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EWU SIFE places first in western U.S.

Club will move on to national competition in Kansas City

Brian Triplett
Copy Editor

Eastern Washington University Students in Free Enterprise [SIFE] was recently named regional champion in the four-year division for the fourth year in a row at a competition in Seattle against teams from all over the western United States. Judges evaluated the projects completed in the community by each SIFE team for their impact and quality. The competition took place at the 2001 SIFE Regional Exposition and Career Opportunity Fair held April 2, 2001 in Seattle, Washington.

Eastern Washington University SIFE President Danica DuCrest said that winning the competition was an exciting and rewarding experience. One of the many benefits of participating in the regional competitions is that "over 200 companies recruit at these events. People were getting hired right on the spot."

She went on to say that "The higher you get, the more likely you are to get a job with one of those companies based on the quality of your project."

The structure of SIFE competitions draws a certain amount of inspiration from the NCAA basketball tournament. Last year, EWU SIFE made it into the top 32 teams. This year, they hope to make it to the "Fi-

nal Four." At each level of competition, participants are more likely to be noticed by recruiters and get hired into exciting professional positions.

"We worked extra hard this year and everybody did a really great job. We were able to send one of the largest teams- 21 students- and provide them with room and board for five days. That is quite an achievement," DuCrest said.

SIFE is a non-profit organization that works in partnership with business and higher education to provide college students with opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills through practical application of the principles of free enterprise in the community.

Founded in 1975, SIFE is now active on more than 1,000 college campuses in 20 countries. The 64 students active with EWU SIFE contributed almost 11,000 hours to educational outreach projects ranging from



▲ EWU SIFE President Danica DuCrest accepts SIFE's well-deserved first prize.

K-12 classroom presentations to special projects designed to help the disadvantaged benefit from increased knowledge of opportunity.

According to a statement on the front page of SIFE's web site, "SIFE students value the idea of seizing their opportunities and making a difference. They aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get involved. Through a collaborative effort between business and education, SIFE

Teams improve the quality of life and the standard of living around the world by teaching the principles of market economics, business and entrepreneurship."

The EWU SIFE chapter fulfills SIFE's mission statement by allowing students to design and implement complex project management strategies in order to complete almost 40 major projects in the community involving thousands of participants.

Eastern's SIFE chapter has a corporate organizational structure with student leadership advised by Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows [and EWU faculty members] Leo Simpson and Larry Sullivan.

According to the SIFE website, Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows are named in honor of the late founder of Wal-Mart. "These faculty advisors are much more than teach-

ers. They wear the titles of coach, mentor, career advisor and friend. Their duties range from motivating their teams to helping students write resumes."

"[Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows] serve as a trusted source of advice as their students sort through various career opportunities and make the transition from school to the work force. Most SIFE students will tell you that the friendships they've developed with their advisors last well beyond their college years, and they count their advisors among the most impactful people in their lives," the essay at their official site continues.

As regional champion, EWU SIFE will travel to Kansas City, Missouri from May 12 to May 16 to present their projects in competition with other regional champions from across the country in the 2001 SIFE USA National Exposition.

For more information, contact SIFE World Headquarters in Springfield, Missouri at 1-800-677-SIFE or Eastern Washington University SIFE President Danica DuCrest at danica_ducrest@hotmail.com. Students can also contact Sam Walton Fellow Dr. Leo Simpson at IAML0F@msn.com. SIFE can be visited on the web at www.SIFE.org or at EWU SIFE's website www.welcome.to/EWUSIFE.

Romero apologizes for parking mishaps

Nick Nash
Reporter

In an attempt to clear up the confusion around the ever-changing parking situation here at Eastern, Associate Vice-President of Special Services Rick Romero repeatedly apologized to the ASEWU council and took responsibility for the miscommunication about the new policy.

"I know there has been a lot of confusion and misunderstanding about what's happening with parking and there has been some miscommunication between myself and some of the staff in parking," Romero said continuing, "My job is to make sure we're all on the same page and that obviously didn't happen here, so I apologize."

"The change that was made in parking is really a fairly simple and straightforward change. What we're looking at doing is simply enforcing the metered spaces in lot 10 in the evening hours

and on the weekend," Romero said, for the first time clearly stating the new parking policy.

He then explained the two reasons for the change, focusing on the need for short term parking that is being taken away by long term parkers in the meter spaces of lot 10 on the evenings and weekends who take parking spaces from paying parkers.

"One of the problems that we have is during the evenings and weekends is that those spaces fill up with long term parkers leaving no short term parking," Romero said. "A second reason we're implementing this change is because we have a number of permit holders in lot

10 who have paid for parking in lot 10, but in the weekends the spaces fill up. I think that most of the students who take spaces in lot 10 are probably students who live in the residence halls and have a permit for either lot 13 or lot 16."

When questioned as to what was being done to inform students about the changes in parking, Romero cited signs that were put up in

the Red Barn, and also in lot 10 alerting people about the change.

He did, however, admit that while it was likely that the residence hall population was most af-

ected by the change, as of yet they had not been specifically informed other than by a number of articles in the Easterner of which the credibility was questioned by Romero. Romero did not mention the misinformation spread by his own staff in relationship to these articles.

"That's a really good point because [the residence halls are] probably the primary population that's going to be affected. There has been some information in the Easterner and that will be real helpful if that's represented accurately. But we're working something out for the residence halls"

The major concern of the ASEWU council is not the parking change itself, but instead the way in which the decisions were



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-Rick Romero
Associate Vice-President
of Special Services

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Holsing lobbies for better funding

ASEWU President backing measures to keep out-of-pocket expenses down

Steven J. Barry
Assistant Editor

In a six-day visit to the nation's capital last month, ASEWU President Bree Holsing served as the state representative for the Washington Student Lobby [WSL]. Holsing, along with freshman Stephanie Caprione and Western Washington University WSL Representative Stacey Valentin, lobbied for issues affecting the cost and availability of higher education to students in Washington State.

Holsing said the initial plans for the trip did not include her as the state representative, but "It just ended up being that way."

Holsing spoke with all 10 Washington State representatives about issues affecting students specifically at Eastern as well other public universities in the state. Of particular concern was the potential negative impact on college students of the tax cut recently proposed by President Bush.

The tax cut would obviously affect federal funding, and money would most likely be taken from higher education funds to compensate for that, Holsing said.

To keep such cuts in funding from drastically

raising the cost of higher education, Holsing said the WSL is advocating several measures. One of those is a \$1000 tax credit. A tax credit would help more than even a generous tax deduction because most students don't earn enough to make a deduction very helpful, Holsing said.

When the tax credit will pass-and if it will pass-is still up in the air.

Holsing also spoke with members of the United States Student Association, a national organization similar to the WSL, about the possibility of increasing the amount of federal Pell Grants.

Last year, the maximum allowable Pell grant went up over \$400, more than ever before. The USSA is asking for a \$600 increase this year. Holsing said she doubts such a request will be granted in full, but she is confident the Pell grant will increase.

Holsing said she plans on trying to attend a USSA conference this summer and finding out what it would take to make Eastern or the WSL a member.

While in Washington, D.C., Holsing also advocated increased funding and awareness for several on-campus groups, some of which she says people aren't even aware of, such as CAMPIS [Childcare Access Means Parents In Schools].

"CAMPIS is one we really need to be utilizing," said Holsing. "Out of the entire state, only Highline [Community College] used it last year."

CAMPIS is a federally funded program that

aims to develop "programs that that serve the unique schedules and responsibilities of student-parents."

This year, funding for CAMPIS quintupled, greatly increasing the likelihood that it will be available to anyone who needs it next year.

Problems affecting specifically mothers attending college were given special attention, she said. That included some discussion on preventing so many students from becoming pregnant while attending school.

"They put condoms out, but that's just not

enough," she said. "We're looking for better access to birth control for students."

Since the current legislative body was elected only recently, Holsing said not many legislators were familiar with bills that would affect higher education currently being proposed.

Holsing said she is doing her best to ensure that the tax cut and adjustments and in state and federal spending have the least impact possible on the price students must pay for higher education.

"My perspective on it," said Holsing, "is my job as a student government representative is to eliminate all barriers that could keep a student from getting higher education."

She also said she didn't think students should sit back and soak up the funds.

"I'm not interested in handouts. I want people to work for their money," she said.

No matter what kind of changes there are in student funding, Holsing said tuition increases will still increase out-of-pocket expenses for students.

"It's still going to impact students," she said. "Someone is going to have to make up for that money that once they had and now they don't have."

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-Bree Holsing
ASEWU President



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Funds granted for biotech research

Jeremy Kramer
Reporter

Eastern Washington University's Biology Department received a grant of \$120,937 from the Washington Technology Center this winter for a biotech research project led by an Eastern Professor and Eastern Students.

The grant was one of 10 given out by the WTC, with all of the grants totaling \$1.3 million, and it was the only grant given to a public comprehensive university in the state.

Jim Fleming, who has been a professor at Eastern since 1992, received the grant through work he has done through GenPrime, Inc, a Spokane company that grew out of the Biology Department in 1997. Fleming founded the company with help from Don Lightfoot, Steve McGrew, and Buck Sumes.

The grant was received through research done for generating a new, faster way to

test milk and other dairy products.

"The test that is in use now, can take up to 24 hours to determine the amount of bacteria in a sample. Our test takes five minutes and involves antibodies," Fleming said. He added that the technology used in this new test is similar to the technology used in a home pregnancy test.

The Washington Technology Center provides funding, through the University of Washington, for university researchers who team up with Washington State companies to conduct research and development with the goal of helping the company grow and create new jobs.

Fleming and BioTech have been working on this project since January, and is a two-year research and development project.

"Our goal is to become a worldwide leader in the control industry through fermentation and developing rapid tests for quality control."

BioTech currently employs four full time employees who are Eastern alumni.

Five of the 10 grants went to Washington State University, and four were given to the University of Washington.

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Planting a seed of hope for the environment

Steven J. Barry
Assistant Editor

Washington is known as the "Evergreen State." While that's what it's called, the city of Cheney seems more like it's in the "Not-so-evergreen until you cross the railroad tracks" state. The second annual Earth Day Celebration project aims to help change that.

"It's designed to be a community building event," said Bob Brock, this year's Earth Day committee chairperson. "It's designed to bring people together and make the town aesthetically better, and hopefully have fun."

The project will include planting seedlings in the Cheney area and educating children about the importance of environmental awareness, Brock said.

Eastern Environmental, an EWU club, will be putting on the class for children from Cheney's various elementary schools. The class will focus on the environment of the Inland Northwest and why it's so important, said Neal Beaver, Eastern Environmental's president.

"I'm really excited about that (the class)," said Beaver. "I think that we need to start with younger people to get them concerned about environmental problems."

Indigenous trees, why animals need trees, and some methods of recycling and conservation will also be in the course. Each elementary school student that attends will also be given a sapling of their own to take home to plant, and will be given instructions as to how to care for it. One hundred of the 400 saplings there have been allocated for children.



▲ Participants of last year's Earth Day project plant a 14-foot tree in Moos park. The group planted six others like it last year.

Beaver also said the club members won't "push issues" on the children—the focus of the class will be awareness.

Last year, seven 14' trees were planted during the project, including five in Moos Park and two on First Street. But this year's 14 footers have already been spoken for, Brock said. The trees were donated to the downtown enhancement project.

"We've got plenty of snacks and beverages - free snacks and beverages."

-Bob Brock

Earth Day Committee Chairperson

Brock said the focus of this year's project would be on the saplings. During last year's project, he said about 300 seedlings were planted, approximately 60% of which survived. Most of the seedlings are along First

Street across from Choice Chevrolet.

Brock said the more the merrier, and mentioned several fringe benefits of attending.

"We'd sure like to see a lot of students come down. We've got plenty of snacks and beverages—free snacks and beverages." He chuckled. "We've got 400 trees to plant."

Brock, working on a graduate degree in urban regional planning, said the committee he headed had representation from various groups around Cheney, to include the city of Cheney, EWU, Pathways to Progress, the West Plains Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Environmental, and the Association of Student Planners (of which Brock is the vice-president).

Eastern Environmental will also be participating in a second Earth Day celebration on Sunday at Riverfront Park, starting at 9 A.M. and lasting all day, Beaver said. This second celebration will include a "Procession of the species," in which people will parade as animals from around the world on the endangered species list. Of significance will be 28 persons from the Lands Council and Kettle Range Conservation Group. They will dress as caribou, of which there are only 28 in lower North America, Beaver said.

The club will also hold a forum about the "scablands," of which he said Cheney is a part, to increase environmental awareness.

Brock said anyone who can't make it to the Earth Day project should start sulking now.

"You're going to miss some fun," he said, " 'cause we've requested warm, sunny weather."

Parking: Romero says he "didn't anticipate that it [parking] was going to be such an issue."

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made without any input from the students.

"My concern is the process that these decisions were made in," said ASEWU president Brée Holsing, continuing, "its kind of problematic for us because we were not involved in the conversation or the process. We came back from spring break and 'wow,' we have to deal with this. Reaffirming our mission statement as an institution, and lead by the administration, how can we ensure in the future we as students are included at least somewhere in the process?"

In response to this, Romero again apologized for the miscommunication and attempted to explain his decisions in relationship to the changes in parking policy as being student centered, and because of this there was no reason to inform of, or involve them in the process.

"Again my apologies for the communication stream here, because this didn't come out in the best way. I guess the way I viewed it still is in fact

as probably more student centered. The people that we're impacting here are the ones right now that are taking advantage of parking for free," said Romero.

He continued to explain why students were not involved by saying that he didn't think the parking change would matter much to them, because the effects are mostly positive.

"I didn't anticipate that it was going to be such an issue because I thought it really was much more positive than it was negative," said Romero.

Clearly stating the council's perspective on the situation, Holsing be-

gan to explain how she felt policy changes of this manner should be approached in the future so that students would be involved in processes that affect them.

"My recommendation would be that in the future, please come before this board and let us

know, granted we may not see eye to eye but still . . ." Holsing began.

Before she could finish her statement, Romero interrupted.

"Communication, I agree."

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Debate club returns after 20-year break

David Cole
Reporter

The Debate Club is returning to EWU after almost 20 years of absence and students interested in competitive public speaking and

learning the art of persuasion are needed to join the group and field two-member debate teams for future competition.

EWU's Debate Team Association provides students an opportunity to have fun learning current

issues, traveling to tournaments, improving their resumes and earning up to 12 credits.

Traditionally students involved in journalism, communication studies, philosophy, government and pre-law gain valuable experi-

ence practicing the art of persuasive speaking in debate scrimmages and competition.

Those involved in the sciences and arts are also encouraged to lend their respective talents to this already ambitious group of debaters. Studying the sciences requires a "logical train of thought," says director of forensics at EWU Jeanne Ratliff, and students of the arts possess the necessary "creativity" to be effective persuaders.

Joining the club is to the student's advantage, as Ratliff's collaboration with associate director of forensics Kathleen Alexander will provide club members a great "opportunity for very close teacher to student instruction," Ratliff says. Right now the number of students involved in debate is around 10 while there are

two instructors assigned to this small group.

The course available to students fall through spring quarter is Forensics 326 and is worth two credits. This quarter's debate class is not accepting new students because new students would have already missed too many classes. However every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Eastern's Spokane Center room 224 the debate club meets for scrimmages, and all EWU students are welcome and encouraged to participate in these fun competitions.

For further information about the debate club or future class opportunities contact either Kathleen Alexander or Jeanne Ratliff in the communications building or e-mail professor Ratliff at Jeanne.Ratliff@mail.ewu.edu.

News Briefs

LIBRARY BOOK SALES SURPASS EXPECTATIONS

The EWU Friends of the Library Booksale on April 6 and 7 increased their revenue by \$500 from last year. The total earnings for the sale was \$2100.

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Students can receive up to \$200 toward the purchase of one or two books (not text or reference books) for their personal enrichment. Applications are available at Academic Affairs Office in Showalter 220. The application deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 4. No late applications will be accepted.

SEAHAWKS TO RETURN TO EWU

The Seattle Seahawks will be training at Eastern once again this summer. Eastern and the Seahawks have reached a three-year agreement. The team will open their 2001 training camp on July 29. Team practice sessions will be open to the public.

FRENCH STUDENT HOMESTAYS

Faculty and students interested in hosting a French student for a month this summer may call Mary Benham at 747-0692 to apply. Families receive a small stipend for expenses.

EWU FACULTY GRADUATES FROM WAR COLLEGE

Charles Green, Military Science Department chair, recently graduated from the Air War College, a 15-month seminar for senior military officers covering national security strategy, campaign planning, regional studies and ethics.

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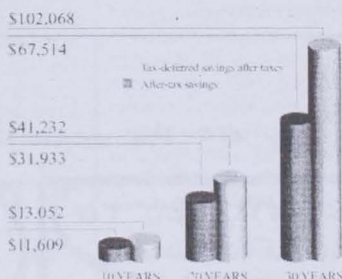
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Surviving the Rockwood Clinic of Torture

Zan Lanouette
Editorial Assistant

With April snow and the random plummeting temperatures, it is no wonder students are walking around with runny noses and persistent, racking coughs. Lucky for everyone, we pay a mandatory fee for unbelievably superb health care. You've guessed it ladies and gents: we're talking about the efficient and magnificent Cheney Rockwood Clinic.

From misdiagnoses to several-hour-long waits, the Rockwood Clinic is a shining example of a brilliantly ran Cheney business. Staffed with the finest graduates of EWU Med School, [such a program doesn't exist for a reason], this clinic can do nothing short of handing out bandages when it should hand out pills and prescribing Tylenol when it should Penicillin. It is an establishment of glory and wonder. Glorified for its fallibility, and wondered at because of its inaccuracy. What a place.

Perhaps you've noticed my bitter tone by now. This attitude is not unfounded nor unwarranted, for the Rockwood Clinic has been my nemesis for over two months now.

It all began Winter Quarter when I awoke one morning sick. I dragged my weak and achy self to the student clinic in hopes of a quick fix and strong medicine. After an excruciatingly long wait in a room filled with bloodshot eyes, swollen glands, and wheezy breathing; I was almost mad. I received dirty looks from the rude secretary behind the counter for my incessantly tapping foot, continuous glances at the clock behind her head, and the deep, rattling sighs issued from my weary and ill body.

I'll admit I was impatient. I was scared to death that the young man next to me was going to drip snot on my arm or that the woman across from me was going to cough up a lung, bleed, and therefore get in ahead of me despite my earlier arrival. Just as I thought I could take more and was going to have to go postal on the bunch, a "nurse" came out and called my name. I quickly sprang up and literally ran to her side as she turned to lead me into the examining quarters, what will now be referred

to as the fiery depths of Hell. Unfortunately for we living but ailing mortals, we have to deal with this Hell when we aren't in the best of health. Granted, no single Satan reigns with his horns and pitchfork. Oh no, it is much worse. Several are allowed to run free to torment and cripple. Instead of horns, these fiends are adorned in lab coats and instead of pitchforks, stethoscopes ring round their necks.

I'm getting a bit ahead of myself. Before these lords of the underworld were unloaked to me, I too was naïve enough to be reassured by their nametags boasting M.D. and R.N. I completely and foolishly trusted in their "expertise" derived from years of grueling schooling and training. Little did I know that the Rockwood Clinic employees received their M.D.s from Cracker Jack boxes. I'll bet they were happy with their prizes!

At any rate, I willingly and enthusiastically followed the garishly colored "nurse's" smock into a cramped examination room only to wait even longer for my "doctor" to come bumbling in. Despite his sketchy appearance and crossed eyes, I looked at him in adoration for this was the man with the cure to my hindering illness. Dr. Frankenstein looked me over for a total of two seconds and followed this glance with a grunt. I could have been bleeding out of every orifice of my body and the only thing he would have looked at was my big toe. "Doc" then proceeded to ask me my symptoms without paying the slightest attention. With that ridiculous examination out of the way, he scribbled his illegible prescription down on his RX pad and told me it was a sinus infection. I thanked him for his "help" and fairly flew out of there.

To make a long story short, the medicine didn't work and I was forced to return for another agonizing examination and another one after that. The second time it was the common cold, the third, still a cold. Fed up and sicker than before, I was driven to the Sacred Heart Medical Center emergency room after nearly a month of battle with the Rockwood Clinic of Death. Once there, I was immediately diagnosed with tonsillitis and put on an IV for two hours due to the extremity of my sickness and the length of which I had been a victim to it.



Hmm...it looks like a sinus infection

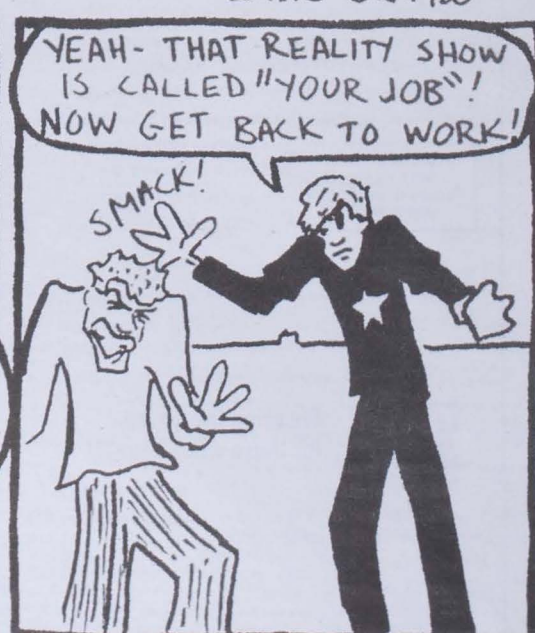
Since my harrowing experiences with the Rockwood Clinic I have heard many other dreadful stories of the atrocities and ineptitude of our beloved, contracted health center. It seems the clinic's favorite diagnosis is the sinus infection. It doesn't matter if the patient is suffering from a severed and bleeding limb, chest pains and a numb left arm, or a broken nose—the Rockwood "doctors" all say the same, "Sinus infection!"

My freshman legacy to all you faithful readers is the wisdom I have come across in my time of need and suffering—the Rockwood clinic will not cure you. Sick ones, beware!

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Joy Wysong
Reporter

EWU food services has seemed more than lacking during my two years here as a student. Apart from the want of healthy food and nearly intentional absence of allergy-friendly food options, the problem of money is the most important thing,

which applies to every student.

My first bad experience with dining services was a rare accident in which another person and I were entered in the system under the same social security number. The money drained from my account as I ate next to nothing until I finally had the time to approach staff members and correct the problem. Luckily, I was reimbursed and

ate well for the rest of the quarter. I began to wonder, who actually knows what happens to his or her money once the school has been paid each quarter? By the start of my sophomore year [2000-2001], I was convinced that I would always have as much money as I put into my meal plan. This spring, I noticed that from the \$730 I was charged, only \$680 appeared on my first receipt.

Initially, I was furious. After having taken bites out of moldy croissants, rice crispy treats with mealworms in them, paying for over-priced food, and a massive mix-up dealing with my social security number, I was definitely not expecting to see another loss on my account. Naturally, everyone working with food services was more than helpful in adjusting my account with the mix-up my freshmen year, so I went back to have the money that I went missing recently [from this quarter] returned as well. This was when I discovered that I would not be getting that money back, and that no Eastern student could.

I am not the only one on the EWU campus who has been losing money over the past couple of years. Anyone who lives through the housing and dining services here at Eastern is losing money every quarter and is most likely unaware that it is happening.

At the beginning of this year, students who use the dining services signed a contract that allows EWU to take out a percentage of their food money. The fee is covered under, what Liz Gardea is calling, an "administration fee". However, another staff member responded with surprise when I spoke of an "administration fee."

"So that's what they're calling it," said Toni Taylor from the Housing department.

For spring quarter, \$47 was taken away from each meal plan. Different amounts were taken out [according to the number of days] for fall and winter quarter as well.

Fall quarter students were given \$750, winter-\$717 and spring-\$684. Due to the fee, this was the amount students received, not the higher amount they were actually charged for on their billing statements. Without being reminded of the "administration fee" most students are unaware of an account difference.

Did the "administration fee" appear on individual billing statements? No. This fee was only addressed at the beginning of the year. The university assumes that each student is aware of the \$730 charge this quarter that really amounts to \$680 when the \$47 has been removed. It would be a small feat to change the billing statements to stop implying the existence of more money than is actually allotted for each student.

Must this fee remain such a mystery? In most cases one can assume that students would be more upset about not being told they are losing money, than a fee [that already exists] appearing on their billing statement. Only a handful of staff members have information on this fee and many on-site supervisors working directly with student employees are unaware that it is in effect. Even some staff members I was advised to contact concerning the fee weren't entirely sure of the details.

According to Liz Gardea, this money goes solely to alleviating the strain on the university due to minimum wage increase. Since EWU is an employer of hundreds of students, we cannot question why the money might be needed. However, the manner in which it is attained is most certainly in question. Gardea also remarked that food prices have not been raised in the past four years.

All of these fines might give students the idea that they were being treated unfairly. Students should be informed as they have a right to know where their money goes. I would advise students to know, in detail, where every dollar they spend ends up.

The Nostalgia Corner



In my day...preparation was a cinch

Zan Lanouette
Editorial Assistant

In my day, getting ready for school in the morning was quick and easy. I only required about twenty-five minutes to be completely dressed, groomed, fed, and packed up. Five minutes to actually rise from beneath my heart and cloud comforter after Mom came in to kiss me good morning. Seven minutes of excitedly dressing myself only to change after Mom came back in and saw my mismatched clothing. Two minutes of saying good-bye to Dad as he left for work and then running to Mom with my pink hairbrush and ribbon or barrette for a custom-made hairdo. After my tears of pain from the brushing dried, I quickly ate a bowl of Cheerios, grabbed my pink ballerina bag, and was ready to go to my grade school with a few seconds to spare. Aahhhh, the simple days!

College mornings are far from uncomplicated. They are, in fact, borderline excruciating. Instead of waking to the gentle kiss and "good morning" by a smiling and loving mother, you and your roommate are ripped from the tender arms of slumber by a blaring alarm clock equivalent to the decibels of an atomic bomb. No matter what time the alarm goes off, it feels as if you only fell asleep ten short minutes ago and your swollen eyes demand to be shut again. You and your roommate tumble out of your twin beds of springs and nails only to clumsily trip about the cramped room in attempts to avoid one

another and still beat the hordes of girls to the showers. Grunts and groans are acceptable and comprehensible substitutions for the more common English language.

Speaking of bathing, back in my childhood days my parents used to have literally force me into the bathtub in order to make me wash. If I was comfortable with my filth, why couldn't they be? Baths were only every other night and never longer than what was absolutely necessary. Showers in college are like a war zone. It is every man and woman for themselves and the survival of the fittest. The weak and the slow are quickly passed by and even stomped on as you push past in order to dart into a shower stall before anyone else claims it and takes up more of your precious time. Instead of every other night, the showering ritual is every morning and you could easily spend forty-five minutes beneath the steady stream of steaming water, sluicing away your exhaustion. As you emerge clean and a bit more awake, you have to make it through the jungle of hairdryers, make-up, and chattering girls in order to exit into the neutral territory of your dorm room.

No, getting ready for the day is no easy task and could almost be classified as a work-out or high-stress situation compared to the innocent and effortless days of our youth. It's a jungle out there, so be safe and remember the gentle words of your mother in the mornings instead of glowering at your neighbor for squeezing into the shower ahead of you.

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East of the Cascades

Hiking the Wenaha Tucannon Wilderness

Michael Heins

Contributor

With the Cascade and Olympic Mountains so close to Western Washington's growing population centers, it is getting more difficult to find wilderness isolation, but located in the Southeast and northeast corners of Washington and Oregon is a spectacular region of basalt cliffs and deep canyons known as the Wenaha Tucannon Wilderness Area.

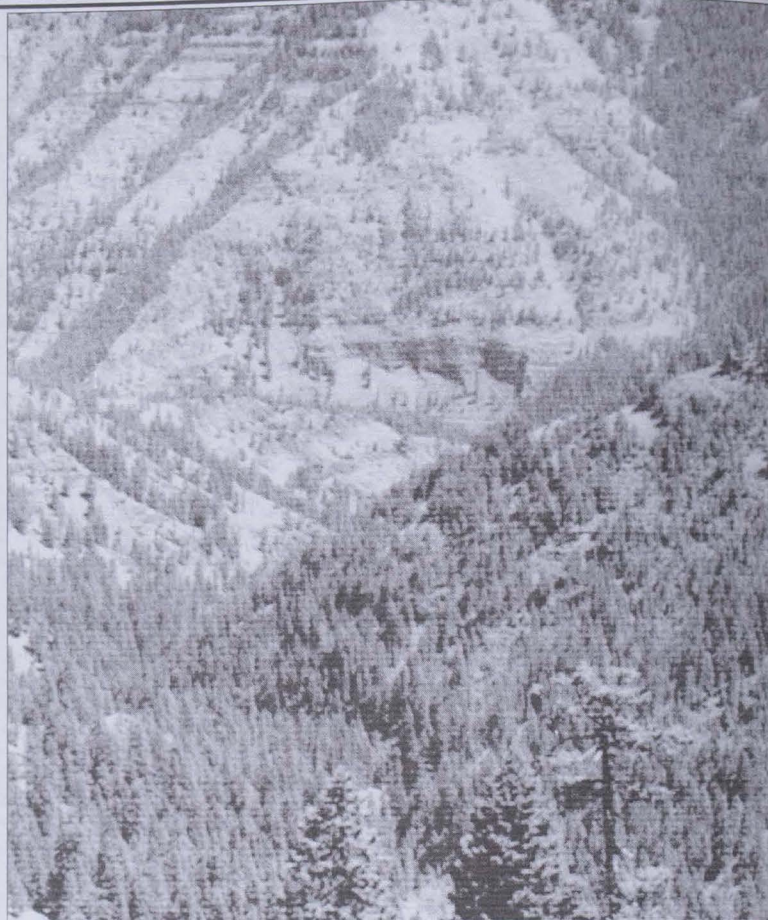
In the last two decades I have explored many of the Wilderness areas throughout the Pacific Northwest. This includes the North Cascades, the Wallows, the Olympics, and many other places in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana, but one of my favorite places in the Northwest is the Wenaha Tucannon wilderness. I have been hiking in this wilderness area since 1981, and even though this wilderness is not known for glacier-carved alpine lakes—like the Cascade or Wallowa Mountains—it has its own unique beauty.

The Wenaha wilderness is a region of rugged basalt bluffs, deep-forested canyons with steep grassy slopes. Its water-sculpted cliffs and isolated canyons remind me more of the Grand Canyon than other wilderness areas I have hiked, and unlike other mountain ranges that I have explored, most of the trails go down instead of up. The wilderness lays in the heart of the Blue Mountains, which are a gentle, streamed carved mountain range with elevations that vary from 2,000 ft along the Wenaha River, to 6,401 ft at Oregon Butte. Two hundred miles of trail in this 177,465 acre wilderness area provide access for wilderness enthusiasts. I have explored a number

of the trails and I have enjoyed the abundance of natural beauty that is found here. Many of the trails wind through lush grassy meadows filled with wildflowers, surrounded by dense stands of evergreens. One example is the Sawtooth ridge trail, #3256, which passes through areas of lush-green conifer forests and several large mountain meadows.

The trail eventually takes you down to the Wenaha River and then connects with other trails. The Sawtooth trail provides excellent views of the whole wilderness as well as spectacular views of the Wallowa Mountains to the south and the Seven Devil Mountains to the southeast, along the Oregon-Idaho border. I really enjoy the solitude here and this wilderness does not have the high volume of visitors that you will find in parts of the Cascades.

The Wenaha Tucannon wilderness is also rich flora and fauna such as Rocky Mountain elk, bighorn sheep, whitetail and mule deer, black bear, and cougar. I have had the privilege of seeing rocky mountain elk in this wilderness and a quick stop, and I got out of my pickup and just watched in amazement. Ticks are also in abundance in the Blue Mountains, and rattlesnakes are not uncommon along the Wenaha River. I almost stepped on a rattler once, along this river. On one occasion, I came across a herd of about forty elk. I was driving on a dirt road that skirts the wilderness and the herd, when suddenly they crossed the road in front of me. Wenaha and Tucannon rivers both provide good spawning ground for Chinook salmon and steelhead. Plant communities in this wilderness vary from bunchgrass slopes to higher sub-alpine areas of lodgepole pine and sub-alpine fir. I love



▲ A prettier look than a landing for certain, this hike has tons of killer views.

the abundance of wildflowers here such as lupine, yarrow, and Indian paintbrush, in the spring months. In the fall months the willows and other foliage turn a bright yellow and add to the already spectacular beauty here.

According to the Forest Service, the main activity in this wilderness area is elk hunting during the fall season, although there has been an increase in anglers and backpackers during the summer and early fall months. Horseback riding is also very popular here and several trailheads are equipped to accommodate horses. I enjoy this wilderness mostly from March to June. This period offers more solitude, but many of the higher elevations remain inaccessible until late June, because of the snow pack.

Sudden thunderstorms are common in the summer months, so be prepared. I experienced this on a hike to danger point. It was a beautiful June day and I could see for miles, but later I noticed that clouds were starting to form around the Wallowa Valley to the south. I had a bad feeling that a thunderstorm was starting to brew, so I started back to the trailhead and by time I was half way out the storm started to rumble in. I managed to hike out another couple of miles before it hit with full intensity. It was a very powerful storm and it poured fourth its wrath with golf ball-sized hail and severe lightning. I took shelter in a grove of small conifers, but the storm

did not last long.

The Wilderness is about four hours from Spokane. Access to the Wenaha Tucannon wilderness can be made through the following areas: Walla Walla to Mill Creek road. This leads to Forest Service access road 65, and 65 ends at the junction of road 64. A right turn ends up in Toll Gate on the Oregon side and a left turn goes north and ends up in Dayton, Washington. A number of the trailheads can be reached from either direction and access to the Wenaha River can be made from Troy, Oregon. I suggest getting a map of the Umatilla National Forest, and maps of the Wenaha Tucannon wilderness are also available in a topographic format.

The maps show the location of all the major trailheads and wilderness permits are not required for this wilderness area, although parking passes are required, but I would advise calling the Forest Service for the current prices of these passes. For further information contact: Pomeroy Ranger District Route 1 53-F Pomeroy, WA 99347 (509) 843-1891, Supervisors office 2517 S. W. Hailey Avenue Pendleton, Oregon 97836 (503) 276-3811 or the Walla Walla Ranger district 1415 West Rose Street Walla Walla, WA 99362 (509) 522-6290.

The wilderness is only open to foot or horseback travel and it is closed to mountain bikes or any motorized vehicles.



▲ Another beautiful view from a trail in the Wenaha Tucannon Wilderness. Be sure to check out these pictures in full color at the Easterner's website.

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The Wine Field to play at Eastern

Jadd Davis
Reporter

The EWU Spring Concert Series gets kicked off on April 24 with the appearance of alternative group The Wine Field.

The Wine Field has been making its mark in the music business throughout the last six years. The group has been featured on such television shows as Dawson's Creek, Party of Five and First Wave. The producers for the shows all licensed the group after one listen.

The group's 1st album has sold over 15,000 copies and has received radio airplay on over 460 stations throughout the U.S., France, Ireland, Scotland and Canada. In addition to recording, the band has been touring constantly. The Wine Field began playing shows in Greenwich Village, New York City, and their fan base has branched out across the Globe. The group has toured and per-

formed in 47 states in the U.S., and made the trip to Europe within the first four years of its inception. In 1999 The Wine Field played over 100 college campus performances across the country in a more than 100,000-mile tour coast to coast. Their current tour will take them through Cheney for one day in between stops at Western Oregon University and Wenatchee Valley College.

The Wine Field, a four-member alternative rock band, was first formed in 1995 when singer/guitarists Shawn Tooley and James Landry began playing together in Landry's dorm room in Portland, Maine. The duo began playing in small acoustic clubs in Portland, but soon broadened their horizon to New York City. They landed a gig in New York's Greenwich Village playing in various clubs and soon recorded their first full-length album, which was released in the U.S. and Canada. Bassist Phil Ostar from Connecticut and drummer Kurt Sievert from Chicago soon joined the group.



▲ Winefield also played at the PUB last school year

The band, now based in Boston, has kept a rigorous touring schedule and has just signed a major label worldwide record deal with Priority Records/The EMI Group. The group's new album is slated to hit stores everywhere in the fall.

A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius

Sara Leaming
Reporter

Aside from the very "staggering" literary "genius" behind this brilliant book, is the knowledge of just how cruel fate can be. The fact is that any of us, in college right now, could be subjected to fate's random cruelty. But it's how we would deal with it that matters. How Dave Eggers dealt with his tragedy and was able to record it in such a way that would make it seem

almost nothing at all is remarkable.

At 21 years old, Eggers is forced to drop out of college to take over the raising of his 7-year-old brother, Christopher, or Toph, as he is known throughout the book, when both of his parents die of cancer within five months of each other.

He shares the responsibility of his brother with his somewhat flighty, law school-bound sister, and his older brother, Bill, who lives in Los Angeles and appears too career-focused to partake in the family efforts to raise young Toph.

After the death of his parents, Eggers, Toph and sister sell off the family house in Lake Forest, Illinois, and pack what's left of the family memorabilia and leave off to live in Berkeley amongst the world's most eclectic spirits.

Eggers falls into this role of a 20-something parent, who goes to PTA meetings and open houses and tries as best as he can to provide support for his brother. Ironically, he becomes this other-than-average parent, as he and Toph live like slobs, eat tacos made out of beef, spa-

ghetti sauce, tortillas and milk, run around the house spitting water at each other and measuring the desirability of houses for rent by the sock-slide factor. The book even has diagrams of each house they moved into and the amount of slide space available.

Eggers weaves into the majority of the book his attempt at making something of his writing career in the middle of his personal crisis by starting *Might* magazine in San Francisco with some old friends from high school, and his attempt at getting onto the MTV's *Real World*.

What Eggers grows to realize throughout the book is that he is no longer a member of his age group. When he returns to Chicago a few years later for a wedding and sees his old friends, he notes that after a conversation with his friends, "They know I am not them. I am something else. I am deformed, am a hundred years old."

He also feels as though things have gone surprisingly too well for him considering the tragedy. He expects chaos always. He feels bad when he leaves Toph with a sitter, expects blood on the front porch when he returns home. "I want to be shot at, want to fall into a hole, want to be dragged from the car and beaten," he says of his much too calm life.

Eggers' dry-humor abreast of his situation is apparent at the beginning of the book, whence the introduction is aptly entitled "Rules and Suggestions for Enjoyment of This Book." It comes complete with a drawing of a stapler and a list of the apparently real phone numbers of his close friends, to a chart of expenses incurred while writing the book, including a copy of the *Xanadu* original movie soundtrack.

I didn't feel any sadness from what would seem one of the worst, life-complicating fates any college student could suffer: the death of both your parents and then the responsibility of your toddler-aged brother. The ranting of this author made me appreciate the human condition, and to take stock in my own ordinary life, and yet pity the dullness of it as well.



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The Tobacco Challenge: To quit or not to quit

Does Natalie have what it takes to survive?

Natalie Stephenson
Reporter

Many of us have probably seen the brightly colored flyers around campus for the EWU Tobacco Challenge program. It's a *Survivor*-like challenge to Kick the Butt habit. When I saw the signs, I was intrigued, possibly because I am almost as addicted to *Survivor* as I am to cigarettes, but also because I've been a heavy smoker for almost six years now and have been thinking about quitting. I have quit before. Several times, actually. Most smokers can tell you about that: You quit for maybe a few weeks or a month, and then something happens, and you're back at the Quik-E-Mart, picking up a pack of Laramies. I decided to find out more about the program.

I talked to Marion Relph at Health and Wellness and she told me a little more about the Tobacco Challenge. Starting next week, a group of "challengers" will be chosen from the applications received. These five people will be the group of challengers whose quitting stories will be documented for the EWU campus. A student from the Radio and Television Broadcasting program will meet weekly with the "survivors" to conduct interviews, which will be aired on Eaglevision. The story will also be documented on the school website.

Relph told me that the point of the program—which is funded through the Spokane Regional Health District using money the state received in a tobacco settlement—has a two-fold purpose: First, the program hopes to aid smoking prevention by showing non-smokers how hard it is to kick the habit once

it has begun. Its second purpose is to promote smoking cessation by inspiring current smokers with the message that it is possible to kick the habit. Challengers will participate in different challenges, like going to a restaurant together and not smoking [which all you smokers know can be quite a trial]. The challenge will run from April 26th through May 31st, and each challenger will receive a cash prize of \$100 for completing the program.

I decided to fill out an application and see if I would be accepted for the challenge. I really need to quit smoking, and so far, not much has been able to work for me. My most recent adventure in smoking cessation was just last month. It was Lent, and during Lent, you're supposed to give up something important to you.

you. What could I give up? Swearing was out. So was chocolate. That left the big one: Cigarettes.

The day after I made my decision to quit, I bought a box of patches [which the HMOs have wisely decided not to pay for, hoping instead to finance your chemotherapy 20 or 30 years down the road], and started my journey. With the help of the patches, it wasn't too bad. In fact, I was feeling so good I decided to quit using the patches after a week.

Three weeks passed, and then I went to visit a friend in Seattle. Now, what he and I do when we hang out is smoke. With him, I am truly 'one of the guys.' Instead of talking about makeup or boys or any of that other girly stuff, I get to just lounge around, drink, smoke, spit, and tell off-color jokes. Every-

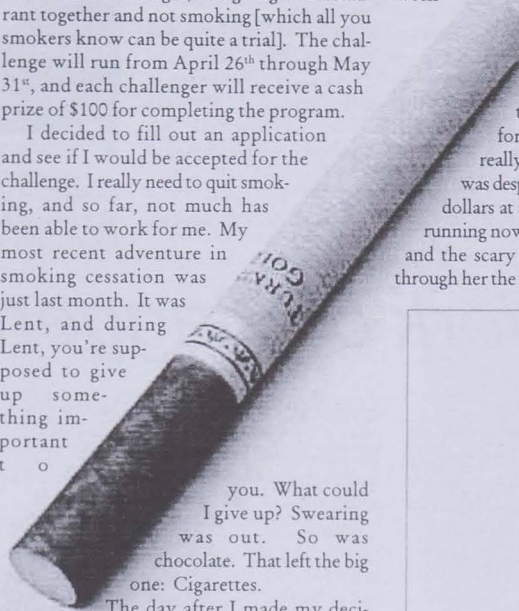
one needs a friend like this. What I did not need was the cigarettes. In 72 hours, I went from zero to 40 cigarettes a day, which resulted in nasty withdrawals for a week after I got home.

Now I'm back on the cancer sticks, but I'm still interested in quitting, for a multitude of reasons. For one thing, they're way too expensive for my tightly strapped budget. I really noticed that one night when I was desperate and bought a pack for five dollars at a bar. Also, those commercials running now on TV with the clogged artery and the scary woman who smokes directly through her the hole in her throat are starting to

get to me. But the main thing that is bothering me is that I can't walk up the hill to my dorm without feeling like I have just run Bloomsday wearing a hundred-pound backpack. It is officially Time to Quit.

I'll find out this week if I have been accepted for the challenge. Whether I make the cut or not, I am going all the way this time.

By the way, if you would like to be a "survivor" too, you can pick up an application at the Health and Wellness Office in Showalter 117 or at Student Life, PUB 215. If you have questions, you can call Michelle at 359-4279, or Denise at 359-2292. The Challenge starts this Monday, though, so be sure to turn in your application by Friday the 20th.



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"Joe Dirt:"

David Cole
Reporter

Like so many of us, "Joe Dirt" is a person with a set of ideals that may never be realized, either because of circumstances beyond personal control or absence of ability. However, he never allows life's adversity to steer him away from his ambitions. In the movie "Dirty" Joe Dirt [played by David Spade], proclaims "life is a garden, dig it," and he knows that before everything comes together for him, he is going to get even dirtier.

The movie covers Dirt's life from the very tender age of eight, when he was separated from his parents while visiting the Grand Canyon back in 1975.

Dirt tells his story to KXLA radio hot-shot Zander Kelly [Dennis Miller] who can't seem to decide if he wants to laugh or cry as Dirt tells his saga of a desperate loser in search of his parents. As Dirt tells his pitiful story, he becomes a local celebrity. Listeners hang on to every word the hopeless idealist says.

What really keeps the listeners tuned in are his remarkably short-lived successes followed by his otherwise constant loneli-

Finally, a dirty movie; a heart-touching story about a man and his dreams

ness and destituteness.

Dirt meets a lot of beautiful women and great friends over the years, but decides to part ways in his indefatigably optimistic search for his long lost family.

In the endless journey crisscrossing the country he also runs into some predators who prey upon his uncompromising integrity and trust in the decency of man. He surprisingly turns each misfortune into a surprising victory.

All of this only makes him that much more of a hero to the people, as fans and listeners realize he is more than some dirty radio station janitor. "Joe Dirt" is a man on a mission and a most unlikely but nevertheless king to the masses.

Aside from the excellent story the cast is superlative in its own respect. Christopher Walken, fun to watch as always, plays a role as a fellow janitor and friend to Dirt, and Kid Rock cameos as the white trash tough guy who is fighting for a chance with Dirt's unbelievably beautiful longtime friend Brandy [Brittany Daniel]. Kid Rock's character Robby really reminds me of 'Todd' on "Beavis and Butthead."

The movie "Joe Dirt" is a really hilarious feel good movie



▲ David plays a dead ringer for a Spokaneite as Joe Dirt that would be appropriate for all audiences and occasions. This movie is definitely recommended. "Joe Dirt" rocks, even if it is to Def Leppard.

This week

Friday- April 20.

Washington Alliance for Theater Education Festival at EWU. For more info, call Linda Douglas at 359-2459

Investment Club Meeting: PUB 357 at 12 p.m.

Saturday- April 21

Earth Day Celebration: City Park (5th & C) from 9-12 p.m. Tree planting, cleaning-up trash, free snacks and beverages, and many different activities. For more info, call Bob at 235-4657

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World Party sponsored by the Student Activities Office: 3-8 p.m.

Monday- April 23

Academic Senate Meeting: PUB 263. For more info, call Sharon Wilson at 359-2279

Tuesday- April 24

Spring Concert Series "Wine Field": The Mall from 11:30-

1:30pm. For more info, call Amie at 359-4839

Academic Computing Council meeting: PUB 357. For info, call Sharon Wilson at 359-2279

Faculty Planning Advisory Council: Showalter 309. Call Sharon Wilson at 359-2279

Bible Study: PUB 321 at 12 p.m.

Wednesday- April 25

WYSIWYG- Comedian Steve Matusak with stupid human tricks: PUB MPR at 7 p.m.

For more info on how to compete and win, call Melissa at 359-6871

Urban Music Spring Festival. For more info, call Donna Evans at 359-6635

"Bringing the Earth into the classroom: How can technology help?" Presented by: Cathy Manduca, distinguished speaker from the National Association of Geology Teachers: Science Building 137. For more info, call Candy Oswald at 359-2286

LAC meeting: PUB 261.

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Graduate Affairs Council: PUB 261. For more info, call Sharon Wilson at 359-2279

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Thursday, April 26

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Director of November Coalition coming to EWU

Solomon Pech
Reporter

Nora Callahan, the director of the November Coalition, and Chuck Armsbury, the editor of *The Razor Wire* will be speaking on Thursday, April 26, from noon to 2 p.m. in the MPR at the Pence Union Building, which is being put on by the Sociology Union. The November Coalition was founded by G. Patrick Callahan Claude Tower in a Texas penitentiary. It is named the November Coalition to metaphorically express the hopes that the organization has for time remaining for the waning entity known as America's War on Drugs.

The *Razor Wire* is a national publication dedicated to educating the general public about the aspects of the American government that involves itself with illegal

drugs and the punishment of those who have been convicted of crimes in which illegal drugs are involved. This informational journal is distributed and run by the November Coalition, which is an agency concerned solely with those same issues.

I am beginning to believe that their analogy holds true. Prisons are filling up, and more people are being arrested for drug crimes now than ever. The millions of dollars being spent on locking people up teaches them hatred and violent behavior. There is no reform in our prisons, and there is no justice in wasting a persons life, especially when this person has not harmed another and should be contributing to society. Even in the state of Washington, eyes are being opened. Gary Locke has proposed

See "Coalition," next page.

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WYSIWYG fashion show a success

Hot Topic and Jaazz Salon put the 'ooh' in cool, and the 'ahh' in glossy.

Egraine Jack
Reporter

The WYSIWYG fashion show went off with plenty of flash and show. Students-turned-models dazzled a packed audience in the Pence Union Building multipurpose room Wednesday night in a hair and fashion show with a concert feel.

This all-out presentation was performed in segments with themes Jaazz Salon and Day Spa dubbed commercial, street funky, and fantasy.

Elements of the show included pre-done models ranging from simply modern to totally fantastic, from styles you might see at the office, to wigs and gowns dreams are made of.



▲ Comfortable Okimoto, looking good. See these pics in color on our website.



▲ Solomon Pech getting attention: The calm before the storm.

Jaazz salon owners and staff put on the show in partnership with Hot Topic who provided the clothes/costumes worn by the models.

"It's all about the music in our store and we like to sell what rock stars wear," said Tally Silva from Hot Topic. Hairstyles in the commercial and street funk themes represented the newest editions to the Jaazz collection.

Most of the models in the show were EWU students chosen from a general model call, among them Eagle Entertainment board members Amie Nicholson and Kori Montgomery.

With a multitude of finely braided extensions past shoulder length, Montgomery exclaimed "I'm not sure if I can keep it long cause its like ooh, this is on my head."

Kris Okimoto and Solomon Pech modeled the masculine side of

today's fashion trends.

Undergraduate student Okimoto, an Eagle football player and business major, sported bright blue short hair extensions. Pech, a graduate student of clinical psychology had that stage-ready rocker look that fit the feel of the show perfectly.

Jaazz got their start in Cheney about fifteen years ago, at the corner of College and 5th, in the basement of a fraternity house.

They've come a long way, baby.

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This WYSIWYG show was fun and fast paced from the start. On stage demonstrations, carefully orchestrated along with cool music, lights and moves, proved to be crowd pleasers.

There were some in the crowd pleased as well to win fabulous door prizes provided by Jaazz, if they were lucky enough to be sitting in the right chair.

Every Wednesday night is WYSIWYG night. Comedian Steve Matuszak is going to be performing April 25th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the PUB MPR, sponsored by Eagle Entertainment.



▲ like walking on broken glass, or like a virgin?

Coalition: America's front against the archaic War on Drugs

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the release of prisoners whose only offenses are non-violent drug crimes. His reasoning is to save the state \$26 million. The state would not cut funding to rehabilitation facilities or any other agencies that deal with aiding people with drug problems.

"We believe that an ideal corrections system should work to put itself out of business some day, instead of lobbying legislators to put more heads into more beds for profits." *TheRazor Wire*, (vol. 4, no. 6, 2000).

This quote refers specifically to the practice of selling management of prisons to private corporations. I find this practice is particularly disturbing, because these management companies are also selling the prisoners' labor. Since the work force of this industry is comprised of criminals, to gain more customers, more people must be convicted of crimes. A chilly thought.

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Pelluer Invitational Tomorrow

By Jeremy Muck
Reporter

The Eastern Washington track and field program will host the 30th Annual Pelluer Invitational Track and Field Meet tomorrow [April 20] at Woodward Field. Field events begin at 1 p.m. and running events start at 4 p.m.

The Pelluer Invitational is dedicated to Arnie Pelluer, who coached track and cross country at Eastern in

1970-71. In the first year of the Pelluer Invitational [1971], he died in a swimming accident. The meet was renamed in his honor.

Joining Eastern will be Big Sky Conference rivals Montana and Portland State. Washington of the Pac-10 Conference and Portland of the West Coast Conference will also compete in a series of dual meets for both the men and the women. Also competing will be athletes from schools such as Idaho, Gonzaga, Whitworth,

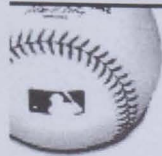
Community Colleges of Spokane, North Idaho, Seattle Pacific, and Central Washington.

Eastern All-American triple jumper Kurt Kraemer will make his outdoor track debut at the meet. He has not competed since the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark. on March 9-10 due to an injured hamstring. At the NCAA Championships, Kraemer placed ninth nationally in the triple jump with a leap of 52-1 3/4 which was a

school record and ranks as the third-best jump in Big Sky Conference history.

Along with Kraemer, the Eagle men will be led by javelin thrower Ryan Cole. Last week, he was the Big Sky "Field" Athlete of the Week and is the two-time defending conference champion in the javelin. This season, his best throw was 210-3, but had a best of 225-2 a year ago.

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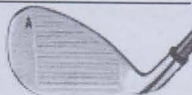


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Eastern Washington University Men and Women will be at the Big Sky Championships April 23-25 at Valley View Country Club in Salt Lake City, Utah.

TENNIS



WOMEN
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Big Sky Mountain Division Regional Championship in Missoula, Mont. Lost all three matches and failed to qualify for the conference championships.

TRACK and FIELD

WOMEN

Saturday, April 14
At WSU

EWU	33
Idaho	127
EWU	38
WSU	117

Junior Autumn Deda finished fourth in the pole vault and set a new school record with her mark of 11-7 3/4.

MEN

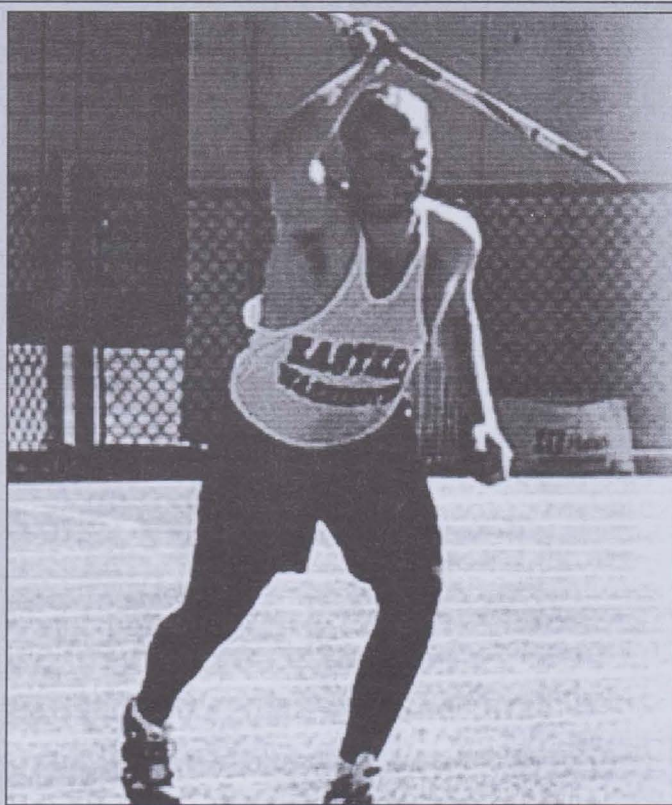
At WSU

EWU	37
Idaho	116
EWU	11
WSU	146

Senior Ryan Cole won the javelin for the second straight week with a throw of 210-3. Junior Josh Roys won the 800 meter race with a time of 1:53.57.

AIR TIME

Eastern senior Ryan Cole will be vying for his third straight win in the javelin this weekend.



Eagles land wanted hardcourt recruits

Oregon's player of the year coming to EWU along with others

Oregon All-State player and JC all-star join three other newcomers on Eastern's team. Darren Cooper from Benson High School in Portland, Ore., and T.J. Williams from Edmonds Community College in Washington have signed letters of intent to attend Eastern Washington University and play for Eagle head men's basketball coach Ray Giacoletti next fall.

Cooper is a 6-foot-3, 175-pound point guard who earned second team 4A All-State honors in the State of Oregon this past winter. Williams, a 6-8, 205-pound forward, was a first team All-Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges North Division

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Eagles tackle spring

Eight defensive starters to be replaced

With plenty of changes to ponder on the off-season, Eastern Washington University head football coach Paul Wulff finally got his first visual glimpse of his 2001 Eagle football team as spring football practice opened Monday in Cheney.

And he liked what he saw of his 80-man team as the Eagles made their debut on the warmest day of the year thus far.

"We got a lot done today," the second-year head coach said. "Practice was real crisp and the players really responded well. We had a productive practice despite the limitation of not playing in pads."

Eastern will practice Wednesday without pads, then will use full gear on Thursday before the squad's first scrimmage Saturday at

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No.	Team	Record
1.	NY Yankees	(8-7)
2.	Seattle	(11-3)
3.	Toronto	(11-4)
4.	Minnesota	(11-3)
5.	Boston	(11-4)
6.	Cubs	(10-5)
7.	Cleveland	(7-6)
8.	San Francisco	(8-5)
9.	Colorado	(8-6)
10.	Philadelphia	(8-6)
11.	Montreal	(8-7)
12.	Houston	(8-6)
13.	Texas	(7-8)
14.	Atlanta	(8-8)
15.	NY Mets	(6-9)
16.	Los Angeles	(7-7)
17.	Arizona	(6-9)
18.	Milwaukee	(7-8)
19.	White Sox	(5-8)
20.	Oakland	(4-11)
21.	Cincinnati	(8-7)
22.	St. Louis	(7-8)
23.	Anaheim	(7-8)
24.	Florida	(5-9)
25.	Pittsburgh	(6-8)
26.	San Diego	(6-8)
27.	Kansas City	(4-11)
28.	Detroit	(5-8)
29.	Baltimore	(6-9)
30.	Tampa Bay	(4-11)

■ Division winning picks in bold

Eags lose, but to best Ladies compete at home this weekend

By Tom Fox
Sports Editor

Last weekend's double whipping at the hands of Washington State and the University of Idaho in Pullman could be taken for the worse, but women's coach Marcia Mecklenburg felt it was a good experience for her team to compete against two of the top teams in the Pac-10 and Big West Conferences.

This weekend the Eagles will be home for the 30th annual Pelluer Invitational at Woodward Field in Cheney.

The home-field advantage is one that the team will use according to their coach.

"They do well on their home track. They like to compete in front of their friends and family," Mecklenburg said. "I think it will be good for them."

Eastern will battle Pac-10 power University of Washington, Big Sky

LAST WEEKEND

Idaho defeated Eastern 127-33, and Washington State handed the Eagles a 75-point loss.

Many athletes took advantage of the three-way meet, but some yielded to the overpowering Cougars and Vandals.

"Kids can chose to be challenged by it, or they can be shyed," Mecklenburg said.

Junior Autumn Deda broker her own school record in the pole vault with a mark of 11-foot-7 3/4, and Christi Kite leaped to a personal-record 17-foot-3 in the long jump.

"Those really were the top of our kids," Mecklenburg said.

Idaho defeated Eastern 127-33, and Washington State handed the Eagles a 75-point loss.

Eastern's coach knew that last weekend's contest was going to be tough, but she said that with track and field athletes always have a change to excel as individuals.

"Last week was a little bit of an off week," she said. "I'm looking for a little bit of performance this weekend."

foes Montana, Portland State and Montana State and the University of Portland in duel meets.

Smaller schools, such as North Idaho College and the Community Colleges of Spokane will also compete.

But Saturday the Eagles will be gunning to advance additional athletes with marks that automatically qualify them for next month's Big Sky Conference outdoor championships in Pocatello, Idaho.

To do so, Mecklenburg said, "We need more consistency during the meet."

The pole vaulters have excelled for the Eagles this spring - like they did during the indoor season.

Eastern's coach said, "Our pole vaulters scored the highest for us during the indoor season, and it would be wonderful if they could do that well again."

And so far they have.

FIELD EVENTS SCHEDULE

Event Time Men's Hammer Throw 1:00 p.m.
Women's Hammer Throw Following Men's Hammer (3:00 approx.)

Men's Pole Vault 1:30 p.m.
Women's Pole Vault Following Men's Pole Vault (3:00 approx.)

Men's Shot Put Following Men's Hammer (3:00 approx.)
Women's Shot Put Following Men's Shot Put (4:30 approx.)

Women's Discus 1:30 p.m.
Men's Discus Following Men's Shot Put (4:30 approx.)

Women's Javelin 1:30 p.m.
Men's Javelin Following Women's Javelin (3:00 approx.)

Women's Long Jump 2 p.m.
Women's Triple Jump Following Women's Long Jump (4:00 approx.)

Men's Long Jump 2 p.m.
Men's Triple Jump Following Men's Long Jump (4:00 approx.)

Women's High Jump Following Men's Javelin (4:30 approx.)
Men's High Jump Following Women's High Jump (6:00 approx.)

RUNNING EVENTS Begin at 4 p.m.

Pelluer: Cole to lead mens' team

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For the Eagle women, Julie Nielson will compete in the hammer, discus, and shot put. She set a school record in the hammer throw two weeks ago with a throw of 182-8 and is second in the discus [154-7]. Last week, Autumn Deda broke her own school record in the pole vault with an

effort of 11-7 3/4.

The Big Sky Championships are May 16-19 in Pocatello, Idaho. Eastern's women have 16 marks that have met the Big Sky qualifying standards and the men have 18 qualifying marks.

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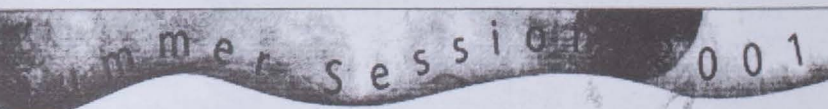


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