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PLUCKING THE DELAWARE BLUE HENS

In Eastern's first NCAA Division I Football Championship game, the Eagles pull off a stunning comeback and return home to eternal reverence

STORY BY DUSTIN TOMS | MANAGING/SPORTS EDITOR PHOTOS BY AARON MALMOE

No red turf, no problem. After self-inflicted wounds, domination by the Blue Hens' defense and a 19-0 third quarter deficit, Bo Levi Mitchell brought the Eagles back to life with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Kaufman, preventing an embarrassing shut out.

Then Mitchell hooked up with Nick Edwards for a 9-yard scoring strike minutes later.

And finally, with 2 minutes 47 seconds left in the game, Mitchell connected with Kaufman one more time from 11 yards to cap off a stunning comeback, defeating the Delaware Blue Hens 20-19 in the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship in Frisco, Texas, in front of 13,027 screaming spectators.

"In the second half, our receivers just turned it up. They did everything they've been doing all year, and that's making plays. My balls weren't perfect. They weren't. They made plays and did what they had to do, and we won the game because of them," Mitchell said.

Eastern was held scoreless in the opening half for the first time all season. The Blue Hens and their vaunted defense controlled the game early, scoring on their first three possessions. But it was Eastern's defense that kept the Eagles in the game, allowing only one touchdown on three

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	DEL	EWU
1	6	0
2	12	0
3	19	6
4	19	20

drives. Tyler Jolley blocked the point after attempt following Delaware's first touchdown.

"That's kind of been a staple of our defense this year. We always just look around at each other and know that we're successful in the red zone," said senior linebacker J.C. Sherritt. "And we just came through again tonight, especially in those two situations."

Eastern accumulated just 62 yards of offense in the first half and 25 rushing yards throughout the whole game. It wasn't until the 1:48 mark in the third quarter when Kaufman hauled in his first touchdown to get the Eagles on the board. "We made some halftime adjust-

ments and came out with the mind-set to up the tempo in the third quarter play as fast we could on offense. And we felt like that was going to give us a better chance to succeed," said Head Coach Beau Baldwin. "We run a no huddle offense, but we have a few different speeds that we can use. And we took it to a speed to where we felt like that could give us a little bit of an edge if we could play as fast as we could in the second half. I think it really allowed for Bo [Levi Mitchell] and the receivers to get into a nice little rhythm by playing with that tempo."

Mitchell led the Eagles on drives of 80, 89 and 63 yards in the final 16 minutes of the game. He threw for 302 yards with three touchdowns and one interception while earning the most Outstanding Player Award. He put red tape on his shoes for the game, which some believed was a shout-out to the red turf back in Cheney.

"I kind of wanted to come out and do something different," Mitchell said of the red tape. "A lot of people put emphasis on Delaware and everything and how big they



Above: Eastern's football team gathers to receive the NCAA Championship trophy.

Experience the magic at Frisco

Left: (L to R) J.C. Sherritt, Daniel Johnson and Bo Levi Mitchell celebrate in the postgame ceremonies where the Eagles received the NCAA Championship trophy.

Right: Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was instrumental in turning the game around during the third quarter. Eastern rallied to score 14 points in the last quarter of the game.





THE POLICE BEAT

JUST THE FACTS

Jan. 6 - Jan 9

BY LAUREN JOHNSON
copy editor

Drug Violation

1/6 12:30 a.m. - An officer was called to Morrison Hall for a drug violation in progress. The officer found several students smoking marijuana in a room that also contained firecrackers and an Airsoft gun. The students in the room were referred to the OSRR after the items were seized.

Suspicious Circumstances

1/6 3:33 a.m. - After being called about a suspicious circumstance, an officer found a woman sleeping at the PUB bus stop.

Attempted Robbery

1/6 12:56 p.m. - EWU Police were called about suspicious circumstances in the University Bookstore. The call led to an attempted robbery investigation.

Shoplifting

1/7 - Cheney Police requested help from EWU Police to assist with a shoplifter exhibiting aggressive behavior at Mitchell's Harvest Foods. The suspect, a student, was charged with robbery.

Drug Violation

1/7 1:47 p.m. - After smelling a strong marijuana odor in Streeter Hall, someone called the police. There was a drug violation that resulted in a verbal warning.

Drug Violation

1/8 7:50 p.m. - EWU Police were called to Brewster Hall for a drug violation complaint. The subject was cited and referred to the OSRR.

Residential Burglary

1/9 2:45 p.m. - Both Cheney and EWU Police responded to a call from the AAA Motel where two suspects were associated with a residential burglary. EWU Police transported one suspect to the Cheney Police Department.



Comic by Michael Cox

Agency Assist

1/7 1:34 p.m. - Eastern Police assisted Cheney Police with a man standing on the First Street sidewalk in front of Bi-Mart. The man was shouting obscenities and occasionally stumbled into the road.

Multiple modes of transportation available

BY AZARA PODPLESKY
staff writer

Driving to and from work and school is not the only option; there are several other modes of transportation that are more cost effective and better for the environment.

Since 2005, Eastern has participated in the Commute Trip Reduction program, which is currently overseen by Edward McIntire.

"[The program] is a statewide effort to reduce air pollution generated by automobiles by cutting down the number of automobiles being driven to work with only one person in [a single occupancy vehicle]," according to the program's website.

The same year Eastern became involved with the program, the university as a whole was mandated to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles and

traveled miles by 35 percent, a goal that was eventually reached through encouraging students and faculty to pursue alternate modes of transportation such as carpooling, bus riding, walking and bicycling.

Brian Hall, an office aide with the Commute Trip Reduction program, said that carpooling and vanpooling are cheaper and quicker forms of transportation.

Carpooling and vanpooling involve sharing the ride to school or work with at least one person who lives nearby or works at or within close proximity to the same location. When vanpooling, it is typical for the van's driver to keep the vehicle at their house and ride for free while the other riders share the monthly cost of the van and its fuel.

"[Carpooling and vanpooling] actually takes congestion off the road," said Hall. "The less traffic on the road, the easier it is to get places."

Another method of transportation that helps with

congestion is the bus. The Spokane Transit Authority (STA) bus system is included in tuition at a discounted rate. Students use their current eagle ID card as their bus pass. The card can be used anytime and anywhere the Spokane bus system travels.

According to the EWU Commute Trip Reduction web page, "[The bus program] has been renewed for the 2010-2011 academic school year to increase bus ridership, reduce congestion, reduce parking demands and to increase our environmental friendliness in our region."

For those who work or live in Spokane, riding a bike to a bus stop and then taking a bus the rest of the way is another option. All STA buses are equipped with bike racks for this purpose.

For more information on the Commute Trip Reduction and alternate means of transportation, visit mycommute.org.

Counselors in Martin Hall help combat winter blues

CAPS offers new Seasonal Affective Disorder lights, 50-minute sessions funded by student health fee

BY DOUG AULT
staff writer

To combat the intimidating nature of seeking necessary help, Counseling and Psychological Services, often referred to as CAPS, offers group workshops, one-on-one counseling sessions and a calm, stress-free environment.

"We're a very approachable office. I would encourage all students to take advantage of our workshops," said Client Services Coordinator Debby Fredrickson. "If a person is having difficulty making friends or integrating in academic culture or environment, we offer groups for that and workshops."

Workshops deal with a variety of issues such as overcoming procrastination, handling money responsibly and building a happy relationship with a significant other. Individualized programs are offered winter quarter for students who may be struggling with a

conflict but don't know where to find help. Workshops are held every Thursday from 12 to 1 p.m. in PUB 261.

The workshops began after the campus community expressed an interest in having such programs and are designed by taking student suggestions and feedback into account so that relevant, helpful information is available to those who need it.

"We get feedback from each of the workshops," said Fredrickson. "We have groups that we will offer if there is enough interest generated."

A winter-inspired seminar focuses on the "Winter Blues" that can accompany reduced hours of sunlight and dreary weather. According to the workshop series outline, the seminar provides "practical ideas that are useful for managing moods and your overall health during the season." It is just one example of the service's effort to keep morale high this winter.

"We also have our SAD light, which is Seasonal Affective Disorder. Some students come in because they have SAD or they are affected by the changing of the seasons, with winter being the worst with less sunlight," Fredrickson said.

The light, located in the Serenity Room of CAPS's office, produces artificial sunlight to help cope with seasonal depression or the general melancholy that can sometimes hit during darker months.

Students may soak up the rays while enjoying a quiet, peaceful atmosphere, which can be hard to find during the bustle of the school year.

CAPS, located in Martin 225, offers a variety of other services as well.

Funded by the university's student health fee, CAPS also provides enrolled EWU students access to one-on-one counseling sessions with one of CAPS professional staff when their

needs require additional resources. The program's staff works with students' schedules to set up weekly 50-minute meetings to establish and maintain a safe, welcoming environment to work through whatever concerns the student has.

"We look at your presenting issues, we look at your availability, and then we try to match those needs with the counselor's expertise or area of interest," said Fredrickson. "We have a counselor available at Riverpoint campus for students who don't come out to Cheney."

Walk-in sessions are also available Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. for more pressing matters. Students with a one-time or pressing issue are encouraged to utilize these hours.

"If there is an issue bothering a student, be it big or small, getting in the way of their academic performance, they should come and see us," Fredrickson said.

GREEN DOT SPOT

commentary by victim advocate Karen Wanjico

About 15 percent of Eastern students reported they have experienced an emotionally abusive relationship while attending EWU. This means you may have a friend who is dealing with being controlled in their relationship. You may be in a position to do a green dot to help that friend. First you need to be able to distinguish between what is normal and what is not.

For example, many people call to check in with their boyfriend or girlfriend throughout the day. Many people send their partner a number

of texts. Many call to see when their partner will get home. New couples often spend all their waking hours together. Many couples have arguments. Sometimes people feel jealous.

How can you tell if these things are part of an unhealthy or abusive relationship?

Is one person in the relationship making the other person give up the people and activities they love? For example, in a controlling relationship, the abusive person will isolate the victim through emotional abuse. They

may complain about their partner's friends and family and tell them, "Your friends are trouble." "Your family is controlling." "You never spend time with me." (This is not true, you are always with them.)

Your friend may be spending less and less time with you. This can be a natural stage of a new relationship. It becomes unhealthy when one person wants to branch back out to including more people and the other person will not let them. Since it may not be clear, ask: "I noticed you haven't been

around. Is everything ok?"

Watch for changes in their personality. They may disclose excessive jealousy. "She doesn't like it when I spend time with other girls."

Listen for changes in the tone of what they say. "I need to get home now, or she will get upset." Statements like these may indicate your friend is being controlled.

Ask yourself, "If this was me, would I want someone to check in?" If the answer is yes, do something. The advocate will help. 509.359.6429.



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COMMON SENSE



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Alcohol age restrictions are unnecessary

The age restriction on drinking is ridiculous. If people had a little common sense, restrictions on drugs and alcohol wouldn't be necessary.

But people don't have common sense, and therefore, restrictions continue to be set. The one benefit of the drinking age restriction is that great feeling of walking into a bar for the first time and showing the server the new ID of a proudly smiling 21-year-old.

I was in Costa Rica when I turned 21 over winter break, and since the drinking age there is 18, 21 was no big deal.

On the my return flight home, my family and I decided a four hour layover in Texas would be a great time to use my brand new ID for the first time in the U.S.

We sat down at a restaurant, and I ordered a Blue Moon from the server. He brought it out, and when I asked why he didn't card me, he responded, "Oh, you were with your parents; I didn't think it was necessary."

My first thought was that my 15-year-old sister was also with my parents. Could she have ordered a beer?

Lose the restriction

The U.S. hands driver licenses to 15-year-olds, but drinking is still out of the question until well after the graduate high school.

According to <http://www2.potsdam.edu>, only four countries besides the U.S. entertain a 21-year-old drinking age restriction: Fiji, Pakistan, Palau and Sri Lanka. More than half the countries in the world have a drinking age of 18.

Madd.com states that the drinking age is 21 because young people react differently to alcohol, drink twice as fast as adults and have a harder time knowing when to stop.

But posting the drinking age at 21 doesn't reduce alcohol-related problems. Consider the "21 for 21" ritual, which sciencedaily.com defines as a day when 21st birthday revelers try to down 21 alcoholic drinks.

Setting an age restriction seems to promote binge drinking to make up for the time when drinking was illegal. Removing the age restriction would eliminate the anticipation of reaching it and therefore stop the surge in alcohol consumption at certain ages.

Consistent enforcement

If it's necessary to have an age restriction, employees of establishments where alcohol is served need to be consistent in the ID policy. Just because I walk in with my parents does not mean the employees should skip over the law.

Plenty of parents who allow their kids to drink at home, obviously they would let them drink at a restaurant if the server is careless enough to let them.

Wise up, America. There are inconsistencies all over the underage drinking laws.

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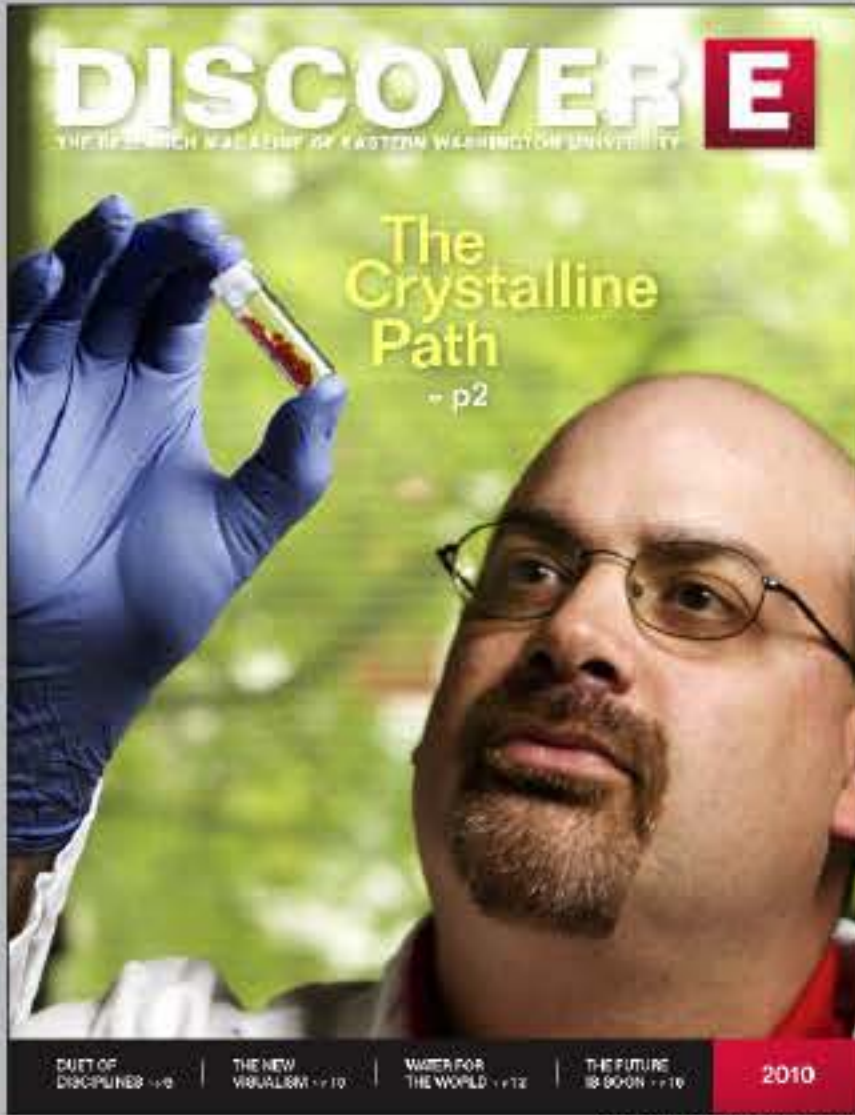


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DiscoverE

Research magazine highlights professors' unique achievements

BY BRIAN BEAURY
staff writer

After dealing with the State Legislature's perception that Eastern is not a research institution, President Rodolfo Arévalo returned to the university with an idea that would help state leadership discover what Eastern's faculty was up to.

DiscoverE magazine is aimed at increasing the profile of EWU's professors and the research they do.

"The reason we started [DiscoverE] is because I felt that our faculty do [sic] a lot of very timely research that is applied in nature that you can use to improve life situations," said Arévalo.

"The impression in Washington was that we only do teaching, so I wanted to make sure that people understood that our faculty do [sic] some very interesting research that helps the local community."

Kandi Carper, who helped edit the magazine, said, "We didn't really have an avenue for highlighting our faculty in a publication. This is something that we hope we'll do at least annually."

And there are already plans to continue the project next year.

"We're lining up story ideas, planning for the next issue," said Carper. "It's a real collaborative effort, which is great."

The magazine brings together not

only the featured professors, but University Graphics students who create it. Other stakeholders, like groups within the marketing and communications department, also collaborate on the magazine as they think of and edit stories.

In the first edition of the magazine, former EWU students included articles that cover the wide range of Eastern's research. Dr. Jamie Manson has been exploring crystalline compounds and their superconducting properties. Dr. Vandana Asthana is crusading to educate the world about water issues and how politics affect something as basic as water.

An article from *The Easterner*

about the MANOME project, which synchronizes musicians from different locations via video, also made it into the first edition of the magazine.

Arévalo hopes that these stories will help make other academics around the country, along with Washington state legislature, aware of what Eastern professors are achieving.

"The goal is to put in front of the general public, the legislature, the advances that our faculty are making in terms of research activity," Arévalo said.

By providing evidence of EWU's ongoing research to 1,200 academics, legislators and local businesses, the magazine aims to help increase funding for the university.

Community center renovated after roof collapses

After the vote for a new site failed, residents opt to rebuild at current site of the Wren Pierson building

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

With an expected completion date of June 1, 2011, Cheney's Wren Pierson Community Center's reconstruction began Dec. 16, 2010 after heavy snowfall collapsed the roof two years ago.

The community center sits at 615 4th St. and requires an estimated remodeling cost may reach \$1.5 million after adjustments are made and licenses are acquired.

According to Paul Simmons, director of the Cheney Parks and Recreation Department, funding for the Wren Pierson building will come from insurance proceeds from the roof collapse along with real estate excise taxes, park capital reserves, capital bond reserves and a grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

Simmons said that Parks and Recreation initially wanted to build a new community center with more outdoor space across from the Eagle Point apartment complex, but the idea never materialized because the vote did not get the super majority it needed.

According to Simmons, reconstructing the existing Wren Pierson building "is the best financial option ... It's a neat opportunity to create something the community could be proud of and also have a more efficient use of space."

The lead designer for the new Wren Pierson building is Matt Jacoby from Bernardo



The new Wren Pierson building is expected to be completed by June 1, 2011.

Photo courtesy of Jill Welschmann

Wills Architects. Jacoby is working in collaboration with Simmons, Public Works Director Todd Ableman and City Administrator Arlene Fisher. Kearsley Construction has been hired to rebuild the center.

According to a press release from the Parks and Recreation Department, "When complete, the community center will have a new look on the outside and a new floor plan on the inside. The intent of the new layout is

to increase community space while improving building efficiency."

Improvements to the layout include a new entrance lobby, community meeting room, remodeled kitchen and an expanded teen center that is twice the size of the previous one.

The lower level of the building, used for the Cheney Food and Clothing Bank, will receive new walls, lighting and restrooms. Building maintenance

will be reduced with the installation of new insulation, heating and cooling units.

The updated Wren Pierson building will also be home to the main office of Cheney Parks and Recreation. Outside, a new fence and single-hoop basketball court will be installed thanks to the grant from the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office.

"We've torn out what was existing and dug out footing

for new foundation. As soon as the foundation is poured, we're ready to go vertical. It's going to be 100 times different," Simmons said.

According to Simmons, weather has not been too much of an obstacle, but there have been a few challenges here or there.

"Inconsistencies always come up," said Simmons. "If everything goes well, we should be [moved] in by June 1."



Students, faculty frustrated with Blackboard flaws

Though new technology is available, eLearning Services think the old system is more efficient for EWU's campus

BY MATT DAVIS
staff writer

Students may not see a fix for Blackboard problems anytime soon, but eLearning Services is working hard to provide users with recommendations to create a more positive experience with the online learning tool.

According to eLearning Services Manager Dave Dean, Eastern offers approximately 2,500 courses each quarter, and between 1,200 and 1,400 of those courses have some sort of "Blackboard presence."

"About 50 of those courses are fully online," said Dean. "All the others use Blackboard as a supportive learning tool."

Senior Kwis Logan said that every class she has attended on campus has used the services of Blackboard.

"I don't like it," said Logan. "It's not always working, and sometimes it takes a really long time loading, especially the discussion boards."

eLearning Systems Administrator Jeff Healy said that most problems students and professors experience with Blackboard come from the user's machine not being optimized to the Blackboard's specifications.

"A lot of the problems are people are using their own [equipment] at home, and they should be able to, but we can't vouch for those systems — that they are prepared to do things online as they should," Healy said.

Healy added that there have been many times where security systems such as anti-virus protections block access to Blackboard or slow it down. Users should also keep their JavaScript updated and regularly delete their browser cache.

Dean, Healy and Instructional Technology Systems Specialist Grant Ramsay help operate three application servers that receive requests from users attempting to access Blackboard.

To ensure the best experience possible, eLearning Services performs routine maintenance on the servers every other Thursday of each month.

During maintenance, one server at a time is

examined so users experience minimal speed decrease.

During the downtime, servers receive operating system updates, log files are rotated and disks are defragmented. Once maintenance is completed on one server, it is brought back online and another is examined.

On the first day of the quarter, the three servers averaged a response time of .146 seconds when dealing with users requesting access to Blackboard.

While .146 seconds is quick, Dean said it does not mean students are not experiencing slow Blackboard speeds.

"There are occasions where my Firefox browser will wig out, and [Blackboard] will just churn. I have to clear the cache or kill the browser completely," Dean said.

Healy added that clearing the cache or restarting the browser may not fix the problem, but switching to a different browser and logging into Blackboard again should.

Ten years ago, Cynthia Cutler, professor of honors and integrative studies, received a summer grant that allowed her to learn how to develop courses using Blackboard. Cutler said she has used it extensively ever since.

"It's really convenient for students, I think. And for me, everything is up there. Students can access something anytime they want, and I can get on there and get to problems really soon," Cutler said.

Currently, EWU uses the Blackboard 8 system despite the release of Blackboard 9 last year. According to Dean and Healy, schools that have switched to version 9 are "fighting a battle."

"What we have discovered is that stability is more important than bells and whistles," Healy said.

Blackboard 9 includes a few more options for users, including integrated blogs and journals. For faculty, the new version includes a more simplified course file system and an improved grading system.

A major patch for version 9 was made available to users over winter break, but according to

5 TIPS FOR MAKING BLACKBOARD EASIER

- 1 Stop unnecessary programs and processes, especially for high stakes activities such as tests and assignment uploads.
- 2 Avoid wireless or unreliable Internet connections for high stakes activities when possible.
- 3 Verify computer readiness by ensuring the computer has a current operating system.
- 4 Don't stop a test once you've begun. Also, don't use the back button in the browser.
- 5 Time-out factor: If any activity takes longer than two minutes, stop, and try the activity again.

Dean, the product is still not stable enough to make it worth the switch. Should version 9 become bug-free, Dean, Ramsay and Healy agree it would be extremely tough to make the transition during the school year.

"For faculty and students, it'll be very traumatic [to switch]," Ramsay said.

Healy said, "Switching to Blackboard 9 will be like going to a completely different software."

For any questions or concerns, students and faculty can contact the TechEZE office at (509) 359-6411.

Conduct code expanded to include student offences on and off campus

Cheney police can now refer students for on campus discipline

BY MATT DAVIS
staff writer

A change in the student conduct code could land students in the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) even if the crime occurs off campus.

Section WAC 172-121-040 of the student conduct code reads, "The university may also exercise jurisdiction over student conduct which occurs at off campus locations if the behavior adversely affects the university and/or the pursuit of its objectives and the university determines that a significant university interest is affected."

The code defines "off campus" as "any location or facility that is not owned, leased, rented or operated by Eastern Washington University."

Previously, EWU Police officers would only refer students to the OSRR when they committed a violation on campus.

"When they amended [the off campus rule] to the conduct code, we began to [report to the OSRR]," said EWU Police Officer Tom Barber. "It doesn't matter if they're on campus or not. If they're in Spokane or Cheney or Pullman, if they get into trouble, that report can be forwarded to OSRR, and that department can hold them liable as well."

Once a crime or violation arises, the officer files an incident report of what allegedly occurred, and the report may be sent to the OSRR at the officer's discretion.

"College students are part of a community and can affect that community. We're looking at 'Does the behavior affect the education path for other students?'" said Director of the OSRR Stacey Reece. "It is my office's job to say, 'If this occurred, would it violate the code?'"

If the student is found to be in violation of the student conduct code, the student rights office notifies the student, who will then have seven days to call

and schedule a meeting with the OSRR.

"It doesn't mean the meeting must take place within those seven days, but they must make contact with us to schedule that meeting," Reece said.

This meeting is where the student is allowed to review the accusations against them. The student will then be given a chance to explain to the OSRR what happened, and a hearing authority will be present at the meeting.

"College students are part of a community and [they] can affect the community. We're looking at 'Does this behavior affect the education path for other students?'"

- Stacey Reece

"We are not the criminal courts," said Reece. "We are aiming at an educational outcome."

Many referrals involve alcohol- and drug-related violations and Reece believes the lack of education in the K-12 system is partly to blame.

"Kids get their STD and sex education, but there seems to be a gap in the awareness of alcohol and drugs," Reece said.

Reece said that she does not want any student to suffer OSRR disciplinary actions ranging from verbal warnings to expulsion.

"We try to hit that middle ground where it's education

and not punitive," she said.

Currently, the EWU Health, Wellness and Prevention Services, as well as other community partners, offer a variety of alcohol and drug abuse prevention tools. Examples of these tools are AlcoholEdu, e-Chug and e-Toke. For more information, interested parties can search for "alcohol and drug education programs" on Eastern's home page and click on the first result.

While the inclusion of off campus crimes allows EWU Police to refer students to the OSRR, the Cheney Police Department must be very careful when attempting to do the same.

"It has to do with public records and the types of information we can release," said Cheney Police Commander Rick Campbell. "Law enforcement is kind of a black hole of information. Information comes in to us, but we can't necessarily disseminate it back out to a nonlaw enforcement entity."

"The problem that we run into [with] the OSRR is the disclosure of information. The OSRR requires a clean police report, unredacted. We can't release information to the OSRR without redacting it. In certain cases, we have to eliminate witnesses' names and dates of birth and plaintiffs' names and dates of birth from the report that goes to the OSRR," Campbell explained.

Should the Cheney Police Department want to complete a referral through the OSRR, they can involve the EWU Police Department.

"[The EWU Police is] both a law enforcement agency and part of the university system, which allows us to share information department to department," Campbell said.

The code is eligible for revision every three years. Students can find a copy of the code online at <http://access.ewu.edu/Police/Students-Guidelines/Student-Conduct-Code.html>.

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Students gain on-site experience

Career Services provides a variety of internships, career fairs to promote success after graduation

BY AZARA PODLESKY
 staff writer

For students who are not completely settled on a career choice, internships provide a way to experience what a job is like firsthand.

Career Services gives students both the skills and opportunity to land internships, no matter what their major.

"Most of what students learn in class is theoretical and academic-based. Internships link the theoretical to the practical and give students a good idea of what that career is like," Interim Internship Coordinator Romeal Watson said.

When looking for internships, Watson recommended students research their options first. "I always tell students to work to find an internship first and worry about the paperwork later. Look through EagleAXIS and other websites with job postings and get a feel for what's out there."

Watson also suggested that students try to set up an internship at a business that interests them even if the company does not have one available.

"It doesn't matter if the company doesn't have money to pay the interns. It really is about the experience a student can gain. The internship can be unpaid as long as they are willing to give the student credit," he said.

When a student creates an EagleAXIS account, they are able to upload their resume to their profile. If they want to apply for an internship, they click "Apply" and the employer automatically gets their resume along with their application.

After a student receives an internship, the student fills out a Learning Contract designed to monitor the experience.

"The Learning Contract goes over the students' learning goals and objectives, how they plan to achieve those goals and what their basic responsibilities at the internship will be," Watson said.

The student then goes over their Learning Contract with their internship supervisor. Once the internship supervisor approves and signs the contract, it is presented to the student's faculty advisor who must sign a Special Approval Registration Form before the student can start the internship.

In the middle of the internship, the student and the supervisor will sit down and review the student's progress on the job. This same meeting takes place at the end of the internship before the Learning Contract is turned into Career Services.

In the past, EWU students have received internships with a variety of companies like Itron, Project Vote Smart and Homeland Security.

UPCOMING CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

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 Register at: ewu.edu/etiquette

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PLUS program finances eTutoring

BY KYLE HARDING
 staff writer

The launch of an online tutoring system linking EWU students to tutors at institutions throughout the region has been delayed.

The eTutoring program was initially scheduled to be available to students at the beginning of winter quarter, but the university's use of the program still needed legal approval from Northwest eTutoring Consortium officials who have been on vacation. Mitchell Colver, a PLUS group tutor coordinator, expects it to be up and running sometime this month.

Colver is unconcerned by the delay, noting that most students who need tutoring do not seek it in the first couple weeks of the quarter.

"If you compare the students who use the eWriting to those who don't, they're turning in better papers."

-Mitchell Colver

Dean volunteers to fund necessary safety fee

Due to limb loss and location in Computer and Engineering Building where visibility of student work is minimal, new safety observation measures proposed; Case temporarily funding the cost

BY DOUG AALT
 staff writer

The College of Science, Health and Engineering has found funding for the proposed advanced safety measures after a student was injured in the machine department.

"We had an accident about a year and a half ago," said Dr. Donald Richter. "Unfortunately, a student cut off some of his fingers, and they were not able to be saved. That led to a safety review, which led to the conclusion that we can't do things like we used to do. We had to do something different."

The close proximity of the workshop with professor's offices and small class size of the program in its previous years allowed for skilled professionals to be around students at all times. Following the construction of the Computer Science Building, however, three floors now separate the workshops from the staff offices.

"In the old building, we were all on the same floor together with the shops in Cheney Hall," said Richter. "You'd open up the shop doors and let them be

in there. We'd always hear what was going on because you're right next to them."

Safety measures such as advanced finger detection mechanisms have already been installed, but with the number of senior projects, capstones and class work requiring shop time, proper observation is key.

"Students use our various machine shops, their laboratories, at hours beyond class time like any student uses the library or anything else. We needed to have supervision for them," said Judd Case, dean of the College of Science, Health and Engineering.

While altering the curriculum to lessen time needed in the shop was brought up as a "revenue neutral" solution, it was not a viable option, said Richter. The hands-on experience is too valuable to students.

"Our industrial advisory councils have continuously told us that they would like to see the students have the hands on experience so that when they get out in the industry, they have a better chance of knowing what they're doing and will be more job ready," Richter said.

A safety fee was proposed at \$35 per year for each of the 256 students in the technology and engineer-

ing classes who use the shop. The fee would be used to pay for a qualified student worker to be in the lab between 20-24 hours per week. It could take months of deliberation before a decision is made on whether to impose the fee.

In the meantime, Case recognized the urgency of implementing further safety measure and is therefore funding the fee proposal with part of the College of Science, Health and Engineering budget for the rest of the school year.

"We just felt like that process could go on for who knows how long, and we needed to be able to have a person in there starting this quarter as well as subsequently this spring," said Case. "It was important to get that part done while the debate on the fees continues."

Whether it will be funded directly by student fees or by fitting it into the budget, a skilled supervisor will be a permanent fixture in the machine shop whenever it is open.

"The position will continue, and we'll just see how it's going to be financed. One way or another, it will continue to be financed from now on," Case said.

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The program features an online writing lab where students can submit up to three drafts and receive feedback within 48 hours. The program also features "eQuestions," which allows students to ask questions relating to 12 different subjects, including biology, chemistry, physics, math and Spanish, and receive answers within 48 hours. The program also boasts live chatting with tutors, during which students and tutors can share files, connect via webcam and use a shared whiteboard.

The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium pioneered the eTutoring platform beginning in 2001. The Northwest eTutoring Consortium began in 2008 with Washington State University (WSU) as the flagship school.

According to Executive Coordinator of the Northwest Consortium Sarah Bergfeld, over the past two years, approximately 200 students have used eTutoring each semester at WSU. Last semester, Wazzu students spent a total of 600 hours using the program.

Other involved universities are Boise State, Cal State, University of Wyoming and Weber State. Nearly 30 two-year institutions throughout the region also participate. Currently, 80 tutors work for the consortium.

"We do something a little different from most tutoring programs: each school contributes a tutor," Bergfeld said.

Eastern will be providing one of the chemistry tutors. The tutors must work at least five hours a week and are paid by their institution. Each school in the consortium must also pay a \$3,500 per year membership fee.

At Eastern, the program is funded by the PLUS program, which also provides on-site tutors. Colver has high hopes for EWU's involvement in eTutoring. He also mentioned that other schools in the consortium have had success, particularly with the writing lab.

"If you compare the students who use the eWriting lab to those who don't, they're turning in better papers," Colver said.

For more information on eTutoring, you can visit the academic support center in Monroe 111.

Shooting deserves reverence

BY RYAN BURKEY
columnist

Like many Eastern students, I went to bed Friday night celebrating EWU's big football victory and woke up the next morning to watch the horror unfold in Arizona: a deadly shooting at a busy shopping center on Tucson's north-west side.

Among those critically injured was Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, a Democrat who represents southeastern Arizona in the House of Representatives. She was holding a "meet and greet" event outside a Safeway store, a common practice for members of Congress who want to hear concerns one-on-one from constituents.

Giffords, a moderate and member of the centrist Blue Dog Democrats Coalition, is hardly an extremist, but she faced an ugly fight for re-election during the 2010 campaign in her Republican-leaning district. Conservatives, angered by her support for health care reform, bitterly opposed her and backed Republican Jesse Kelly, a Tea Party favorite whom she barely beat.

Just as disturbing as this event is that Giffords has received threats in the past and her office was vandalized after she voted for health care reform.

Six people, including a federal judge and a nine-year-old girl, have been killed in the shooting rampage. Fourteen others have been wounded, and Giffords remains in critical condition with a head shot wound at a Tucson hospital.

The suspected gunman, 22-year-old Jared Lee Loughner, is in police custody after two bystanders tackled and detained him at the scene. Police are trying to determine how he carried out the attack and whether he acted alone.

But now everyone is asking "Why?" Why would someone open fire at a busy shopping complex with so many innocent people around? What were the motives behind this attack? And why would someone resort to violence? This is America, after all, where we pride ourselves on peaceful discourse.

What little information we do know about the alleged gunman is unsettling. YouTube videos posted by Loughner talk about "mind control" and "a new currency." Text shown in the videos indicates that Loughner felt he was being monitored by the government, and a video he noted as his "favorite" featured images of a burning US flag and song lyrics that said "let the bodies hit the floor."

Clearly this individual is severely mentally unstable. Many are trying to link the attack to

politics, and a connection between the two is definitely a possibility. But instead of generalizing and attributing the attack to the whole conservative Tea Party movement, we should remember that extremists come in all shapes and sizes. There are radical, violent, disturbed lunatics in both political parties and at every point on the political spectrum. Violence and mental illness knows no bounds, and certainly knows no political party or ideological position.

Instead of blaming right-wing media and gun rights laws (it should be noted Arizona does have lax gun laws and Rep. Giffords herself supports gun rights), America should be coming together. Can't we hit the "pause" button on politics for just a second and take time to grieve as a nation?

What happened in Tucson was a tragedy. President Obama called it "an unspeakable act," and Arizona Governor Jan Brewer, a Republican, said in a statement, "I am just heartbroken. Gabby is more than just a colleague; she is my friend."

It's easy to read more into a situation than there really is. The fact is, sometimes crazy people do crazy things. There may not be a clear explanation, and we may not be able to pinpoint an exact cause.

Unfortunately, the partisan nature of politics has already come into play. Following the

attack, one very opinionated friend of mine, whom I admire and respect, called the shooting "a sad day for Democrats."

True. But isn't it a sad day for all Americans, regardless of political affiliation? This shooting targeted a Democratic congresswoman. But it's not a Democratic tragedy or a Republican tragedy. It is an American tragedy.

At the end of the day, we are all Americans. And as new Speaker of the House John Boehner said, "An attack on one who serves is an attack on all who serve." Similarly, an attack on one American is an attack on all Americans.

While it's tempting to blame a political movement or ideology, we must remember that a single very deranged, erratic person committed this act, so far as officials have confirmed. One person is not representative of an entire political movement.

Before we blame each other and engage in the usual gun rights vs. gun control, right-wing/left-wing debate, let's take a moment to unite. Let's pray for a quick and complete recovery for Congresswoman Giffords and the other victims, and let's pray for the alleged gunman, who is obviously struggling with some very serious inner demons. Let's pray that something like this never happens again.

Drinking crowd showcases the worst of students

Peer pressure builds expectations on students, contributes to loss of values

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

Friday night after the Eagles won the 2011 NCAA Division I Football Championship, Cheney was blowing up. Hoots and yells could be heard from all around town. That single game unified Eastern and brought on serious celebrations.

Not only did our victory over Delaware prove our superiority on the football field, but it also gave students, including many of my close friends, a terrific excuse to go out Friday for a night of binge drinking.

Around 10 p.m., I showed up at a house party with a group of friends, but the pre-funk was underway well before that. My friends and I all knew the owners of the house and came upon a party full of people I had known since living in the dorms two years ago.

The scene escalated quickly and shouts of "Wooooo, Eastern!" and high-fives were exchanged in a disgracefully drunken manner. As the party grew, endless amounts of people began showing up.

This all sounds like great fun and exemplifies the "typical" college experience. In that moment of college boozing, blasting club music and complete strangers making out, who could not have a good time?

Well, me. I was stone cold sober, and nothing was more obnoxious than a house full of drunks. I chose not to partake in the booze-fest, so I attempted various conversations with drunk people, most being unsuccessful.

I can't remember how many people tried handing me drinks. I was grateful for the generosity, but when I explained I wasn't drinking the usual response was, "Dude, that sucks."

I am not saying I didn't meet a few people who could chill out and converse, but most of them got bored of that pretty quick. It is not in a drunk person's nature to have much of an attention span.

Wallowing in my sobriety, I grew bitter. I began picking out every reason why the college party scene was a complete waste of time. Despite it being fun for my classmates, whose happiness is important to me, I found the whole night disgusting.

First, I feel that college can breed alcoholism in some situations. Large groups of young people reassuring one another it is a healthy decision to consume a legal poison at nearly lethal levels is ridiculous. Not many people ever stop to say, "Maybe we should drink less."

Except sober me. But everyone thought I was being a downer, and I probably was. I could have found some enjoyment in that night, but instead I looked for more reasons to fuel my contempt.

The ratio of girls to guys at this party was unusually high, and most of the girls I saw were very intoxicated. Normally, I would be stoked about this because it is kind of rare and can make or break a party. It only made me more resentful.

One portion of the house was separated into a dance room but ended up turning into a sweaty mess of bumping and grinding. Typically, I am not opposed to this, but witnessing it sober made me reconsider.

Promiscuous sex and alcohol consumption go hand in hand, and on the surface seem pretty harmless to most college students. I just couldn't believe the lack of moral fortitude I saw Friday night.

Stresses of the school week and our school's team winning the championship are good reasons to unwind and let loose on the weekend, but what has become socially acceptable in our generation's culture amazes me.

Popular music endorsing drugs and alcohol and shows like "Jersey Shore" only perpetuate this loss of values. I'm plagued with feelings of hopelessness as my generation spirals out of control.

If you disagree with me, you'll probably call me a "square" or say that I am too uptight or don't know how to have fun at all. That is an ignorant point of view. Someone needs to speak out. The herd mentality will always lead you astray. Just because large groups of people are doing something doesn't make it worth doing.

There are reasons to celebrate, but alcohol should be enjoyed responsibly. Young singles should seek companionship. Parties are not a bad thing, but the way our generation decides to party needs to change.

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Playing political games with shooting is unjust and wrong

BY DEREK BROWN
contributing writer

Students, those fortunate to experience the opportunity of higher education, are the ones who will shape the professional future of America.

There will be a certain amount of responsibility that will come with understanding how the world works, how to efficiently serve the most people and how we will peacefully come together to make it happen.

Unfortunately, that doesn't always happen.

On Saturday, Jared Lee Loughner, 22, a former Pima Community College student, shot Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D) of Arizona in the head, killed six people and wounded 13 others, according to the Associated Press.

Among those dead were U.S. District Judge John Roll and 9-year-old Christina Greene, an elementary school student interested in government. Having survived, though currently in critical condition,

Giffords will live a life haunted by tragedy.

Loughner's Myspace profile reveals a personality prone to violence: a handgun rests atop an American history textbook. His YouTube video postings show even more disturbing content: confused eerie rambling, anti-government ranting and his belief in government brainwashing by using grammar against us. (I don't understand it either.)

Although Loughner's motives seem to be more a product of his mental instability rather than his political views, his actions speak volumes for what has become the polarization of politics in America.

Back in March of 2010, Sarah Palin's now infamous "SaraPAC Map," which she posted on her Facebook page, depicts crosshairs — yes, as in a rifle scope — targeting places on a map of America. It states that "20 House Democrats from districts we carried in 2008 voted for the health care bill ... it's time to take a stand." The fourth name down reads:

"Gabrielle Giffords — AZ-8." Accompanying her name is one of three targets on Arizona, one over District 8 (hence the "AZ-8").

What's wrong with this picture?

Suffice to say, the polarization of American politics has created an unnecessary rift between the citizens of this country. It's outrageous. We're on the brink of a political civil war where the losers will invariably be Americans ... and it already has victims.

It would be unfair to say that Sarah Palin had anything to do with this recent tragedy, but it is fair to say that the rhetoric voiced by both sides of the aisle has helped to escalate this difference of opinions to the point of violence.

Now after six people are dead and many more wounded, we have to thoroughly understand what exactly we're voting for when we choose our representatives.

As college students, it is our duty to understand that deeper issues need to be addressed.

More than just arbitrarily choosing one candidate from one party over the other, we need to understand that when we vote for a candidate who advocates violence, we commit violence. By being affiliated with the outcome, we are part of the problem.

The two major political parties in America, the Democrats and the Republicans, are often both vying for the same thing: power. And the real issues that affect the people — health care, tax breaks and especially education — are rarely ever dealt with in an effective manner. Moreover, they are driving issues that lead America to the quality that defines us: polarized.

We are the future of America, and we need to start paying attention to what we have left before it's too late. Politicians have gone too far, and we need to start fighting back with the knowledge we receive from our educations.

Enough is enough. You decide which way we really need to go.

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LEGO Engineering meets medicine

Eastern promotes research and the application of technology in regional competition

BY DOUG AULT
 staff writer

For the third year, EWU hosted the Spokane region's "FIRST LEGO League" competition, where many young community members demonstrated their budding knowledge of robotic engineering at the competition.

The FIRST LEGO League competition is a partnership between the LEGO group and For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST).

The competition challenges teams of students to work together to address real world problems. Michael Westfall, vice president for university advancement and foundation executive director, described the event as an "extracurricular sport for the mind."

"The environment at the competition is so energetic. It's like a football or basketball game, but with people cheering around intellect," said Westfall, whose two sons, Bryce, 13, and Porter, 11, took part in this year's challenge as part of a neighborhood team studying concussions.

The theme of this year's competition was "Body Forward — Engineering Meets Medicine." EWU served as host for the regional competition Dec. 2 and the state competition the following week.

Teams were required to address a medical issue that needed consideration and deliver a presentation on the topic. In addition, teams had hands-on experience creating a robot to compete in a series of challenges against other teams.

Teams were judged in four areas: project presentation; robot performance; technical design and programming the robot; and teamwork, with



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a consideration of the FIRST LEGO League's core values.

Sticking with the medical theme, this year's challenge missions included "bone repair, rapid blood screening, pace makers, nerve mapping, bionic eyes and object control through thought," according to a Nov. 30 press release.

"One thing that is really fun is how excited kids get about what they're doing," said Justin Terry, who acted as a referee for the competition's performance aspect.

The purpose of the competition is to garner interest in science, technology, engineering and math classes. By fostering participant's excitement of technology and thirst for knowledge at an early age, those involved viewed the competition as a recruiting tool for their career.

The FIRST organization has a variety of age divisions in K-12 with the robotics competition being their "varsity sport," or highest level, Westfall said. Currently, EWU is in negotiations to host the competition next year.

"We're excited [about the robotics competition] because it's part of our effort to try and get more young people interested in math and science," said President Arévalo. "We're trying to bring a greater visibility to a program that encourages kids to understand science better."

With Spokane being one of the fastest growing regions in the LEGO League, EWU will continue to host future events. Encouraging the bright minds of the future while spotlighting Eastern's own efforts in the field will always be a

mission of the university.

"Eastern is not necessarily known for its science, health science, mathematics and engineering programs. This is another way to expose the community, the state of Washington, to our significant efforts in training people in math, science, and engineering," Arévalo said.



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Technology and sex: a file you can't erase

BY KRISTIE HSIN
 staff reporter

Sexting opens up the gateway to sex for young adults, as well as consequences.

Defined as sexually explicit messages or photographs sent mainly through cell phones, sexting raises the issues of child pornography and a new form of sexual relations. Though most common in teenagers and young adults, sexting can be done at any age. This may lead the person sexting to break the law without even knowing it.

This growing trend holds consequences ranging from public humiliation, career barriers and felony charges. Most young adults don't see sexting as a big deal, and according to a report from CBSNews, "Twenty percent of teens admit to participating in sexting."

"Some people do it, but I don't see how people can get off from it," said sophomore Joey Barajas.

According to an article from The Washington Times, "Lawmakers across the country face the dilemma of trying to discourage the activity while making a distinction between a youthful mistake and a criminal act of child pornography."

Senior Desiree Clark doesn't think legislature can establish such regulation successfully.

"[Lawmakers] will never be able to make it illegal. I think our parents should be able to punish their kids, and these things would stop. [People] have no discipline today," said Clark. "It is ridiculous."

Many people, especially students, underestimate the capabilities of everyday technology. For some, the act of sending a nude photo to their significant other is perceived as harmless; however, the photo can get passed along to a Facebook page, a friend or a stranger.

"Getting stuff uploaded online happens all the time," Clark said.

It's as if people don't have to be engaged in sex physically anymore — they can just do it through text. Based on a study by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, "One in five girls nationwide has sent or posted a nude or seminude photo."

For some, sexting could be another way to communicate with their partners when apart in order to keep the intimacy well and alive. But this isn't true for all.

"[Sexting] is not intimate. Typing on a keypad is not sexual," said Clark. "Intimacy involves two people being together. Talking and phone sex is better for intimacy."

Sophomore Erin Bauer took a different approach: "I think it's stupid. College students should make better decisions before doing something like that."

Students in college are engaged in relationships with their teachers, peers, personal affairs and future career colleagues. One push of a button could ultimately impact where your life goes;

Once it's sent, there's no going back.

Women's center incites discussion

Programs span issues from human trafficking to MLK Jr.

BY AZARIA PODPLESKY
 staff writer

Throughout winter quarter, EWU's Women's Studies Center will hold several seminars covering a variety of topics. Seminars scheduled for the first part of the quarter include topics such as scholarships, Martin Luther King Jr., human trafficking, finding a job with a degree in women's studies, and feminism and pop culture. All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

On Wednesday in Monroe 207 from noon until 12:30 p.m., Stacy Olson, associate director of EWU Alumni Advancement, and Carol Vines, manager of the EWU Women's Studies Center, will discuss the Rural American Scholarship Fund.

"[The Fund] was established for individuals from rural communities who have spent time in the work force, realize they need a college education for advancement and are pursuing coursework toward an undergraduate degree," according to a women's studies program press release.

Olson and Vines will review the scholar's guidelines and answer questions about the application.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, the center will present, "If I Could Talk with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.," a celebration of the civil rights leader. The commemoration includes a performance by Lakeisha Jones, Ms. EWU for 2010-11. Jones will perform a monologue entitled "Time with Dr. King," in which she expresses her gratitude towards King. Time and location for this event have yet to be announced.

A seminar entitled "Human Trafficking is in Our Region" will be held Thursday, Jan. 27, in Monroe 207 from noon to 12:50 p.m. Azra Grudic, the antihuman trafficking coordinator for Lutheran Community Services and the Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network, will give a presentation on domestic and international human trafficking in our region, signs of trafficking, victim's rights and safety.

Monday, Jan. 31, in Monroe 207 from 11 a.m. to noon,

"What Kind of Job Can I Get With a Women's and Gender Studies Degree?" will be held. Both women's and gender studies faculty and graduates, along with Career Services Manager Krista Benson and College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean Vickie Shields, will discuss the advantages and opportunities that come with earning a women's and gender studies degree.

Mimi Marinucci, associate professor in philosophy women's and gender studies, will lead the discussion "Contemporary Issues in Feminist Research: Feminism, Philosophy and Pop Culture" Feb. 1 in Monroe 207 from noon to 12:50 p.m.

According to a women's studies center press release, "For examples of some of the ways in which pop culture is relevant to feminism, philosophy and feminist philosophy, Marinucci will summarize some of her relevant publications on such topics as television, social networking, pornography, zines and fake news."

For more information visit www.ewuugs.com.

A game day view from the sidelines

BY LAURA UECKERT
 contributing writer

A 3 a.m. alarm is a rude awakening, especially when you know you won't be back in that bed for another 24 hours. Members of Eastern's Marching Band and Cheer Squad, however, rose early to fly to the championship game in Frisco, TX.

The day started with walking in the freezing, early morning rain to the buses in lot 12. According to the plan, the buses were to arrive at the Spokane airport at 4:30 a.m. sharp, at which point, members would go through security at 5 a.m., and be en route to Texas at 6 a.m.

Despite a flat tire on the bus, we still made it to the airport and through security on time. After three hours in the air, we arrived at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and loaded charter buses to Pizza Hut Park Stadium. We arrived at 1 p.m. allowing us just enough time to grab lunch before the performance.

Dressing into our hot, stuffy uniforms, which weren't quite warm enough come game time, we warmed up our instruments and walked to neighboring "Tailgate Town" to play for some Eastern Alumni.

Even though we played several popular songs like "Crazy in Love" and the "Rocky Theme Song," the crowd cheered loudest when we played the EWU fight song. The crowd chanted for us to play it a second time, so we did once more before leaving the "Town."

The next big event of the day before the game was, of course, the Battle of the

Bands. Delaware's marching band normally has about 300 people, but that Friday, they brought only a third of their band. We brought almost everybody, including former Stan Kenton band member Dick Clark.

On the "Tailgate Town" stage was the moderator of the event who lead both the Delaware and Eastern fans during cheering contests while the bands performed. This led to the highlight of the event: the mascot dance-off.

Despite each rival's excitement and enthusiasm, most fans abandoned "Tailgate Town" after the mascot performances. A dance contest was then announced which included volunteers, but unfortunately, the band left before the on-stage performances.

Most of the band went straight to the stadium, but I was with a group that went back to the buses to get personal belongings. Along the way, we saw Joe Biden beside a convoy of black limousines and a crowd of Secret Service men. When we walked back to the stadium, we also noticed a couple snipers on the roof and a surveillance helicopter flying above.

The game finally started, and most people know the rest. The crowd, band included, felt excitement, disappointment, and finally, as our team held off the Blue Hens to win by one point, elation.

By the time I got back in my bed completely exhausted nearly 24 hours after I had left it, I thought of only two things: Eastern had won its first ever championship game, and I had been a part of that experience.

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Fallen Regiment

BY DOUG AULT | staff writer

Coming off of their biggest show to date, Spokane rock group **Fallen Regiment** looks forward to a new album, their first music video and the possibility of playing alongside some of Spokane's best artists.

The band opened for Danko Jones as part of ROCK 94.5's "Too Broke to Rock" series Dec. 9. The concerts sponsored by the radio station are free for audience members, but the event benefited **Fallen Regiment** with exposure and merchandise sales. Drummer and Eastern student Ethan Harrison had nothing but good things to say about the experience.

"That was our biggest show yet. [94.5] brings in a big national band and does a free show, gives out free tickets, and they have a featured local opener," said Harrison. "We were fortunate enough to be asked to actually play on the bill, which was awesome because we got to play to a packed house at the Knitting Factory. It couldn't have gone better."

Fallen Regiment began jamming as a unit during the winter of 2008. Harrison and bassist Deven Garcia had played in a band together but said the pieces started falling into place when they added guitarist Victor Byrne, a former Eastern student.

"I was just working at Taco Time and Victor came up to get some food," said Garcia. "I remembered that he played guitar in school, and I asked him to come jam one day."

Their musical backgrounds vary, from Byrne being a lifelong musician with nine years of experience playing guitar to Harrison who started drumming the day he joined his first band. Together, their influences meld into a forceful, original sound.

"Our sound doesn't exactly fit into a single genre musically, and

we're not trying to sound like anyone," said Harrison. "It's an orgy of awesome, which we all want to be in."

Byrne added, "It really ranges. We started out basically just doing classic rock. Now we do a lot of metal, and I listen to a lot of jazz, too."

Fallen Regiment is in the voting stage to appear at ROCK 94.5's Battle of the Bands competition at the end of the month. Though they have played at the Knitting Factory a handful of times before, this event would be very special to them.

"I hope we get in. It's going to be a really big [show]," said Harrison. "It's all of Spokane's best local bands."

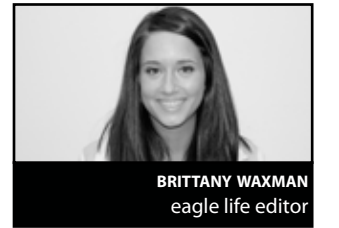
With the band's growing fan base, performing at the Battle is not unlikely. Whether it's hearing their debut album or discovering them at "Too Broke to Rock," fans of the local music scene have begun to take notice.

"We've seen a lot of fans come out of the woodwork and be like, 'Hey, I voted for you today,'" said Harrison. "It's cool now because we see people around town with our shirts on. It's cool to have that support after so long."

Fallen Regiment shows no sign of slowing down anytime soon. With a new, more emotionally driven album in the works and a music video for Devil's Stratagem's debut album "Ashes to Dust," **Fallen Regiment** continues to carve out their niche in the area's music community.

To vote for **Fallen Regiment** to play in Battle of the Bands, visit <http://www.Rock945.com>. **Fallen Regiment** merchandise is available by contacting the band through their Facebook page. To see live practice footage and the full interview with the band, visit The Easterner's homepage at <http://www.easterneronline.com>

A MODEST PROPOSAL



BRITTANY WAXMAN
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Going green for dummies: college edition

Starting the new year off with an Eco-friendly lifestyle doesn't have to be difficult or burn a hole through your already bare wallet. By making a minor changes, even the busiest college student can find time to incorporate these cheap and easy ideas into their daily routine to reduce their Eco-footprint.

Step One: Pay your bills

Often when we choose to pay our bills online, we do so for our own convenience. For once, taking the easy road is the one that should be traveled. Not only will paying your bills online save you money on stamps, but you will cut back on the drain the U.S. Postal Service puts on natural resources, such as trees for packaging or the fossil fuels burned during the delivery process.

Step Two: Your laundry

Learning how to do your own laundry is one aspect of living on your own that many dread and even more never learn how to do properly. But like all college students, it's imperative that they come to terms with the fact that their mother can't wash their clothes forever.

As a general guideline, clothing comprised of cotton, Lycra and nylon do not require being washed in hot water. Approximately 90 percent of energy used by washing machines is used to heat the water. By washing your clothes on a cold cycle, you will save power, lower your utility bill and prevent the shrinking that most novice washers endure.

Step Three: Skip the gym

Major gyms that encompass a myriad of workout equipment like treadmill and elliptical machines are a major drain on power. Spark a little youthful revolt and cancel your gym memberships in favor of a "greener" workout. Not only will you find a more interesting way to burn calories, but you will save time and gas that you would have spent getting to and from the gym.

Step Four: Smart water

Bottled water is my biggest pet peeves, but it's understandable that no one wants to drink the tap water here in Cheney. The smell of rotten eggs is hardly enticing. Buying bottled water as an alternative to tap, however, is a drain not only on your wallet, but also on the planet. Approximately 90 percent of all plastic water bottles end up in landfills. By choosing alternatives such as water purifying pitchers or attachable spout filters, you can save money and the planet while avoiding Cheney's putrid water. I prefer Brita pitchers, they range anywhere from \$10 to \$30 and come in a variety of fun colors

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Winter events promote individuality

Coffee House Series and Drag Show highly anticipated

BY DYLAN COIL
senior reporter

Winter quarter will be packed with performances accessible to students at no charge, including January's biweekly Coffee House Series and March's wildly popular Drag Show.

Debuting this year, the Coffee House Series is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during January. The event hosts acoustic musicians playing two-hour sets in the PUB lounge.

Eagle Entertainment's Concert Coordinator Rachel Wilder said that last week's Tuesday show featuring Joel Ansett and Zach Lipton was a big success, requiring extra seating in the PUB lounge.

"I thought it would be a good idea to have something like the Spring Concert Series but in the winter because there's not much going on," Wilder said.

The Spring Concert Series is an annual event featuring big-name artists performing in the center of campus. This year's Coffee House Series doesn't feature such high-profile bands, but instead showcases local groups who frequent Spokane clubs and even some students who have performed at previous open mic nights.

Another event scheduled for this quarter is the infamous Drag Show that filled the PUB MPR above maximum capacity last year. The Drag Show is a fundraising performance that collects donations for the Spokane AIDS Network.

The bulk of the funds raised are made by professional drag queens performing on-stage and up and down the aisles while collecting tips to support the cause. This year's Drag Show is

not scheduled to be held in the MPR because of a lack of space.

Sentoria Zuill-Brown, Eagle Entertainment's multicultural student programs coordinator, said, "[The Drag Show] is fun, interactive and something a lot of people aren't used to. It's a big eye opener."

The venue for this year's Drag Show's has yet to be announced. Two of the featured drag queens, Tyra Sanchez and Ju Ju Bee, competed on the television show Drag Race. Other performers, including Beyonce Black, are big names in the Spokane drag show community.

On top of these highly anticipated events, Eagle Entertainment has much more planned for Eastern students.

The end of this month presents the Cultural Explosion with students from different cultural backgrounds demonstrating their traditions Jan. 20, and the Now Flurry Festival, an event for children held Jan. 28.

On Feb. 3, there will be a Minute to Win It competition, which challenges students to complete various tasks in a minute or less. Feb. 10 will feature a live performance by College Humor. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. the bands Barcelona, He is We, and Lady Danville will put on a concert. A murder mystery show and dinner will be held Feb. 17. Although an official date in February has not been chosen, successful entrepreneur Lull Mengesha will host a workshop for students where she will discuss ways to develop leadership skills and good work ethic.

March concludes Eagle Entertainment's winter blowout with the Drag Show, March 3 and Open Mic Night March 10 to top it all off. For more information, contact Eagle Entertainment at (509) 359-4839.



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Title defense starts

Big Sky champs begin with a win led by Ryan

BY MATT DAVIS
staff writer

Behind double-doubles from junior guard Brienne Ryan and senior guard Tatjana Sparavolo, the EWU women's basketball team opened Big Sky Conference play with a 70-62 victory over the Portland State University Vikings Saturday at Reese Court.

Ryan's 20 points and 10 rebounds coupled with Sparavolo's 15 points and 11 boards off the bench filled in perfectly for the Eagles, who went 31 minutes without the services of 6-foot-1 senior forward and reigning conference most valuable player Julie Piper.

Piper came into the contest averaging 12.1 points per game but sat 18 minutes during the first half after opening the game with two fouls in as many minutes.

"If we can get away with not having her pick up that third [foul] and being able to sit on the bench, then we like to do that," said Head Coach Wendy Schuller. "I felt our kids off the bench were doing a good enough job that we could afford to save her for down the stretch."

The first half was evenly matched with four ties and seven lead

changes, resulting in a tied halftime score at 28.

"I thought the first half was just a grind," said Schuller. "We talked about it at halftime. The first half was just boring basketball. We were walking around. They were walking around. Nobody was doing anything."

The Eagles came out of the locker room, scored the first six points of the second half and found themselves in the 1-and-1 bonus with 9:21 left.

EWU extended their lead to 13 with 8:17 left in the game, but after committing three fouls in less than a minute, the Eagles allowed the Vikings to creep back into the game at the free-throw line.

Over the next four minutes, the Vikings went on a 16-4 run, but it was only a matter of time until Piper made her presence known on the court. Piper put a damper on Portland State's run when she called for the ball inside and made her first points of the game with a huge layup at the 3:30 mark. The basket extended the Eagle lead to three.

Piper added another key layup with 1:41 left in the game, this time giving the Eagles a two-possession cushion with a 61-56 lead. She finished with four points and two rebounds before fouling out.

"The last three or four minutes down the stretch we executed offensively," said Schuller. "We ran some plays and tried to get [Piper] the ball because we know she can score in the paint for us."

After allowing the Vikings to shoot 35.5 percent from the floor in the first half, the Eagles defense stepped up in the final half,



Brienne Ryan contributed 20 points and 10 rebounds. goeags.com

holding the visitors to just 21.4 percent from the floor.

The Eagles, who never trailed in the second half, are now 5-8 overall and 1-0 in the Big Sky. They will pay a visit to Sacramento State Jan. 13.

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Jan. 13	@ Montana*	6:05 P.M.
Jan. 16	@ Montana State*	1:05 P.M.
Jan. 20	Northern Arizona*	7:05 P.M.
Jan. 22	@ Sacramento State*	7:05 P.M.
Jan. 27	Portland State*	7:05 P.M.
Jan. 29	Idaho State*	7:05 P.M.
Feb. 3	@ Northern Colorado*	6:05 P.M.
Feb. 5	@ Idaho State*	6:05 P.M.
Feb. 12	Weber State*	7:05 P.M.
Feb. 16	@ Northern Arizona*	5:35 P.M.
Feb. 19	TBA	TBA
Feb. 24	Montana State*	7:05 P.M.
Feb. 26	Montana*	5:05 P.M.
Mar. 2	@ Weber State*	7:05 P.M.
Mar. 5	@ TBA (Big Sky Conference Tournament Semifinals)	TBA
Mar. 8	@ TBA (Big Sky Conference Tournament Semifinals)	TBA
Mar. 9	@ TBA (Big Sky Conference Tournament Championship)	TBA

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Tremayne Johnson goes for a loose ball as a defender falls on top of him. Aaron Maimoe/Easterner

Poor shooting, rebounding causes men to drop two

BY KYLE HARDING
staff writer

Tremayne Johnson scored 21 points off the bench, but the Eagles lost on the road to Portland State 72-58 Saturday night, so EWU fell 1-2 in Big Sky Conference play and 4-11 overall.

Eastern outrebounded the Vikings 41-40 but could not overcome a slow start, poor shooting from the field, cold free throw shooting and turnovers.

Kirk Earlywine, EWU's head coach, expressed frustration at his team's 30 percent shooting. "We didn't shoot the ball very well, especially from the three-point line. We have good shooters, but the shots didn't go in," he said.

The Eagles started off the game slow, not scoring until five minutes into the game and turning the ball over several times, allowing Portland State to get out to an early lead that never let up.

In the second half, Eastern closed the gap 53-46 with an 8-0 run, holding the Vikings scoreless for more than two minutes. But Portland State finished strong in the last five minutes of the game after a three-point play by Chehales Tapscott, who scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season.

"I still have to remind myself we have an inexperienced team," said Earlywine. "One night we'll shoot well and not play defense. The next, we'll play good defense and not shoot well. We're struggling to put a whole game together."

Glen Dean hit four of five three-point attempts en route to a 16-point, six-assist performance. Cliff Ederaine grabbed 14 rebounds during the game and Johnson pulled in 10 boards as well.

Despite their efforts, Portland State scored 15 points off turnovers and shot 44 percent from the field.

The Eagles were out-played down low in a 60-51 nonconference loss to Seattle University Thursday and fell to 4-10 overall with their 13th straight road loss.

The Eagles sank 10 3-pointers, but it wasn't enough as the Redhawks outrebounded them 49-26 and scored 40 points in the paint compared to the Eagles' eight. Kevin Winford scored 11 points for EWU along with Tremayne Johnson, who scored 10, and Glen Dean who added nine. Dean also gathered five assists and two steals along with Laron Griffin who scored six points, pulled down eight rebounds and blocked two shots.

"We gave the ball away. They outrebounded us by 23, and they outscored us 40-8 in the paint," said Earlywine.

Seattle center Alex Jones put up 21 and forward Aaron Broussard scored 15. Gavin Gilmore added 10 points, making all four of his shots from the field.

"There were some good things. In particular, our first-shot defense was good, and we held them to 1-of-14 shooting from the arc. But for as many good things as we did, we turned the ball over 19 times against their half-court defense with no traps and no presses," Earlywine said.

The Eagles cut the Redhawks' lead 55-51 with 4 minutes 8 seconds remaining but missed their last five shots and gave up the ball twice on turnovers.

The Eagles had previously beaten Seattle 95-91 Dec. 15 in Cheney, a game in which EWU made 32 free throws on 42 attempts, in sharp contrast to the seven points they scored from the line Thursday night.

The Eagles are now 0-7 on the road.

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Eastern players huddle up and celebrate after scoring a goal.

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Hockey dominates Cal over weekend

BY MATT DAVIS
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In a chippy, penalty-filled game, the EWU hockey team completed a two-game weekend sweep of the California State University Long Beach 49ers with a 7-5 victory Saturday in the URC.

Thirty-four seconds into the game, Long Beach forward Sean Hoang was given a two-minute penalty for roughing. Hoang's penalty would be the first of 23 between the two teams, all of which combined for 46 penalty minutes in the contest compared to just 24 minutes Friday.

"I thought the referee on Friday night let us play, and when that happens, the players take that and just play," said EWU Head Coach Gary Braun. "As soon as you start getting the kind of calls we started getting [Saturday], it just [increases] the chippiness."

The Eagles took advantage of the early penalties when Alex Arnold picked up where he left off Friday night, scoring his fifteenth goal of the season just 59 seconds into the contest.

"It's great to have a guy like [Arnold] on our team. He works really hard, and it shows," said Brandon Butler.

Three of the four goals in the first period were scored during power plays, with Butler's unassisted goal at 15 minutes 35 seconds being the lone exception. The Eagles entered the first intermission up 3-1.

With 13:42 left in the second period, Long Beach senior defenseman Cody Kregger received a two-minute penalty for elbowing, which opened the gate for the Eagles to extend their lead to three after Butler scored his second goal of the game at the 12:05 mark.

But the 49ers would not go away quietly.

Junior forward Brad Roberts cut the lead to 4-2 using an assist from Kregger with 4:36 left in the second period. Unfortunately for the 49ers, exactly one minute later, EWU defenseman Cam Sargent found an open Butler, who completed his hat trick.

Two minutes into the final period, Skyley Hoag's goal off assists from Matt Kresky and William Alberto put the 49ers back to within two. But the Eagles once again came firing back with an answer of their own. This time the response came from the stick of Arnold, who scored just six seconds after Hoag's goal put Long Beach within reach.

"Both Butler and Arnold played excellent for us, and it is comforting from our standpoint to know that we can respond like that," Braun said.

Bret Kellogg's goal with 14:41 left in the third period put the Eagles up 7-3, and despite late goals from Kregger and Hoag, the 49ers were unable to threaten the EWU lead.

Eastern, now 18-2 on the season, is ranked No. 1 in the American Collegiate Hockey Association's West Regional poll, but the road ahead will be difficult.

Thursday, the Eagles will invite the No. 7 San Diego State University Aztecs into the URC. The game starts at 8 p.m. and begins

a tough stretch of four games in as many days for the Eagles. Each of the team's next four opponents are ranked in the top seven.

"We have worked hard up to this point, but if we don't do well this weekend, all the work we've done will be for naught," Braun said.

Eagles shake off rust to capture victory

Despite not playing competitively in more than a month, the EWU hockey team showed little rust during an 8-2 victory over the California State University Long Beach 49ers Friday in the URC.

But don't tell that to Braun.

"I know we weren't as prepared as we probably should be, but there isn't much you can do about it," said Braun. "We only had three practices [over break]."

Debuting their black jersey's for the first time in front of the home crowd, the Eagles got off to a quick start with Alex Arnold scoring a goal with 9 minutes 54 seconds left in the first period, giving the Eagles a tally of three goals in barely more than two-and-a-half minutes. Center Bret Kellogg netted the second goal off an assist from Elliot Martin.

Long Beach's William Alberto put the visitors on the board just 57 seconds later.

The Eagles' Kris Boyce ended all first period scoring with a goal at the 4:54 mark. But despite being ahead 3-1 after the opening period, Braun saw plenty of room for improvement.

"We were trying to do way too much individually, and defensively, we had too many breakdowns," he said.

The Eagles began the second period with a 5-on-4 advantage and wasted no time as Nick Kelly put a Ryan Schank pass into the net to give the Eagles a 4-1 lead. Shane Davis and Brandon Butler also scored in the period while the Eagle defense kept the 49ers off the scoreboard in the period.

Up 6-1 at the beginning of the third and final period, the Eagles looked to stay focused even with a comfortable five-goal lead.

"The big thing with us is you just have to keep playing. You can't look at the scoreboard at all," said Butler. "That's what we've done really well this season. We just keep playing no matter the score."

Long Beach posed no threat to the Eagles, despite opening the final period with a William Alberto goal with 18:26 remaining. The goal cut the Eagles' lead to 6-2, but it was the last time the 49ers scored.

Ryan Pajimola put the Eagles back up by five with his goal at the 10-minute mark. Arnold ended all scoring with his second goal of the game with 2:52 left.

"To have a big, strong guy like [Arnold] come out and do the things like that for us is going to be a big key to our success," Braun said.

Championship for more than just players' glory

BY BRIAN BEAUDRY
staff writer

Friday night was for more than just the guys who came back from a 19-point deficit with a little more than one quarter remaining on the Frisco field to win Eastern's first national championship. It was for the thousands of Eagles' fans who made the trip, and it was for the thousands who stayed home.

It meant everything to Eagles of the past, too. Former Eagles' teams were present, from the school's first Division I-AA team to the 1997 team, which came up just one game short of the championship game. Celebrating a win helped complete the season for them, too.

The '97 team came together for tailgating hours before the game in a vacant parking lot near the stadium. Among games of bags and ladder golf, with barbecue and beer in hand, people of Eagles' past reflected on what this season meant.

"Personally, it's a validation of everything that Eastern's been doing for the last 10 to 15 years of becoming more than just this little regional school," said Jared Rose, team manager for the '97 team.

Backup wide receiver Grant Elsworth said, "When you put your blood, sweat and tears into a football team, a brotherhood, it becomes a part of your being. It's with you until the day you die."

Eagles from around the nation came to see the coronation. Rose hails from Detroit where he works for the Detroit Pistons in the marketing department. Lourence Dormaier sells goods to farmers in Moses Lake. Others came from Los Angeles, Arizona, Chicago and St. Louis.

"I came down here because it's been 15 years since most of us saw each other, and we all played together," said Dormaier, a defensive tackle who spent several years in New York before returning to eastern Washington. "Eastern was the best time of my life, and I think a lot of us can say the same. We all came together, and we've been friends throughout the years. And it's nice to be able to get back together."

Another former Eagle, Harrison Nikolao, who played on the offensive and defensive lines from 2003-07, was

amazed at the number of people who found the time and money to make the trip to Frisco.

"I didn't expect this crowd. I thought it was going to be here and there, but this is probably the hugest crowd I've seen as far as fans traveling from all the way across the country," Nikolao said.

Despite the wealth of support, the Eagles and their fans were nearly silenced with just 20 minutes left. Elsworth, like other fans, felt the effects.

"Before the fourth quarter, I've got to admit, I was a little down," said Elsworth. "But you know what? They do this. They've done it almost every game, so I always had hope. They always find a way."

And did they ever find a way. Plays started working. Passes dropped in the first half were hauled in for huge gains. Tackles broken in the first half ended in short plays for the Delaware offense, forcing punts.

When Bo Levi Mitchell took a knee to run the last seconds off the clock, the Eastern crowd could no longer be contained by the stands. Wave after wave of Eagles stormed the field. Nikolao, Elsworth, Rose, former all-Big Sky defensive tackle Avont Grant — all of them joined the celebration.

"The emotions you can't even explain them," said Elsworth after the game. "It's a rush seeing everybody from 4-year-olds to 84-year-olds jumping up and down screaming. It's the coolest thing I've ever seen."

The championship meant "much due respect" to Torrey Smith, who played from 92-94 and was a coach on the '97 team.

"We're a pretty dominant program in I-AA but still not given the respect that we should be," Smith said.

When all the on-field celebration settled, fans took back to the parking lots to finish the culmination of the greatest event in the program's history.

"You'll have to excuse me; I have no voice right now," said Grant, back among the Eastern faithful at a post-game tailgate in the cold Frisco night. "I thought we'd win by two [touchdowns], but I'll take a national championship. This weekend is everything I thought it would be. I'm glad I could share it with all my friends."

DANCE BATTLE
EWU VS Delaware

Before kick-off, the two teams met in Texas and had a little dance battle. Visit The Easterner's Facebook page for a video and to find out who won!



From left to right, senior captains Matt Martin, Tyler Jolley, J.C. Sherritt and Nikolai Myers walk out for the coin toss. Aaron Malmoe/Easterner

Football team earns FBS vote

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The Eagles finished the 2010 football season as the No. 1 team in the Football Championship Subdivision Coaches Poll following a 20-19 come-from-behind win in the National Championship game. The Eagles were a unanimous choice for the top spot, receiving 25 first-place votes and 625 points overall in the poll announced Tuesday (Jan. 11).

Eastern was selected Monday as the top team in The Sports Network poll of sports-writers, broadcasters and sports information directors. The Eagles received a vote in the Associated Press poll for schools at the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision level.

The Eagles finished the final regular season poll in the top spot by both the coaches and TSN, but earned a No. 5 national seed in the FCS playoffs. Eastern Washington, however, did maintain home field advantage until the championship matchup with

Delaware in Frisco, Texas.

Trailing 19-0 late in the third quarter, the Eagles scored 20-unanswered points behind the strong play of quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell, who threw for 302 yards and three touchdowns. Mitchell capped off the game with 11-yard strike to wide receiver Brandon Kaufman with 2:47 to play to give the Eagles its first lead of the game.

Eastern Washington ended the season on an 11-game winning streak, and won a school-record 13 games on the year. It was the trip to the NCAA championship game for the Eagles, while the Blue Hens, who finished the year 12-3, made their fourth appearance, winning the title in 2003.

Delaware finished the season as the No. 2 team in the coaches poll, followed by Colonial Athletic Association rival Villanova at No. 3. Appalachian State and Wofford, both from the Southern Conference, round out the top five, respectively.

Georgia Southern, which finished the regular ranked No. 22, came in at No. 6 after a run to the national semifinals. New Hampshire finished the year at No. 7, while William & Mary ended at No. 8. North Dakota State jumped from No. 21 to No. 9 in the polls, and Stephen F. Austin completes the top 10.

For the first time all season, there are no new teams in the Top 25.

There are 13 conferences that are represented in the final poll. Leading the way is the CAA with four ranked teams, all of which are in the Top 10. The Big Sky, Missouri Valley and Southern Conferences all have three ranked teams, while the Pioneer League and the Mid-Eastern Athletic and Ohio Valley Conferences have two representatives each. The Ivy and Patriot League, and the Big South, Great West, Southland and the Southwest Athletic Conferences each have one team in this week's poll.

A GOOD OBSESSION

Crying Hens are annoying

I hate cry babies. And that's exactly what Delaware Head Coach K.C. Keeler and star defensive back Anthony Walter became after their Blue Hens blew a 19-0 lead to the Eagles and lost 20-19.

Delaware outplayed Eastern in the first three quarters but let up in the end. They became too comfortable and gave the game away.

Walter shut down Brandon Kaufman for three quarters and showed no respect when asked why the receivers became harder to cover.

"I don't think they were," he said.

If they weren't hard to cover, then how did Kaufman manage to finish with 120 yards and two touchdowns? Nick Edwards even had 74 yards to go with his score. Those are some pretty solid stats for a couple of receivers that were easy to cover.

"We lost one of our players [Jake Giusti] to a clipping. It kind of put us in a bind on what personnel packages we could run. We ended up running some packages that took me off of [Kaufman] and put us in a lot of zone. I don't think the guys were tough to cover at all. I don't think they were beating anybody one-on-one," Walters said.

Walters blamed a non-existent illegal penalty and the injury of a reserve defensive back on the collapse of Delaware. Eastern was playing without star running back Taiwan Jones the entire game, but that didn't cause the Eagles to panic. Walters also threw his own team under the bus by saying he was the only player capable of covering Kaufman. He even said, in a more indiscreet way, that Delaware is bad when in zone coverage. Those are some strong words from a teammate, let alone a senior captain.

The players weren't the only ones to complain. Even Keeler had to throw in his two cents.

During a crucial fourth down play, the ball spot was measured twice, and both times it favored the Eagles getting a first down. Keeler, who is now 1-7 in championships, decided to use that one play as the lone reason the Hens lost.

"We stopped them. There's no ifs, ands or buts about it. We stopped them."

Now I see where players get their attitude.

"It's disappointing. We're in a championship ballgame, and we have a spot with three minutes left to go in the game that dictates who wins and loses. And usually I don't really complain about things like that, but that one hurt. It really did," Keeler said.

I find Keeler the biggest disappointment. He needs to grow up a little. His team had every opportunity to close out the game with that big lead.

An illegal clipping didn't cause the Hens to lose the game. An injured player didn't cause them to lose the game. It wasn't even the ball spot that decided one of the biggest comebacks in history. It was Eastern Washington. The Eagles played their hearts out and beat Delaware fair and square.



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are and everything, I kind of, honestly, in my head, wanted to take the attention off them and do something to put ourselves out there and make everybody look at us."

The Blue Hens, sporting the nation's No. 1 scoring defense, allowing only 11.5 points per game, had the game well in hand late in the third quarter with a 19-0 lead. They had outplayed the Eagles in every aspect. Quarterback Pat Devlin had all the time in the world while the defensive line gave Mitchell fits. But the Hens fell apart in front of Delaware alum and Vice President Joe Biden

and failed to capture their second national title in eight years.

"I didn't think we were overconfident with our lead. We know [EWU] can score in bursts; we just didn't really execute like we needed to," Devlin said.

On Eastern's game-winning drive, true freshman Mario Brown converted a fourth down attempt that was so controversial that the ball spot was remeasured once after a booth review and then again to ensure the chains were placed correctly the first time. Two plays later, Mitchell threw the game-winning touchdown pass.

Kaufman hauled in nine passes for 120 yards while Edwards had six catches for 74.

Sherritt, who won the Buck Buchanan award for being the top defender in the Football Championship Subdivision, had 18 tackles in his Eagle finale.

"This national championship has been a goal since I stepped foot on campus. To finally get this with my team, it's everything you dream of. And you know, like I said, that Buchanan was a great award, and it was an honor. But my eyes on the prize have been the national championship this whole year. So to finally get this, it's unbelievable," Sherritt said.



Bo Levi Mitchell led the Eagles to an improbable comeback, earning himself Most Outstanding Player.

30'S QUARTER BY QUARTER STATS

1ST QUARTER:
5-8, 31 YARDS
0 INTERCEPTIONS, 0 TOUCHDOWNS

2ND QUARTER:
1-3, 5 YARDS
0 INTERCEPTIONS, 0 TOUCHDOWNS

3RD QUARTER:
8-12, 115 YARDS
1 INTERCEPTION, 1 TOUCHDOWN

4TH QUARTER:
15-20 151 YARDS
0 INTERCEPTIONS, 2 TOUCHDOWNS