectively with both religious and secular audiences is one of the secrets behind the band's success. They have a devoted following in the Christian community, but they have a degree of mainstream appeal as well. Delirious? was recently invited to be the opening act for several concerts



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Enemy at the Gates: Aside from shoddy accents, you could be hearing about this WWII drama during the next academy award season

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she is given. I found the idea of a young woman soldier in the 1940's era very intriguing and would have liked to see Tania much more developed. She is very rarely shown actually engaging in combat, but rather just following Vassili as he does the shooting. A woman having made it that far up in the ranks of a man's army would most likely have been much more self-sufficient. Any deficiency in Weisz' character is due to no fault of her own but

rather to the actual writing of the part.

Ed Harris is spectacular as Major Konig. He plays Konig in a quiet brooding manner that compliments the character of a professional killer well. Though Konig is supposed to be the bad guy, Harris portrayed him as only being there to do a job, and not because he was an inherently vicious person, giving him great depth of character. Konig turned out to be the best-developed

character in the film.

The final but none-the-less important character in the show was little Sacha Filipov (Gabriel Marshall-Thomson). The young boy idolizes Vassili, and is friend to Tania, who boards with his mother. Young Sacha gets himself irrevocably involved in the situation by spying on the Germans for the Russians by pretending to be a traitor to his people.

The movie's one major flaw was that none of the accents seemed to match up. Law of course had a British accent, which didn't quite match with his poor-boy Russian character. Harris, had nothing even resembling a German accent, and the same went for almost every roll in the movie. I would have liked to see a little more accuracy in this area.

One of the best aspects of my "Enemy" experience had to be that I went into the film with very little expectation as to what I would be getting. The movie was very under-hyped which made it possible to experience it in a very virgin manner.

Also, the film relied very little on the names of its actors to gain it publicity. Law's was the only real headliner name in the movie, while others were people who were recognizable but not overly publicized.

Keep an eye on this movie come next academy award season; it very well could be up for a trophy or two.

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Wednesday, April 11th
Delirious? plays at the Pavilion (Reese Court). Contact Student Activities Office at 359-6871.
WYSIWYG cancelled due to

Delirious performance.
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Guest Speaker: John Stone, uncle of Valerie Jackson. On Child Abuse Prevention. Showalter Auditorium. 11am-1:30pm.

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Spokane Symphony plays Showalter Auditorium

Steven J. Barry
Assistant Editor

In a celebration of the long-time partnership between Eastern and the Spokane Symphony, the Symphony performed last night in the up-close and personal environment of Showalter Auditorium.

Fabio Costa, Associate Conductor of the Spokane Symphony and Director of Orchestras at EWU, directed the program. And it was excellently selected music, including a wide variety from various periods.

The first half of the program included Samuel Barber's immensely popular and very sad piece, "Adagio for Strings," which gained notoriety after serving as the bassline for the soundtrack of Oliver Stone's film "Platoon." The Symphony performed it with absolutely no audible flaws, and the rich, melancholy sound they produced resonated beautifully throughout the auditorium.

The highlight of the first half, however, was

Larry Jess' solo during the Symphony's performance of Telemann's Trumpet Concerto in D Major. Costa took to the harpsichord for this baroque piece, which seemed to take the entire audience back to an 18th century concert hall.

In addition to being the principal trumpet for the Spokane Symphony since 1975, Jess is the trumpet instructor at Eastern. There was no doubt as to whether he had some sort of connection with the university after hearing the amount of students cheering after his performance.

Also included in the first half were selections from Elgar's Enigma Variations, which were performed brilliantly. The Theme for the Variations was used in the soundtrack of The Matrix, making many students unwittingly familiar with the piece. The climactic Finale (Variation XIV) was a very fitting finish to the first half.

After the intermission, the harpsichord that had been in the center of the stage had been mysteriously replaced with a full solo drum set.

The Symphony performed Bizet's majestic piece, "L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2," consisting of four movements. The fourth movement ("Farandole") was lively and catchy, and many heads could be seen bobbing back and forth with the rhythm.

The official program was capped off with movements three and four of Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4, Opus 36." The third movement was played entirely with pizzicato (plucking the strings instead of bowing them), and was light, bouncy, quick, and a step away from Tchaikovsky's normal style. The fourth movement returned to that style with a forceful and proud feel to it, and served as an excellent finale.

But the show didn't stop there. After receiving a standing ovation, Costa walked back onto the stage and announced that the program had been very romantic, but "needed a little swing." Percussionist Rick Westrick explained the purpose of the drum set by sitting down to it to play as the drum soloist in "Swing, Swing,

Swing." It was a total surprise to the audience, and most definitely a pleasant one.

Westrick further treated the audience to a drum solo that lasted almost three minutes and used just about every feasible portion of the set. Westrick was applauded, and deservedly, three times during his solo.

The audience was almost literally all smiles exiting the auditorium. The combination of a refreshing variety of well-played classical pieces, Costa's vibrant conducting style, and "a little swing" resulted in a first-rate concert. The students, faculty and Spokane-Cheney community members in attendance were truly indulged in a treat.

EWU President Stephen Jordan spoke before the concert, praising the current connection between the Spokane Symphony and Eastern's music department. He added that Costa's dual-staffed position would be able to remain "in perpetuity" if efforts to raise \$1.5 million to establish a permanent position are successful. As it stands, Costa's dual-directorship is a temporary situation.

Delirious: Philanthropic worship band is coming to The Pavilion. Expect an interesting and rewarding experience.

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during Bon Jovi's "One Wild Night" tour.

They have also received some recognition for their work with the charity Hope HIV. In February, the members of Delirious? attended the grand opening of a 32-bed facility in Soweto, South Africa that will be used to care for children with HIV. Last year, they ran in the London Marathon and raised about \$7,500 for Hope HIV. In outlook, they have as much in common with the Irish rockers U2 as they do with their fellow members of the Christian music community.


Delirious? has more in common with U2

than an interest in helping the less fortunate. Lead singer Martin Smith has a smooth, lilting voice that can go from gentle and subdued to dramatic bombast just as quickly as Bono's. Stuart Garrard's somewhat minimalist guitar parts occasionally sound like what the Edge might come up with if he spent some time hanging out with Robert Smith from the Cure. However, they can't be simply dismissed as more overtly Christian U2 wannabes. Drummer Stewart Smith, bassist Jon Thatcher, and keyboardist Tim Jupp help Smith and Garrard

create music that is more complex than it seems initially while remaining easy to sing along with.

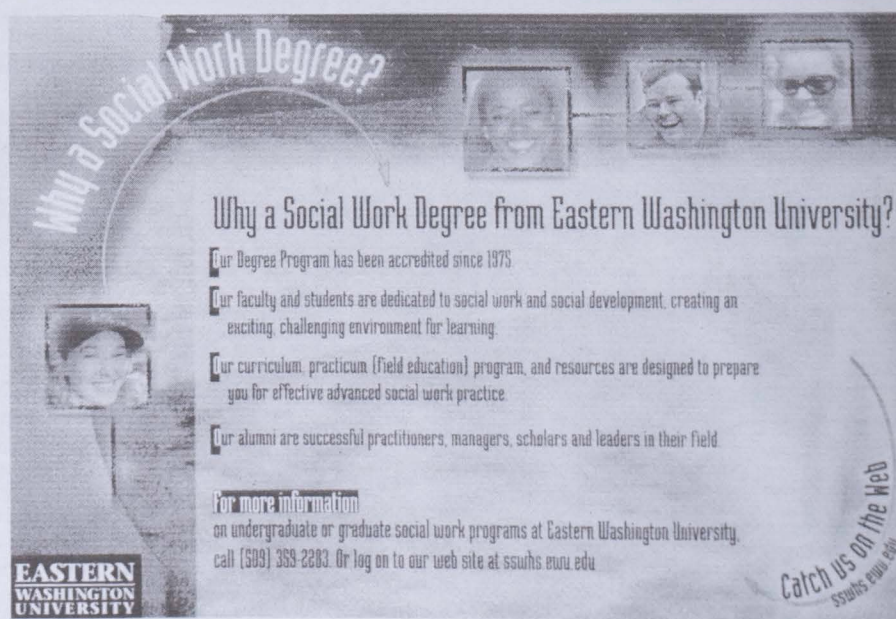
It will be interesting to see how they adapt their arrangements from Glo for live performance. If you go to their concert next Thursday, also expect to hear songs from the more rock-oriented CD Mezzamorphis and the five other albums they have released since 1993. Some of their singles have been adopted as worship choruses by some churches, so the many facets of their music should add up to an eclectic and rewarding experience.




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BASKETBALL

Eastern Washington University has begun the search for a new head women's basketball coach after the contract of Jocelyn Pfeifer was terminated, EWU Athletic Director Scott Barnes announced Friday.

GOLF



Eastern Washington University freshman **Kelly Gardner** had the day's best round with a three-under-par 69 and went on to win medalist honors at the Inland Empire Women's Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Monday at Downriver Golf Course in Spokane.

TENNIS



WOMEN
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TRACK and FIELD

EWU has qualified 17 men and 15 women for the Big Sky Conference Championships in Pocatello, Idaho on May 18-19.

Stanford Invitational
March 31-April 1
WOMEN

At Palo Alto, Calif.
Both Junior **Autumn Deda** and freshman **Emily Roberts** cleared 11-5 3/4 to set a new school record in the pole vault.

MEN

Juniors **Mike Oien**, **Eric Boyd** and senior **Ryan Cole** finished third, fifth and sixth, respectively, last weekend.

- * The throws place all three in the top eight all-time.
- * Cole has the second best mark of 229-5 in 1999.
- * Boyd threw a 211-5 for fourth in the Eagles' books.

Eagles run strong at Stanford Invite, qualify many for championship

Freshman making impact on mature track team

Jenny Sergeant, Freshman, Stayton, Ore. - Cascade HS '00
A freshman in only her second competition placed fifth in the javelin with a mark of 152-6 that ranks third in school history.

Jay Martell, Senior, Washougal, Wash. - Washougal HS '96
Martell was ninth among 30 competitors with a throw of 166-2 that was a personal record and ranks 11th in school history. He was 12th in the hammer with a mark of 164-6 and seventh in the shot put with an effort of 55-7.

Mike Oien - Junior, Eric Boyd - Junior and Ryan Cole - Senior
Oien, Boyd and Cole placed third, fifth and sixth, respectively, in the javelin. Oien's throw of 205-8 ranks eighth in school history, while Boyd had a mark of 203-5 and Cole had a throw of 202-11. Those three athletes all rank in the top eight in school history, with Cole owning the school's second-best mark of 229-5 set in 1999 and Boyd having a throw of 211-5 last season that ranks fourth.

David Stoddard, Junior, Waterville, Wash. - Waterville HS '97
Stoddard was fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a 52.86 time that ranks sixth in school history.

Johnnie Williams, Senior, Seattle, Wash. - Nathan Hale HS '97
Williams finished sixth in the finals of the 100 meters with a time of 10.81 as Washington standout JaWarren Hooker won in a time of 10.34. Williams had a the fifth-best preliminary mark among 42 competitors with a time of 10.69.

Brandon Hauver, Senior, Moxee, Wash. - East Valley HS '97
Hauver had the school's fourth-fastest 10,000 meter time ever with a 30:41.55 clocking that placed him 66th among 82 competitors. Autumn Deda - Junior, Emily Roberts
For the women, Emily Roberts and Autumn Deda each tied for 19th in

the pole vault with a mark of 11-5 3/4 that broke Deda's former school record of 11-3 3/4. Roberts, Eastern's record holder in the pole vault indoors, is a freshman out of Spokane's Central Valley High School.

Kelli Holloway, Sophomore, Lakeview, Ore. - Lakeview HS '99
Holloway placed fifth in a field of 27 discus throwers with a toss of 144-7.

Katie Jacobson, Sophomore, Selah, Wash. - Selah HS '98
Jacobson, a sophomore transfer from Colorado State, was 10th among 40 competitors in the shot put with an effort of 43-11 1/4 that ranks sixth all-time at EWU.

QUALIFIERS

MEN

- Ryan Cole, Sr. Javelin (205-9)
- Andrew Schwisow, Fr. Javelin (181-8)
- Jay Martell, Sr. Hammer Throw (167-8), Shot Put (55-7), Discus (166-2)
- Brandon Hunt, So. Shot Put (52-4 1/2)
- Mike Oien, Sr. Discus (167-5), Hammer throw (170-8), Javelin (205-8)
- David Sargent, Fr. Decathlon (6096 pts.), Long jump (23-0)
- David Stoddard, Jr. 400 Hurdles (52.86)
- Johnnie Williams, Sr. 100 Meter (10.69)
- Josh Roys, Jr. 800 Meter (1:53.57)
- Brandon Hauver, Sr. 10,000 meter (30:41.55)
- Eric Boyd, Jr. Javelin (203-5)
- Brian Trimble, So. Sprints

WOMEN

- Katie Coles, Fr. Heptathlon
- Autumn Deda, Jr. Pole vault
- Christina Dickinson, Fr. Javelin (137-3)
- Kelli Holloway, So. Discus (144-7)
- Katie Jacobson, So. Shot Put (43-11)
- Emily Johnson, Fr. Javelin (114-10)
- Christie Kight, So. Heptathlon
- Julie Nielson, Sr. Hammer Throw, Discus, Shot put
- Emily Roberts, Fr. Pole Vault
- Jenny Sergeant, Fr. Javelin (152-6)
- Zandrea Shattuck, So. Javelin (121-6)
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2001 Major League Baseball Preview

Can the Yankees Win fourth Straight World Series?

John Lichorobiec
Online Editor

While it's still cold and wet in Eastern Washington, the start of spring quarter is the turn of the corner toward warmer weather, and the crack of the bat signifies the start of a new baseball season. Hope spring's eternal for thirty teams annually this time of year, and now it's our turn to separate the proverbial "men from the boys" as we break down the 2001 baseball season and find out if anyone can stop the New York Yankees from winning their fourth straight World Series, and their fifth in six years.

We'll break each down each division looking at their strengths and weaknesses and their outlook for the 2001 season with each team being listed in their predicted order of finish within their division.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

AL East

1. New York Yankees – Until someone steps up to knock the champs off their perch, it's tough to pick against them, and you won't see me do that here.

Strengths – Pitching and defense wins championships and the signing of Mike Mussina from the Orioles gives them the best starting rotation in the American League and one of the top two in all of baseball

with the Atlanta Braves. Experience will also be key if the Yankees want to repeat again. Having the ninth best record in baseball and still win-

ning the World Series says all you need to know about their experience, and they'll have to rely on that heavily to win it again this year as the gap has closed between them and everyone else.

Weaknesses – The Yankees have one of the oldest teams in baseball and while that gives them the necessary experience to repeat, that also makes them susceptible to injuries, which could derail them. The loss of Jeff Nelson to the Mariners via free agency makes the bullpen very thin between the starters and closer Mariano Rivera.

Outlook for 2001 – Book their ticket for October now. Whoever represents the American League in the fall classic knows they have to go through New York to get there.

2. Boston Red Sox – The Red Sox fell just short of the playoff last year but with the signing of Manny Ramirez from Cleveland and Pedro Martinez on the hill, the Red Sox are

gearing up to make a run at the Yanks.

Strengths – Pedro Martinez and the middle of the Red Sox batting order. Pedro is the best starting pitcher in baseball and will benefit from the higher strike zone. Nomar Garciaparra, Ramirez and Carl Everett are as dangerous a trio as any three thru five hitters in baseball.

Weaknesses – Outside of Pedro, their pitching is very thin so they'll have to come up with creative ways to win games when Pedro isn't pitching or win 13-10 games to keep pace with the Yankees.

Outlook for 2001 – Hope for the Yankees to slip otherwise they'll be among those in the hunt for the

AL Wildcard.

3. Toronto Blue Jays – New Jays skipper Buck Martinez has the unenviable task of coaching a team that plays in the same division as the Yankees and the Red Sox. With the new unbalanced schedule playing the Yankees and Red Sox 18 times each, it will be a tough haul for the Blue Jays.

Strengths – One of the best young closers in Billy Koch and very solid defensively in the field. Carlos Delgado and Raul Mondesi have the potential to put up very big numbers.

Weaknesses – Toronto needs breaks to go their way and be able to capitalize on the misfortunes of others for them to find themselves in the playoff hunt. Their lineup can be pitched around and they need help getting to Koch in order to close out games. **Outlook for 2001** – Appear to be on the outside looking in, but if breaks go their way, the Blue Jays could find themselves in Wildcard contention.

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Gardner tops field, Eagles finish fifth at Inland Empire tourney

Eastern Washington University freshman Kelly Gardner had the day's best round with a three-under-par 69 and went on to win medalist honors at the Inland Empire Women's Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Monday at Downriver Golf Course in Spokane.

Idaho, led by a third-place finish by Julie Wells and a fourth-place finish by Noelle Hamilton, won the team title by five strokes over the University of Portland. Washington State finished fourth and Eastern placed

fifth. Gardner had a first-round total of 74 Monday morning before embarking on the tournament's second and final round in the afternoon. She had four birdies en route to a four-under-par 32 on the 2,904-yard front nine. She closed the tournament with a 37 on the 3,002-yard back nine, including one birdie and a pair of bogies.

With a two-round total of 143, Gardner edged Portland's Megan Radonich by one stroke. Radonich led

the tournament after one round with a 71, then finished with a 73 in the afternoon.

Gardner, who finished second at the Vandal Spring Invitational on Saturday, is a 2000 graduate of Gig Harbor (Wash.) High School. She leads Eastern this season with a 79.4 scoring average in 22 rounds. Her rounds of 74 and 69 Monday were her best rounds of the season, with the previous best 75.



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Baseball preview continued
AL Central

1. Chicago White Sox – Picking up David Wells should be enough to put them over the top in the AL Central, but the Indians will be nipping at their heels if their rotation falters down the stretch and Frank Thomas doesn't produce big numbers this year.

Strengths – Wells, Jim Parque, Cal Eldred and James Baldwin are the top four starters for the White Sox and all four can win 15+ games this season. Keith Foulke is among a very select few closers just a notch below the Yankees' Rivera. Ray Durham sets the table for Thomas and Magglio Ordonez.

Weaknesses – The White Sox are weak up the middle with Sandy Alomar, Royce Clayton and Jose Valentin as your catcher, shortstop and center fielder respectively.

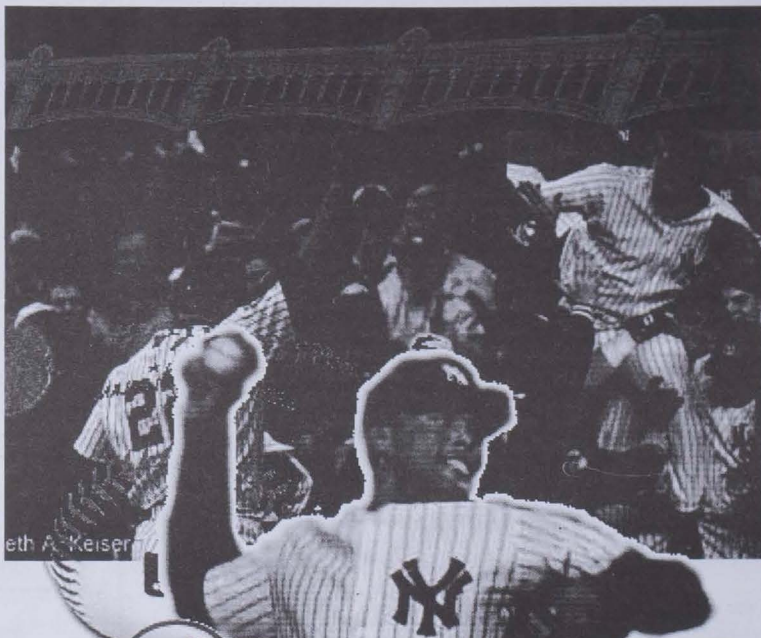
Outlook for 2001 – Another playoff run for the White Sox, but they won't sneak up on anyone this time around.

2. Cleveland Indians – Juan Gonzalez signed with Cleveland for one year and is looking for a big year to justify the big money he wants. If Gonzalez puts up big numbers the Indians should be back in the playoff hunt.

Strengths – One through seven in the order is a tough out. Teams will have a hard time pitching around the Indian line-up. Chuck Finley and Dave Burba are proven starters and if Bartolo Colon lives up to expectations, the Indians should have three very solid starting pitchers. Bob Wickman is serviceable as the Indians closer but with the Indians potent offense, they shouldn't have to live and die by him.

Weaknesses – If Gonzalez doesn't live up to expectations and Ellis Burks knees don't hold up, the Indians suddenly become a team that can be pitched around. Charles Nagy needs to rebound from an off year to give Cleveland four top line starters.

Outlook for 2001 – Should definitely be in the mix for the AL Wildcard and can win the Central if the White Sox starters falter.



3. Kansas City Royals – Too many "ifs" for the Royals to be serious contenders for the Wildcard this year, but being .500 team isn't out of the question either. The loss of Johnny Damon will definitely hurt their outfield potency.

Strengths – Kansas City has tons of potential with guys like Mike Sweeney, Carlos Febles, Carlos Beltran and Jermaine Dye, and having Roberto Hernandez as their closer is a marked improvement over Ricky Botallico.

Weaknesses – Roberto Hernandez is the Royals closer. He saved 29 games for Tampa Bay last year, but at the same time had 26 blown saves. The Royals top three starters are unproven. Blake Stein and Jeff Suppan are the best of the lot, but would have to have All-Star caliber seasons for the Royals to make a Wildcard run.

Outlook for 2001 – The future of the Royals may look bright, but they still appear to be a year or two away.

4. Detroit Tigers – The Tigers are in the same boat as the Royals with all the "ifs" for them to have a successful 2001 campaign. Losing Mitch Meluskey to injury behind the plate will hurt the development of their young pitching staff.

Strengths – The new Comerica park has turned out to be a very pitcher friendly ballpark and playing 81 games their will be a plus for their pitching staff. If Tony Clark and Bobby Higginson can deliver big offensive numbers, Detroit will be fun to watch.

Weaknesses – Losing Meluskey will hurt the development of the pitching staff as Scott Servais inherits the job behind the plate. Outside of Jeff Weaver, the

Tigers starting pitching remains suspect. Todd Jones will start the year as the closer, but if he falters, look to Matt Anderson to fill that role for the Tigers.

Outlook for 2001 – "Scrapiron" Phil

Gardner knows how to get the best out of his players, but the best for the Tigers this year looks to be on the outer fringes.

5. Minnesota Twins – Players love to play for Tom Kelly, but that won't save his job if the Twins don't start to turn things around. The Twins play 81 games the ballpark loving referred to as the "Homerdome," yet for the previous two seasons finished dead-last in the majors in homers.

Strengths – Brad Radke and Eric Milton are far and away the two best pitchers on the Twins and LaTroy Hawkins in much improved since being converted to a closer.

Weaknesses – The Twins lack power overall as a team so manufacturing runs will be at a premium. The tenuous future of the Twins also looks to be a weakness if it's decided that Commissioner Bud Selig wants to cut the number of teams from 30 to 28.

Outlook for 2001 – It could be worse for the Twins. They could be the Orioles. It would be considered a positive season for the Twins to win over 70 games this year.

AL West

1. Oakland Athletics – Was last year's playoff run a fluke for the A's, or could they be the ones to knock off the Yankees? If not for the Game 5 fiasco in the AL Divisional Series, they could have knocked off the Bronx Bombers last year. They only look to get better this year.

Strengths – The addition of Johnny Damon to fill the leadoff role for the A's was a position that was sorely lacking last year. Tim Hudson, Barry Zito and Mark Mulder are three of the top pitching prospects in all of baseball. Jason Giambi is the only regular starter to be over 30 years old by Opening Day.

Weaknesses – The A's are susceptible to left-handed pitching? Jason Giambi, Damon, Eric Chavez and Terrence Long are all left-handed

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Preview: Orioles in cellar in AL East

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4. Tampa Bay Devil Rays – It's got to be pretty disheartening to know that as the season is starting the Devil Rays already know they're just fodder for the AL big guns.

Strengths – Ben Grieve has the potential to be a bright young star in this league and Paul Wilson could turn some heads if he can put his arm injuries behind him.

Weaknesses – Two players do not a team make. Greg Vaughn, Vinnie

Castilla and Fred McGriff's better playing days are all behind them. They should be happy they still have jobs in the big show.

Outlook for 2001 – The only thing the Devil Rays will be fighting for is to see who stays out of the AL East cellar.

5. Baltimore Orioles – You know you have nothing to play for when you lose your top pitcher and Cal Ripken Jr. refuses to retire already. What was Mike Bordick thinking when he left the Mets to return to Baltimore?

Strengths – You're kidding right? When Delino DeShields, David Segui and Ripken Jr. are your three thru five hitters, no further explanation should be needed.

Weaknesses – Where to begin? Jose Mercedes along with Pat Hentgen are the O's two best pitchers. They're relying on Ryan Kohlmeier to be their closer, and Buddy Groom is their best middle reliever. Enough said.

Outlook for 2001 – Will they be closer to 90 or 100 losses? When you're that bad, does it really matter? Ripken Jr. can't retire soon enough so the O's can start the rebuilding process.

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West: No title for M's

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hitters. If Jason Giambi's contract isn't settled soon, it could be potentially a problem waiting to happen.

Outlook for 2001 - The A's have the best shot of anyone in the AL to knock off the Yankees and win 95+ games with another AL West title to their credit. It could be now or never though with Damon and Giambi free agents after the season if they don't get locked up soon.

2. Texas Rangers - Don't let their lack of pitching fool you. The Rangers feel just as comfortable winning 13-10 ball games as the Yankees do winning 2-1 ball games. Obviously, the addition of Alex Rodriguez, Ken Caminiti and Andres Galarraga gives them the best batting order one through nine in all of baseball.

Strengths - Their everyday line-up when healthy will put fear in the hearts of opposing AL pitchers. Defensively up the middle, the Rangers have the chance to excel, and a healthy Ivan Rodriguez will help the pitching staff limiting runners on the base paths.

Weaknesses - Outside of Rick Helling and on-again, off-again Kenny Rogers, the Rangers starting pitching remains a crapshoot. Tim Lincecum is being asked to close the door for the Rangers this season, and has yet to prove he can fill that role. If the Rangers start out slow, look for owner Tom Hicks to trade for some much needed pitching, and or a closer.

Outlook for 2001 - The Rangers will be in the AL Wildcard hunt, but how far they go depends on Hicks willingness to trade for the necessary pitching to get the job done, and he has \$252 million reasons to go for it now.

3. Seattle Mariners - Sorry to disappoint all the homers in the northwest, but for the Mariners to be playing in October, every break possible will have to go their way. The loss of A-Rod will hurt them more than they could ever imagine, and are just an injury or two away from peril.

Strengths - Not all is doom and gloom for the Mariners. They do have one of the top relief staffs in all of baseball by signing free agent Jeff Nelson and the steady improvement of closer Kazuhiro Sasaki. Jamie Moyer needs to rebound from a sub-par year for the Mariners to join Aaron Sele and Freddy Garcia at the top of the rotation.

Weaknesses - Carlos Guillen is not Alex Rodriguez by any stretch of the imagination, and if his injury problems continue to plague him, the Mariners will have to search for more options. Depth is another problem for the Mariners. How long will it be before GM Pat Gillick is burning up the phone lines in search of some much needed pop to add to the lineup?

Outlook for 2001 - The Mariners "could," contend for the AL Wildcard with the acquisition of a big bat and if they avoid the injury bug. But, it could be a long season in Seattle if they get off to a slow start. At least the Mariners are better than the Angels, but so are 20 other teams in baseball.

4. Anaheim Angels - Only Baltimore, Tampa Bay and Minnesota are worse than the Anaheim Angels in the AL. When being content with signing Wally Joyner, Ismail Valdez and Pat Rapp in free agency, and trading for Glenallen Hill are the only moves a third place club makes to improve themselves, the only direction the Angels are moving is to the basement of the AL West.

Strengths - Darrin Erstad, Troy Glaus and Tim Salmon are the best of the lot for the Angels. Erstad will be hard-pressed to duplicate his numbers from last season however.

Weaknesses - Losing Mo Vaughn for the year due to injury and watching Troy Percival's ERA climb steadily over the past five seasons will make for a very long season for the Angels. It's only a matter of time before the rats start jumping off the ship.

Outlook for 2001 - Disney owning the Angels equates to another apathetic season in Anaheim. If management doesn't care enough to improve the team, why should the players care about playing hard everyday? If the Angels win 75 games this year, it will truly be a blessing.

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