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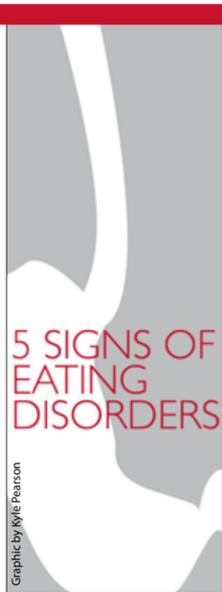
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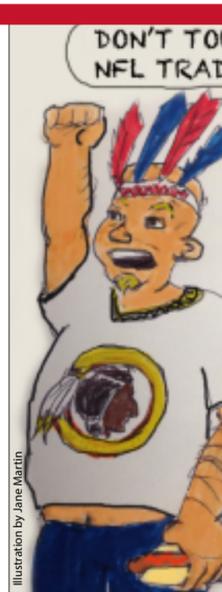
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February 12, 2014
Downtown Spokane's Daiquiri Factory's decision to use the beverage name, "Date Grape Kool-Aid" in February made the establishment a target for protests, and garnered nationwide attention.



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By Galen Rock
April 11, 2014
Sports teams that perpetuate racist stereotypes with their names and logos need to follow the example of EWU and other universities and stop distorting cultural perceptions of American Indians.



By Wilson Criscione
April 16, 2014
EWU Student Ashley Garcia, of Arlington, Washington, gives insight about how the Oso, Washington, mudslide affected her community.

Pentagon report conveys victims' voices

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The U.S. Department of Defense announced on May 1 that military members who reported a sexual assault while serving leaped 50 percent in the 2013 report compared to the previous year, proving that many victims are speaking out.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel made a point in a news conference at the Pentagon on May 1 that male and female members of the military being sexually assaulted while in uniform is unacceptable and the Pentagon must do more to fight a culture that discourages victims to report an assault.

"We have to fight the cultural stigmas that discourage reporting and be clear that sexual assault does not occur because a victim is weak, but rather because an offender disregards our values and the law," Hagel said.

According to key findings in the DOD's Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military, the DOD received 5,061 reports of alleged sexual assault involving one or more service members as either the victim or suspect — a 50 percent increase over the 3,374 reports received in 2012.

Since 2006, the average annual increase in reports of sexual assault has been approximately five percent, until now.

David Millet, director of Eastern's Veteran's Resource Center, offers veteran awareness training for the campus community through a program titled "Got Your 6." Millet served on active duty in the U.S. Army for 25 years after retiring in 2009.

According to Millet, "got your six" means "got your back" in military jargon.

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Country torn over World Cup controversy

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Protest, anarchy and violence have become a part of everyday life in Brazil for the past two years as many of the nation's citizens have taken the streets in protest of the preparations and spending to host the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

The country has been torn as soccer fanaticism combats political movements calling for better health care, a stronger economy and an increase in pay as well as improved working conditions.

This March, Wagner Goettems, Rafael Marques De Moura, Bruno Lima and Lucas Pirolli left Brazil amid the turmoil, coming to EWU to study English and complete their college educations.

"When we are here we don't talk about the protests, because we receive the same information [as everyone in the U.S.]. Maybe if we were in Brazil we would talk about it, but even being there it was difficult in my case

because I feel things won't change," said Pirolli.

The World Cup may be the rallying point for protesters but it is not the origin of Brazil's social issues.

"Education, health care and politics were never perfect, so now because [World Cup] people have gone to the streets, and said, 'Oh, the World Cup is the problem,'" said De Moura.

These problems exist in many nations around the world, but they have boiled over in Brazil. The reason for this is the reckless spending has driven the nation into debt and failed to support Brazil's impoverished communities, which make up 15.9 percent of the countries population, according to The World Bank.

This year's tournament may be one of the most fiercely contested affairs in the event's history. This must come as a surprise to FIFA, considering the people of Brazil initially celebrated the opportunity to host the tournament.

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Course partners students with prisoners

Fall course aims to increase prison literacy

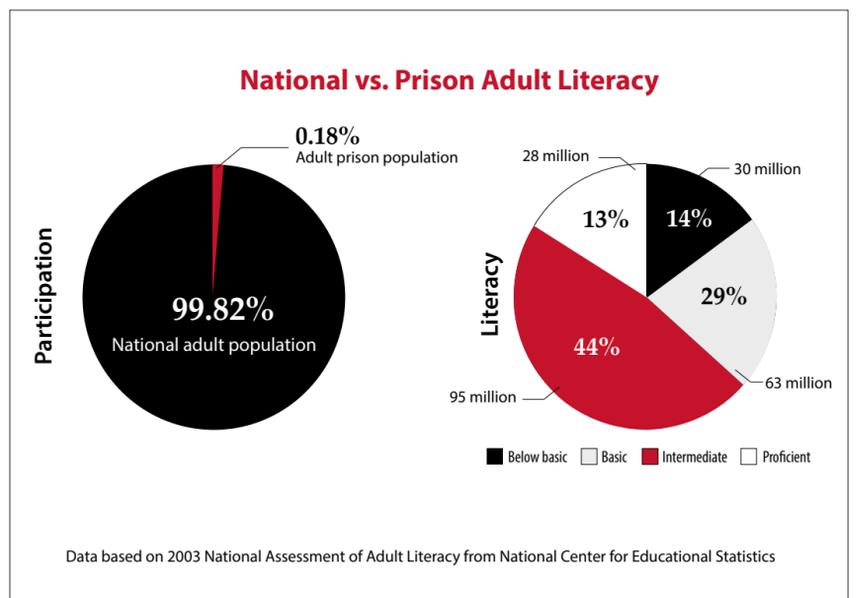
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In prisons across the nation, there is a constant low-scale war between those incarcerated and the walls of the prison itself.

This fall, Eastern students will get the chance to help break down these walls, at least in a metaphorical sense.

For the first time ever, EWU will take a group of student volunteers to the Airway Heights Corrections Center to help inmates learn how to effectively write letters, in a new three-credit service learning course entitled "Literacy, Inequality and Prison."

According to EWU Anthropology professor Dr. Michael Zukosky, the students in his anthropological linguistics classes have two options: write a research paper, or do service learning. Until now, most of the service learning has been done at the Spokane Salish



Graphic by Laura Jones

School, in the Cheney and Spokane public school districts improving basic literacy and with World Relief, working with refugees.

"The experiences have been really good," Zukosky said. "[Students] start thinking about the materials that they're reading, and the classroom discussions, in sort of an observational context, while at the same time providing a service. Actually helping

people navigate obstacles and problems."

In the fall of 2013, Zukosky came up with the idea for students to work with local prison education programs.

"The literacy rate in prisons is lower than the national average, and adult education kind of falls through the cracks," Zukosky said. "I was thinking of it in the back of my mind, but logistically it seemed impossible, because of the

background checks, and orientations and so on, to have, like, one student decide that they are going to do that service learning option."

Zukosky said the concept grew from this idea until he actually spoke with Airway Heights Corrections Center and EWU about creating a new class.

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Upcoming Events:

Commencement

The last day of spring quarter is June 13 and the commencement ceremony will be on June 14.

Presidential Q-and-A

June 6 is the last day EWU presidential nominees will be on campus and available for interviews. They will be at both the Cheney and Riverpoint campuses. To give feedback on each of the three potential candidates, visit ewu.edu/presidentialsearch/feedback.

Parking permits

Summer, fall and annual parking permits will go on sale beginning June 6. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis in Tawanka 131, and all parking infractions must be paid before the purchase of a permit.

Food drive

The annual EWU food drive will be held June 1-15. For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/qehwgav>. Teams will collect money, food and school supplies to benefit local charitable efforts.

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Shooting prompts misogyny discussion

University of California attack causes wave of social media messages, tweets by women and supporters

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With six dead and 13 others wounded, the University of California in Santa Barbara is the latest institution to see students come under fire by an armed gunman.

The tragedy has sparked multiple national conversations with the subjects ranging from gun rights to the mental health system.

However, due to the particularly misogynistic perspective of the murderer, women's rights have come to the forefront.

"It's not fair. You girls have never been attracted to me. I

don't know why you girls aren't attracted to me. But, I will punish you for it," said the gunman in a YouTube video he released prior to his rampage.

The hashtag #YesAllWomen immediately jumped to the top of Twitter, with users sharing personal accounts of the issues women face.

"Because men don't text each other when they get home safe," said one Twitter user.

Twelve hours after the shooting, more than 1 million Twitter users posted under the hashtag.

"I think the mainstream media has a lot to do with it. We lose the female perspective," said junior Ariel Wolfe. "Not all guys are like this, but ask any

girl, and there is always an experience where she's been negatively impacted by a man."

The police had been notified of the shooter's potential for violence by his own psychiatrist. When police arrived at his apartment, he convinced them that his troubles were within his social life, but he meant no harm to himself or others.

No action against the killer was taken at the time.

"I think what broke down here is that parents and law enforcement did not have a way to prevent him from purchasing weapons," California

state assembly member Das Williams said.

While the firearms the gunman purchased were bought legally, the California Legislature is facing tough decisions regarding improvements to their current gun laws.

California is considering a law that would allow the implementation of restraining orders that would repossess weapons from an individual deemed mentally unfit to own one.

With such a controversial tragedy, a conflicting spectrum of opinions and values collide. All sides seek to blame one sys-

tem failure or another, either within the mental health community, gun rights advocates or in this latest case, the underlying misogynistic tendencies that society has imprinted on a small percentage of men.

As Richard Martinez, father of one of the slain victims, said, "When will this insanity stop?"

Martinez, who has found himself center-stage on the national conversation on gun control from countries all over the world.

"Look, I don't need your sympathy," he continued. "What I need is for you to do something."

"What I need is for you to do something."
Richard Martinez

MILITARY: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"Got Your 6" ... [educates] staff, faculty and students on military culture, VA educational benefits and student veteran challenges on campus," said Millet in an email. "It helps make EWU a more military and veteran supportive campus, and creates a climate of understanding for our veterans."

According to Millet, since the VRC opened in July 2012, over 700 faculty, staff and students have received "Got Your 6" training.

In the "Got Your 6" training, military sexual trauma, or MST, is defined as "sexual assault, sexual threats, bullying and unwanted touching or grabbing that occurred while in the military." Sexual assault, defined by the military, can be from unwanted sexual contact to rape.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Pape, Eastern ROTC department chair and professor of

military science, said one of his main focuses is teaching the ROTC students about sexual harassment and assault.

"Like the military, universities are dealing with many of the same issues related to sexual harassment and sexual assault. Our ROTC program is half male and half female, a much more equal representation than the military. That gives us a great platform to confront these issues head-on, as a team called Army ROTC, but also as part of EWU," said Pape.

Stigmas and stereotypes surrounding military leaders who endure sexual assaults personify the culture of not reporting them, especially within the idea of strength while serving. This holds true with men who are victims of sexual assault while in uniform and decide not to report to the chain of command due to questioning of sexual orientation and being seen as weak.

With women, a majority of their claims regarding a sexual

assault get blatantly ignored or they fear retribution, as seen in the documentary film, "The Invisible War," which is about sexual assaults in the U.S. military.

Recent estimated numbers by Department of Defense officials convey that about 14,000 men have been sexually assaulted in the military compared to about 12,000 women, as seen in anonymous surveys given out by the military.

Therefore, the Pentagon is pushing to persuade servicemen to report their assaults more in comparison to servicewomen.

In light of the report, Veteran's Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned on May 30 after concerns arose surrounding the agency's health care system for veterans', specifically at a VA hospital in Phoenix.

According to the Associated Press, employees at the VA hospital were keeping a secret waiting list, as well as suggestions that up to 40 patients may have died while awaiting care, along with found falsification of appointment records at Phoenix and other locations, as probed by a VA inspector.

The VA and members of Congress have been well aware of these concerns throughout various documents and outside organizations for years, according to records and the Associated Press.

The care and well-being of veteran's health, whether mentally or physically, through the VA and DOD has been diminishing over the years.

These recent sexual assault statistics from the DOD do not prove that sexual assaults have

increased this past year. It only portrays that victims reporting sexual assaults are increasing.

Mike Hantho, a sophomore majoring in journalism with a minor in communications studies and military science, has been in the ROTC program at EWU since spring of 2013. He said that the increase in reports could be a sign that victims and their supporters are more aware of their situations and are able to effectively act against sexual misconduct, as well as its perpetrators.

"Usually for situations that are reported, there are many more that are not reported. This means that the total amount of incidences of sexual misconduct that do occur is not fully known," said Hantho in an email. "However, with more awareness being promoted in the military about this subject, it's likely that the number of reports will increase, as the number of actual incidences that occur will decrease over time."

With awareness and pro-

active change comes an understanding of the voices that are being heard, and the voices that are wanting to be heard against sexual assault in the military.

"All the services are making efforts to both prevent sexual assault in the military, refine the processes to punish those who commit the assault, and provide services for those who face MST," said Millet.

Hantho said that despite these statistics, he still views the Army as an excellent institution immersed with diversity within knowledge, experience, gender and race.

"Sexual trauma is an issue that is not exclusive to the military, but is something that affects other workplaces, and our society as a whole," said Hantho. "The Army — and the military as a whole — is just an extension of our society in terms of values and beliefs, and to truly deal with sexual trauma, we must also examine our culture and question what we believe is acceptable or not."

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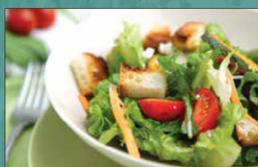
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EWU student travels to London for international master's degree

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When Jessica Gadingan's parents left the Philippines for the United States in the early 1970s, they had no clue that over 40 years later their daughter would want to leave the U.S. to follow her dreams.

Gadingan, now a 24-year-old senior at EWU, said when she started college, she had no goals set for graduate school and did not know if she would go or not. A summer trip to London in 2013 changed her mind.

"I figured if I actually want to go to school, I want to make the most of it," Gadingan said. "I found out I could get a master's degree in 10 months if I studied abroad."

Gadingan is currently finishing her bachelor of arts in communication studies, with an emphasis in public relations and a certificate in leadership.

When she began to seriously consider getting her master's degree abroad, she sought advice from EWU professor Margaret Crabtree, who teaches the public relations series of courses for communications and journalism.

"[Gadingan] is one of my most serious students," Crabtree said. "I was so impressed with her interest in pursuing a degree internationally. I think the world has such different perceptions, so when we stick with just what the United States teaches, we are often limited. We become very ethnocentric, and I am al-

ways impressed by someone who is looking at the rest of the world, and asking, 'How does the rest of the world do this?'"

After a brief look at the cost of getting an international master's degree in 10 months, compared to the traditional two-year stay at an American university, Gadingan decided to give it a shot and applied to Kingston University, 25 minutes south of downtown London. She was accepted April 2014 and will begin the master's program in corporate communications and public relations this fall.

The 10-month program is comparable in cost to an equivalent two-year program at Eastern.

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Summer Events in Cheney and Spokane

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The anticipated blockbuster, "The Fault In Our Stars," based off of the bestselling book by John Green, will be released in theaters on June 6.

Commencement for the class of 2014 will be at Eastern's Roos Field on June 14.

"The Book of Mormon" will be playing at the INB Performing Arts Center in Spokane from Aug. 12-17. For more information and ticket prices, visit bestofbroadwayspokane.com.

The 47th annual Cheney Rodeo will take place the second weekend in July at the Bi-Mart Arena. Tickets can be purchased at various businesses in Cheney, starting in June. For a list, please visit cheneyrodeo.com.

Lil' Jon will be performing at the Knitting Factory in downtown Spokane on June 13. Go to <http://sp.knittingfactory.com/> to buy tickets.

Spokane Hoopfest rolls around June 28-29 in downtown Spokane for its 25th year, drawing thousands of basketball players and enthusiasts. Follow "Spokane Hoopfest" on Twitter for information leading up to the event.

The Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture exhibit, "100 Stories: A Centennial Exhibition" has discount student prices with valid ID. Stop by the museum in historic Browne's Addition for a walk through the past century within the Spokane and Inland Northwest region.

The Interplayer's Resident Professional Theatre, in collaboration with EWU Theatre, is performing "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare from Aug. 7-17. Jeff Sanders of the EWU Theater program is directing the production. For more information, please visit <http://interplayerstheatre.org>.

IRONMAN Coeur d'Alene is June 29 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Register at ironman.com.

Student leaves behind clothing business, family



Photo contributed by Mohammed Abdulaal

Mohammed Abdulaal had to adjust to differences between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia.

"Each country has good people, and each country has bad people. It is just about the person himself," Abdulaal said.

Abdulaal said he met a student at EWU who, once finding out he was from Saudi Arabia, became cold and stoic towards him, keeping her distance. He continued to be kind and friendly with her, despite her prejudice. Eventually, she came around and saw her mistake. Now they are good friends. However, this was not the first time Abdulaal felt like he was treated unfairly.

Abdulaal has noticed many differences between his culture and the American way of life. Another is the casual approach towards dating and relationships between young men and women. In Saudi Arabia, the culture is still very traditional in some ways. A man would have to approach the woman's father in order to date her.

At weddings, males and females do not sit together, and everyone wears their traditional garments on special occasions. He says the traditional garment for men, known as a "thawb," is worn to important jobs, interviews and special events; it is akin to the American suit and tie.

Abdulaal describes encountering is the hospitality, affection and friendliness that citizens of Saudi Arabia freely exhibit towards one another and how in America that is not always the case. In Saudi Arabia, sharing a meal and offering others food is a form of bonding. In America this does not seem to be valued as much.

Abdulaal wishes people in America would get to know each person from his country individually before making a judgement about them. It makes him sad to see people attribute extreme examples portrayed by the media, such as violent acts or misogyny, to every person from his country.



Photo contributed by Mohammed Abdulaal

Abdulaal is pursuing a master's in communications at EWU.

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Seniors share best memories, tips for underclassmen

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As seniors prepare to take their final exams and walk from commencement to the rest of their lives, they reminisce about their favorite memories at EWU and share some advice in hopes of helping an underclassman.

Senior Martin Sanks competed at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in Boise, Idaho. Sanks and his theater partner, Cody Bray, were one of three pairs from Eastern to make it to the final round of the Irene Ryan scholarship audition, which was one of many scholarship competitions at the festival.

"[My] fondest memory was when I went to the KCACTF theatre festival. The people you meet there will change your life," Sanks said. There is not much need to stress whether you are just starting or graduating, according to Sanks.

"There is no feeling of some huge change, no sudden, new lens to look at life through. From your first day at college to your last, you're it's going to wake up and it's going to be just another day to make of as you wish. So don't sweat it's; you're it going to be fine," Sanks said.

Senior Jose Garcia, said that his favorite memories at Eastern involved sports. He enjoyed sporting events whether he was supporting his peers by attending games or playing a few games himself.

"I've had a lot of great memories at Eastern. One of my favorites is winning one of my first intramurals championships shirts with my sister in softball," said Garcia. "Another one is getting to be here for the first-ever football game on the red turf as we beat Montana."

Garcia said that his time at school has passed more quickly than he thought it would.

"I am totally happy to be done with school, but scared of the real world. My advice to underclassmen is enjoy the time you have here at Eastern, because it will be over before you know it," Garcia said.

Another senior, who has been thinking about how quickly time has passed, is Kyle Cavelti. Cavelti was involved with tennis and bowling at Eastern.

Cavelti, who has lived on campus since he was a freshman, said the community is probably one of his favorite parts of school. He enjoyed going to the events his CAs would put on every year and meeting new people.

"As you walk across campus, you know you're going to meet up with like

at least 10 or 15 people as you're going to class. It's always the people that makes the place," Cavelti said.

Cavelti said he really enjoys the ability to get involved on campus, and to know he's had an impact. "The student body is what makes the university what it is for the most part... What you want it to be is what it will be," Cavelti said. "Get to know the people around you, even the people in class. It's definitely good to have a network of people, even in your classes, because then you know who to go to about help, if they know what they are doing, or if they need help from you."

Cavelti also remembers his most embarrassing moment at EWU, which happened during the annual Rec-Spllosion event in the fall. He said he tried ice skating for the first time and could not keep his ankles above his feet. He said he was so bad that he

needed assistance from one of the URC staff members.

"I had to hold his hand for most of the time out there. ... I could hear some of my friends cheering me on. ... That's the cool part too because when you know people they do all that stuff to make the moment pretty cool, and you remember it," Cavelti said.

As Cavelti prepares to leave EWU and all his friends this June, he wanted to share his best advice.

"You never want to give up. ... If you're in a little bit of trouble, as far as either school or any other kind of situations, you always just want to keep being persistent," said Cavelti. "You learn as you go, everyone has their own experiences. One big tip I think every freshman should do is try something new almost every day, at least for 30 days. You only get to be in college once."

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EWU alumnus hopes to further the artistic community in Spokane

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EWU alumnus Mark Anderson, who co-runs a poetry open mic, called the Broken Mic with alumnus Kurt Olson, never thought he would be hosting a poetry slam while he was a student at Eastern.

Anderson, who graduated with a degree in psychology, said while he was growing up he was not really into poetry. He wrote stories here and there, but nothing he thought was very good. After 2007, he started writing poems at the encouragement of his friends.

"I'd been writing a lot, ... writing stories, they were terrible and weird. Then I started doing the poetry thing, started doing more poems and started writing like really terrible poems instead of really terrible stories," Anderson said.

Anderson said at first he wrote poems that rhymed a lot and had an Emily Dickinson-esque feel to them. Some of his friends started to encourage Anderson to write more performance poetry and to change his writing a little bit. Anderson took their advice, wrote a poem for a slam and won.

"I did this terrible, terrible poem about being a love-lost romantic. It was the worst I have ever written and everyone loved it, of course," Anderson said.

Since then, Anderson and his friends have been competitively pushing each other, encouraging each person to get better. Anderson kept writing and improving, but he was unaware that his new found passion for poetry was going to have such large ripple effects within the Spokane community.

"Back when I was a student at Eastern, just start-

ing out, I stumbled onto this coffee shop called The Emyrean. ... They had good coffee and good tea, and I used to do my homework and stuff there for a little while. They had a poetry open mic. ... I started going to that and reading," Anderson said.

Anderson made a connection at The Emyrean with the host of the open mic, Daniel Harrington. He said there came a point when the host could no longer take charge of the event, and Harrington passed it along to Anderson.

Anderson approached the owners of Neato Burrito in Spokane and asked them if they would be willing to host it. They agreed to a trial.

"We gave it a try, and it was sort of an immediate success," Anderson said.

The number of attendees grew, according to Anderson, starting with 25, then climbing to 45 and leveling off around 60 people. For the last three years, Anderson has been co-hosting what is now known as Broken Mic. He said there has been a steady stream of performers and audience members.

"My favorite part of Broken Mic is the community. I really love seeing 50 people in a room just go crazy with applause and support for their fellow humans," Olson said.

One regular at the Broken Mic is EWU junior Anastasia Aguon. Aguon said she loves the opportunities that Broken Mic offers to artists and community members.

"The best part about Broken Mic is that it provides a safe space for people to express themselves. The chance to hear stories

from many different voices is rewarding. It is a community that looks to raise people and poets up," Aguon said.

Anderson said he hopes that by passing the control back and forth with Olson, Broken Mic will sustain itself when he can no longer host it. He hopes it will continue to grow and to encourage other artists in Spokane to do the same.

"I really want to continue building the poetry community in and around Spokane. I think all the artists in Spokane are really trying to build it and make it a better place to be, not just for artists, but for everyone. Because you don't really want to be in a place that just seems stale and without any art or flavor to it," Anderson said.

"I think that the goal of Broken Mic has always been to maintain a place where people can feel welcome and celebrated for writing and listening to poetry," Olson said.

"Considering we live in an age that becomes more and more digital each day, I feel it's important to maintain a physical space where people interact with each other."

Aguon shares her passion for poetry every chance she gets, and not just at Broken Mic. To sum up her feelings about poetry she quoted Walter Hopps, "Art offers the possibility for love with strangers."

"Spokane is a great place for the arts. I've spent a year on the poetry scene in Spokane. Broken Mic was where I first got to experience such an incredible art community. It's a great place to grow as both an artist and an individual," Aguon said.



Mark Anderson, EWU alumnus, has co-hosted "The Broken Mic" for three years.

Photo by Karris Berg

"We gave it a try, and it was sort of an immediate success."

Mark Anderson

Seniors showcase final works on the silver screen

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Grab some popcorn and head to this year's showing of EWU's senior film thesis presentations.

On June 9-11, films ranging from eight to 12 minutes, and created by 13 graduating seniors will be shown. The showings will begin at 3 p.m. in R-TV room 123.

Five films will be showcased on June 9, while four films will be shown on June 10 and the last four on June 11.

One of the films, was produced by senior Gus Froese and titled "Ace Danglerman."

Froese said the film is a mockumentary that takes place in the present day and is about a wanna-be 1980s cop named Ace.

"He is a ridiculous character, so basically everything he does is a parody of old action movies," Froese said. "He literally quotes old movies all the time, but does it seriously."

For example, Froese said Ace constantly quotes the character John McClane from the movie "Die Hard."

Froese and senior Brandon Knapik created the character over a meal one night a couple years ago.

"We said we should make a cop movie, just for fun. Then we came up

with the idea and came up with a character, and he's been a character we've been shaping. We have one [Ace Danglerman] movie on YouTube. We wanted to make a sequel," said Froese.

Another film being shown is "Michelle," which is set in 1967 and was created by senior Kendra Sherrill.

"It has been my biggest endeavor thus far since it is a period piece," Sherrill said. "It focuses on the 'new kid' Doug and how in order to be accepted into the cool group of guys, he must earn his 'Michelle story' like the rest of them."

According to Sherrill, a "Michelle Story" is a fictional story each boy

makes up to describe how far sexually they have gone with her. When in reality, the boys are actually seeking advice and searching for a safe place to have a break down.

She said the film was loosely based around a script that she and friend Jason McKee, who is a filmmaker and visual effects artist conceptualized, and it deals with the complexities of being a teenager.

"The film deals with the idea of persona, sexuality, the urge to be accepted and the stark difference between what we often tell our friends and what actually occurs."

Sherrill said she chose to use the character Mi-

chelle in the story because she loves incorporating strong female characters.

Ogden encourages any students who are interested in film to give it a try and take a few intro-level classes. "Film, like any art form, is something you are just drawn to. If it interests you, and something you want to make a career out of, then I say go for it," he said.

Both Froese and Sherrill said they have enjoyed their time working on their films and in the film department.

"I cannot wait to get out into the world of film and begin to make my mark. I really feel the department is going to start kicking up momentum," Sherrill said.

"There are some really top-notch productions, and I am really pleased



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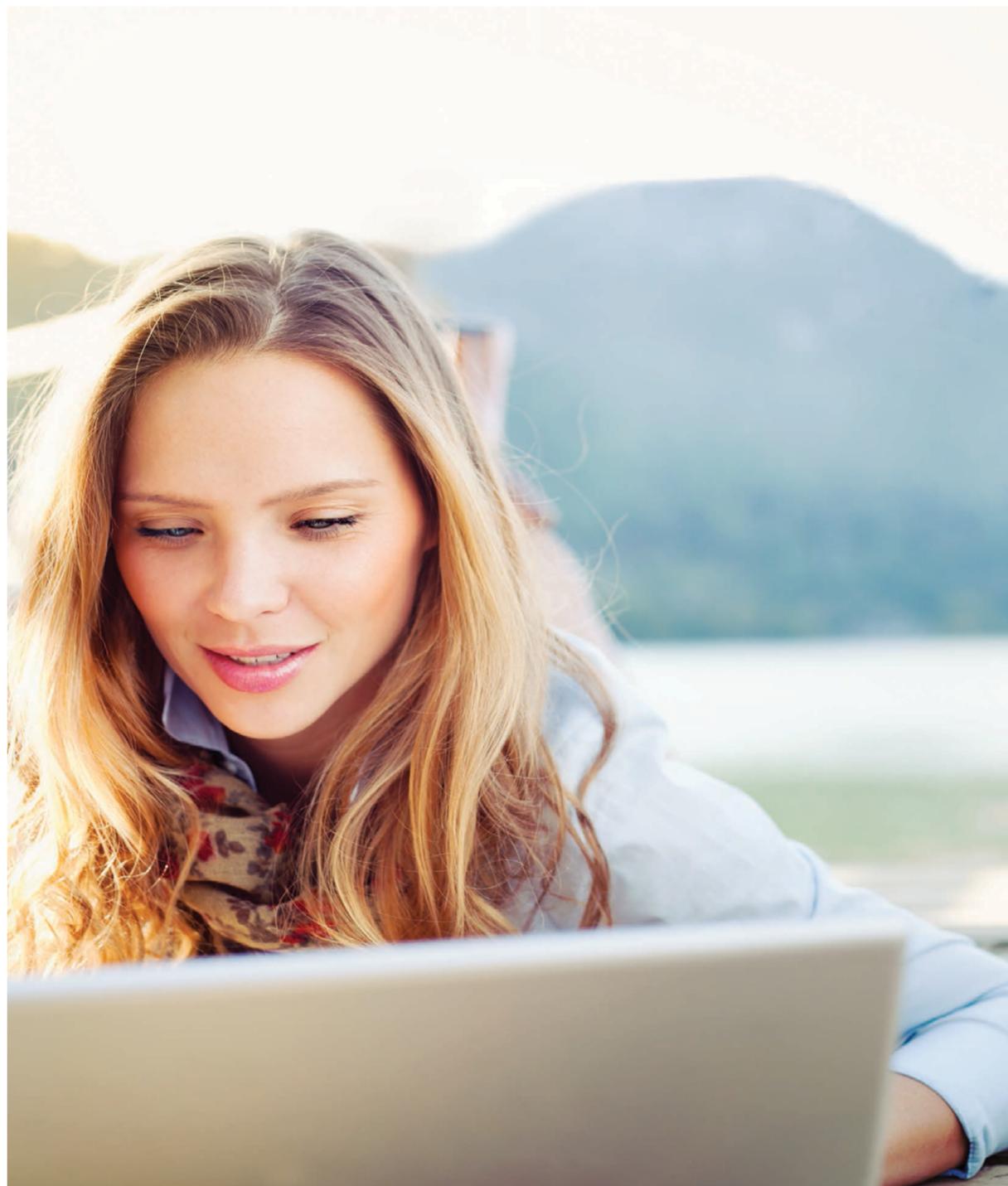


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Outgoing and Incoming Staff of The Easterner

Outgoing Editor-in-Chief
Jane Martin



Jane Martin is graduating with a major in journalism and a theater minor. She loves travel, art and music and has a passion for investigative journalism. She intends to take that passion and turn it into her lifelong pursuit and profession.

Outgoing Managing Editor
Amye Ellsworth



Amye Ellsworth is an English literature major from Arlington, Washington. Her favorite pastimes include shamelessly rooting for the Miami Heat, planning her imaginary wedding to Aaron Paul and suffering from existential crises.

Outgoing Chief Copy Editor
Mollie Gower



Mollie Gower is graduating with a double major in English with the creative writing option and visual communication design. After graduation, she is running away to China to teach English. While there, she wants to immerse herself in the culture and figure out what she wants to do with her life. Her ultimate life goal is to die as an extra in at least one movie. She also wants to move to Pluto sometime before she dies. Tanner Streicher will miss her a lot!

Outgoing Art Director
Laura Jones



Laura Jones is graduating from Eastern with a bachelor of arts in technical communication and a minor in visual communication design. Laura served as the art director for the 2013-2014 school year, designing special spreads, such as the red and white football game and the Pride Week spread, and managing art direction and page layout. "I'm going to miss all the people I've been working with for nearly two years now. To next year's staff, stay strong. All the sweat and tears you put in the paper will be worth it, especially if Elsa rewards you with candy."

Outgoing News Editor
Cheyenne Dunham



Cheyenne Dunham is majoring in history and minoring in anthropology. She plans to go to graduate school to pursue a master's in history. Her hopes and dreams include preserving historical sites, writing historical journalism pieces and to work and travel internationally.

Outgoing Eagle Life Editor
Kate Daniels



Kate Daniel is a senior graduating from Eastern with a journalism and English dual degree. Kate served as Eagle Life Editor for the 2013-2014 year. "It has been a pleasure working for The Easterner for the past year and a half, writing stories for and interacting with the EWU community," said Daniels. "I will miss everyone on staff, and wish next year's team the best of luck. Most of all, I hope everyone abides by the rule of the great Tracy Jordan and lives every week like it's shark week."

Outgoing Online Editor
Lei Silva



Lei Silva served as The Easterner's online editor and is going to graduate with a BA in visual communication design. After finishing school, she will move to Western Washington to pursue any type of creative job but would eventually love to design and sell T-shirts for a living. For now, she enjoys illustrating, cosplaying, monster flicks and bugging Laura Jones.

Outgoing Sports Editor
Galen Rock



Galen Rock was born on June 23, 1992, in Seattle to parents Larry and Branda Rock. He attended Renton high school and graduated in 2010. Galen was accepted at EWU, where he initially wanted to study business administration. It wasn't until he had a change of heart that he decided to pursue journalism instead. With the help of his professors, Dr. Bill Stimson and Jamie Tobias Neely, Galen was able to finish his major in two years along with a minor in African studies.

Incoming Managing Editor
Nathan Peters



Nathan Peters will be the managing editor at The Easterner. He graduated from South Puget Sound Community College where he was the editor-in-chief of the student newspaper, The Sounds. He graduated from community college with an associate in arts degree with a digital media emphasis. He will be transferring to EWU in the fall and majoring in biology with plans for a career in medicine. He enjoys music and spending time with friends. He wants to travel, learn guitar, and finish college. Journalism is a passion of Nathan's. He looks forward to continuing to learn and produce professional, heart-felt, honest news at The Easterner.

Incoming Editor-in-Chief
Nicole Ruse



Nicole Ruse, an EWU senior from Auburn, Washington, has been at The Easterner for three years, serving as a copy editor. She is a first-generation student majoring in journalism with a minor in visual communication design. Ruse has been involved with numerous organizations on and off campus, such as the National Eating Disorders Association, Active Minds at EWU, and the EWU Pride Club. Ruse has high goals, hoping to work as an editor at The Seattle Times. Ruse enjoys writing, baking and riding her bike around Cheney.

Incoming Chief Copy Editor
Eric Long



Eric Long is a junior majoring in journalism with a minor in women's studies. He is a music junkie who loves listening to old school hip-hop and rap. Long is excited to be behind—the-scenes next year as chief copy editor, spending long nights in the newsroom making sure The Easterner is ready for print with as little errors as possible. Long enjoys cooking, photography and playing with his cat, Miss Houdini.

Incoming Art Director
Tanner Streicher



Tanner Streicher is a sophomore at Eastern majoring in biochemistry with a minor in visual communication design as well as history. He is someone who loves to listen to any type of music. He has been at The Easterner for the past year as a page designer and will continue on as art director next year. Streicher is a graduate of North Central High School in Spokane. Tanner likes gardening, kayaking and playing with his dogs, Boo and Huck.

Incoming Eagle Life Editor
Jaclyn Archer



Jaclyn Archer is a senior at Eastern majoring in theater. She is a transfer student from Walla Walla University, where she served as a writer and news editor at The Collegian. Archer founded a student publication, The Page, at Walla Walla Valley Academy and served as a writer and editor there from 2006-2009. Jaclyn greatly enjoys theater and legislative journalism.

Incoming News Editor
Jasmine Kemp



Jasmine Kemp loves Stephen Colbert. That is all.

Incoming Sports Editor
Samuel Deal



Samuel Deal is a senior at Eastern and is a transfer student from Montana State University. He hopes to further his journalism knowledge and take on sports stories for the upcoming year, as well as pursue an interest in environmental writing. Samuel likes fly fishing, hanging out with his friends and playing basketball.

Incoming Opinion Editor
Elsa Schmitz



Elsa Schmitz is a senior at Eastern majoring in technical communication. She served as a copy editor at The Easterner in 2012 and has been the opinion editor for the last two years. She is from Tri-Cities, Washington, and graduated from Kennewick High School in 2010. Schmitz likes watching "Bob's Burgers," browsing Reddit, watching crime documentaries and playing with her cat, Steve French.



Thank you.

From the 2013-2014 Easterner Staff



The NCAA and NFL need to lighten up on weed

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As we enter the month of June, we creep closer and closer to the official rollout of recreational marijuana in the state of Washington.

Most know by now that Washingtonians voted yes to Initiative 502, which effectively legalized marijuana. It has been nearly a year and a half since these new laws have been in effect and while the overall feelings surrounding marijuana have changed, some are still playing catch up.

The NCAA and the NFL have both, within the last six months, levied major pot suspensions on stars of their respective leagues.

In April, University of Michigan sophomore center Mitch McGary opted to forgo his junior season and enter the NBA Draft. McGary only did so after he learned he would be suspended for a full year because of a failed drug test prior to the NCAA tournament. He was not even suited up for the game due to chronic back issues that plagued his sophomore season. But that did not stop the NCAA from enacting the suspension.

"It's just with the NCAA and their strict rules, they don't show

any mercy," McGary said. "They take their things seriously."

By failing a test administered by the NCAA, rather than his school whose punishments are much more lenient, McGary was subject to the strict bylaw 18.4.1.5.1, which calls for a player to be "ineligible for a minimum of one calendar year." A second offense, even for just marijuana, results in permanent banishment, a harsh punishment for a substance that has been proven to have medical benefits.

One might wonder why a league as physically demanding and mentally exhausting as the NFL doesn't recognize these benefits for their players. But, according to NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, the NFL is not ready to acknowledge that fact.

"I'm not a medical expert. We will obviously follow signs. We will follow medicine, and if they determine this could be a proper usage in any context, we will consider that," Goodell said just prior to the Super Bowl in February. "Our medical experts are not saying that right now."

Neither are the Federal Government's medical experts, leading me to believe that both the NFL and U.S. government are using reefer-madness era doctors because nearly every mainstream, modern medical expert is saying otherwise.

In the last year and a half, Dr. Sanjay Gupta, Dr. Mehmet Oz and Dr.

Richard Besser have completely flipped the script in their stances on marijuana.

"I've apologized for some of the earlier reporting because I think we've been terribly and systematically misled in this country for some time," Gupta told his CNN colleague Piers Morgan in August 2013. "And I did part of that misleading."

Oz, who hosts a self-titled syndicated talk show, has also had a change of heart. "I grew up with most of my generation thinking that marijuana was something Satan was throwing at Americans and a communist plot," Oz said on an episode of "Larry King Now."

"But I think that most of us have come around to the belief that marijuana is hugely beneficial when used correctly for medicinal purposes."

Besser, ABC News chief health and medical editor, probably made the most impassioned statement. "And it's just not rational that adults don't have the choice of using marijuana, but they do for alcohol. Marijuana is less likely to be addictive. It's less likely to cause accidents and birth defects. It's less likely to cause domestic violence. So, how do you rationally say that it's OK to drink alcohol with that profile but it's not OK to occasionally use marijuana?"

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Illustration by Elsa Schmitz

While "Frozen" has sky-rocketed in popularity, Dunn finds the music and animation lacking.

'Frozen' is luke warm at best

By Katie Dunn
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Disney's "Frozen" continues to rise in popularity— to the point where Australian stores are sold out of Elsa and Anna dolls — forcing residents to import them from places like the United States.

This movie is the fifth highest-grossing film of all time and the third most successful movie in Japan. In March, it won an Oscar for best animated feature and best original song for "Let It Go," sung by Idina Menzel.

"Frozen" has inspired push-up pops, a "Frozen on Ice" show that sold over 500,000 tickets the first week, designer Lilian Zaya Llanos' s quinceañera dresses and now

a "Frozen" karaoke application for the iPad.

Eastern's student population must have a number of fans of the movie as well since between the PUB and the dorms, there have been multiple showings of "Frozen" on campus, including a screening of the sing-along version.

After all this hype, I finally watched the movie.

This movie has inspired an assortment of fan art and parodies I've seen around the Internet, but I had never actually seen anything that told me what the story was going to be about. All I knew was that it had to be amazing.

It wasn't. I was disappointed because the actual movie did not live up to the hype surrounding it. Other movies have aged the main characters through a musical montage, with "Swan Princess" being one of my favorites, and "Frozen" did not deviate.

They were able to portray

Anna's loneliness through the song, "Do You Want to Build a Snowman," but while the emotions were there, I felt the song was lacking.

Kristen Bell has a nice voice, but it overpowered the musical score, making it hard to get into the song. This happened with almost every musical number, not just the ones Bell sang.

Lyrics are important, but if the viewer has trouble listening to a song because the vocals make them cringe or they overshadow the music, then the message the characters are trying to get across are lost.

It was easy to be drawn into the well-animated snow and the lifelike evergreen trees that built the stage for the characters to act upon, but beyond that, I had no love for the animation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Pot-zoning response

After reading your recent piece on I-502 and zoning regulations in the city of Spokane, I felt compelled to respond. Before responding to any specific points, I believe some background information may be helpful in discussing this issue.

The city of Spokane City Council adopted a moratorium in the spring of 2013 after several medical marijuana collective gardeners owners approached us and asked that we look into regulations for the market. A technical group was formed with key stakeholders in the community and in the city to draft an ordinance. It was during the moratorium process that we decided to also tackle zoning issues related to I-502 to stay ahead of the curve.

Ultimately the group and council settled on restricting such businesses from being able to operate in residential zones, or CCI zones, due to concerns from neighborhoods across the city about the impact of these businesses. That many of the businesses will end up in poorer neighborhoods has little to do with zoning restrictions passed by the city however. In I-502 there is a 1,000-foot buffer rule that

states that businesses must be at least 1,000-foot from public parks, public libraries, child care centers, transit centers, elementary and secondary schools, recreation centers, playgrounds or game arcades. This all but assured that these businesses would end up in areas that have traditionally lacked the amenities of wealthier locations. When one looks at draft I-502 zoning maps before the city adopted zoning restrictions and afterward, the remarkable thing is how little difference there is between the two.

A final note is that contrary to the original story, the main drivers of the price of legal marijuana will be the availability of supply from producers and processor and the tax structure in I-502; neither of which the city can control. That does not mean there is nothing we can do however. On the fourth Monday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Briefing Center, a Marijuana Policy Subcommittee meets to discuss like the ones in the original article. We welcome everyone to attend and always look forward to seeing new faces.

Jon Snyder

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Opportunities whistle as they pass

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After four years, I shall be graduating from Eastern with two degrees.

I had some great times at Eastern, going to presentations and concerts, and I've made some great friends, some I'll actually stay in contact with.

Being an outgoing senior that possibly won't be coming back for a while, I would like to offer some advice to Eastern's administration — advice that can be taken or ignored as I don't, obviously, have all the answers. But, I hope you shall consider it a bit of feedback and possibly twist it around in a way that will assist in bettering the university.

First of all, make information easier to find. It is rather difficult to decide who we need to call for certain things.

At The Easterner's office, we had a broken window and leaky roof, and we weren't positive who to call.

There wasn't a link that said, "Click here for putting in work orders." Maintenance only came when we reported the broken window. I consider a leaky roof to be rather dangerous in a room full of electrical equipment.

Our roof tiles are still yellow from water; it may have mold.

The information provided on the Eastern website can be a little confusing, and I have found myself clicking through various pages to find the information needed.

What would make life easier is a checklist or a document, especially for majors and departments. These checklists are nice because they are savable to a computer and students can print them if needed. This also allows for students to review what they still need offline.

SOAR is a great program but needs working Internet connection to function. With a checklist, students can be sure that they are completing all the requirements for their major.

GECRs are another rather confusing obstacle to navigate through. Some of the classes I thought should be GECRs are not. As a result, I couldn't take those classes and missed out on a piece of my education I would have been interested in.

I know there is a big debate happening about how to restructure GECRs and if we even should. I would say, "Yes." I think that GECRs shouldn't be restricted to certain classes because then you have students taking a class because they can skate through it. Limiting choices limits the interests of students.

My advice would be to not designate certain classes as GECRs but allow students to pick their general requirements from certain departments. For example, if one social science class is required, then allow students to pick from any psychology, sociology or philosophy class

offered that quarter.

I think that doing this will allow students to find classes that interest them and push them to expand their horizons.

Also, if you need help writing content, hire some students or intern them at least. I know some majors require that students intern with an organization, why not have some of those students intern at Eastern? Can you not ask classes to assist in rewriting content or organizing the site a little better?

Why won't you involve students more often? I know Eastern has many capable students who would jump at the chance to be paid, or at least get the experience, to work on something that is not a hypothetical project.

It seems that the question on students lips is, "When will I use this?" Here's your chance. Show them the answer, and it will allow for better understanding between students and the university.

Another contention I think Eastern needs to be aware of is MyEWUPortal. Websites do not need an instruction manual. Something is broken if you need one.

During one of my web classes, my professor asked us to make a prototype of MyEWUPortal because it is a nightmare. As I was researching, I found that buttons wouldn't load and menus wouldn't work on a school computer. My personal computer would sometimes be a hit, but mostly a miss when it came to this site.

Most students at Eastern have dealt with the Internet and websites that allow personalization. Exceptions would be households that don't have the Internet or parents re-

stricting their children.

Why don't you trust your students to be capable, Eastern? The manual for MyEWUPortal assumes that students won't understand your site, which is partly correct because half of it doesn't work and doesn't allow for a good user experience, and some students will try to avoid using it all together.

My advice: ask some of the design and computer science students to help you build this site. You are trying to make it so students will have an easier time organizing their email and Canvas, correct? Then utilize them. Ask the design professors; they'll know exactly who you should talk to for assistance on developing this site.

I know Eastern holds forums where students can voice their grievances, but what about actually involving the students in the inner workings of Eastern? Maybe I'm not seeing the red tape for what it is, but I believe there are some smart people up there who can find a loophole and give students a more immersive education.

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Advice checklist

- ✓ Concise information
- ✓ Allow students to pick their general requirements from certain departments
- ✓ Utilize the skills of your students

EDITORIAL

Mass media ignores shooting victims

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May 23 marked the beginning of a long weekend for the community of Santa Barbara, California, when a lone shooter began a rampage that would claim the lives of six innocent people and leave 13 others injured.

But this editorial isn't about the shooter, what was seemingly "wrong" with him or about the timeline and documents found in the case.

This is for the victims. Whenever unfortunate events such as this occur, it seems as though 95 percent of attention is immediately focused on the perpetrator. This is a normal, but sad, reaction.

As human beings, we all want to know, "Why?"

Why would someone decide to take the lives of innocent people?

Why wasn't anything done to protect the public from someone like this?

In this particular case, we may never know the hard facts that answer these questions. However, there is one thing we do know: A loss of life occurred and those losses need to be commemorated and not pushed to the side by the sensationalism of a criminal investigation.

By allowing the attention to focus on the perpetrator, rather than the victim, our society is glorifying the idea that a person will become famous for committing these acts. We are causing the families of the

victims more pain by allowing story after story revolving around the perpetrator and repeated timelines of the terrible events that occurred to continue.

Rather than attempt to dissect a perpetrator and their actions or thoughts, we should remember those who lost their lives and remember the ways in which these tragedies could have been prevented.

In the case of the Santa Barbara shootings, the perpetrator allegedly released media, including personal videos and a 138-page self-written manifesto, detailing his hateful way of thinking and threatening to act upon that hatred. The perpetrator was also supposedly known for his particular way of thinking and relating to those around him.

Our question is: Why were these actions and media that had previously been reported to authority figures allowed to continue until the worst happened?

All of us should feel responsible enough to report suspicious behavior, particularly in a time when mass shootings and tragedies like the Santa Barbara shooting occur often. We strongly urge those who are witness to these kinds of things to seek aid from someone trustworthy, such as a counselor, administrator or police officer.

In these dark times, it is important to remember not the perpetrator, but the victims whose lives were cut so cruelly short.

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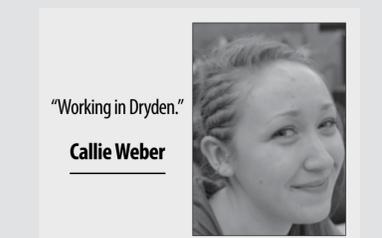
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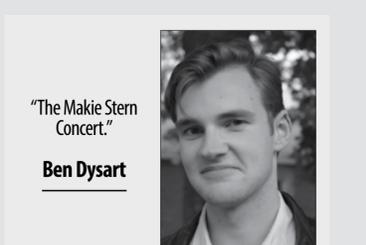


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"Working in Dryden." Callie Weber

Question for this week:
"What is your favorite memory from this year?"



"The Makie Stern Concert." Ben Dysart



"The Mardi Gras food on campus." Emily Puckett

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Police Beat

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May 29

3:42 a.m.

Assault
A domestic violence incident resulted in the arrest of a male student in Streeter Hall.

10:15 p.m.

Agency assist
University police assisted the Cheney Police Department in taking a person into custody that had stolen a vehicle.

May 30

12:42 a.m.

Trespassing
Two males were caught trying to climb up the side of Tawanka. They were stopped and referred the Student Rights and Responsibilities.

2:49 a.m.

Trespassing
Two females were referred to Student Rights and Responsibilities after trespassing near Roos Field.

6:50 p.m.

Collision
Officers assisted with traffic control after a collision on Washington Street.

May 31

1:34 a.m.

Domestic dispute
A verbal argument between two students drew police attention, and the parties were separated.

June 1

1:04 a.m.

Alcohol
A male student was cited and released with an MIP charge in LA Hall.

2:34 a.m.

Fire alarm
An unknown student pulled the fire alarm in Dressler Hall. Police are still looking for suspects in this repeated occurrence.

June 2

12:41 a.m.

Malicious mischief
Police discovered graffiti on the side wall of the PHASE pavillion.

Tip of the Week
With the warmer weather, graduation parties and summer approaching, students should take caution to hydrate, wear sunscreen and maintain their party lifestyles to appropriate weather.

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But, of course, Goodell and the NFL need to listen to their doctors, the same doctors and medical "experts" that for years hid and lied about the dangers of head trauma and concussions. But yes, let us continue to look to the NFL as our moral compass. Within the last month, Goodell has handed out two more major suspensions to Cleveland Brown's wide receiver, Josh Gordon, and Arizona Cardinals Linebacker, Daryl Washington. Both players are huge parts of their respective teams and, in Gordon's case, one of the few bright spots on a crappy 4-12 team. Fans want to see stars, whether they're an All-American athlete or a player as talented as Gordon and Washington. I could care less about their harmless vices or pain remedies. Marijuana is useful, and level-headed

people have already taken notice. When asked during Super Bowl week for his thoughts about marijuana in the NFL, Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll took his chance to add his voice to the swelling tide of reason. "We have to continue to explore and compete to find ways that are going to make our game a better game and take care of our players in the best way possible," Carroll said. "The fact that it's in the world of medicine is obviously something [Goodell] realizes. Regardless of what other stigmas may be involved, I think we have to do this because the world of medicine is trying to do the exact same thing and figure it out and they're coming to some conclusions." Conclusions the NFL, NCAA and anyone else who refuses to accept the new approach need to recognize. The stigmatization of weed is dissolving: the quicker the dissenting voices start taking the benefits seriously the sooner marijuana will be realized as having more to offer than the occasional high.

LONDON: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

With state residency, the Master of Science in communications at EWU costs just over \$26,000. The program Gadingan will be entering is £10,360 per year, or \$17345.75. The program will save her money and time. "It's a lot more of an intense program," Gadingan said. "It's five days a week, four hours per day with weekends off and no summer break. According to Crabtree, a master's program should be different than the undergraduate experience. Instead of getting a broad look at a wide variety of subjects, students spend time intensely looking at one subject. In Gadingan's choice to study abroad, there is an added dimension to the

depth of study. This experience will give her a foot in the door to work for international companies at a level that would take years otherwise. Gadingan said she would love to use her degree and experience to plan large-scale events, and travel the world representing an international company. She is currently focused on finishing her degree at Eastern and figuring out how to fund her studies. She has applied for scholarships through Kingston University, which could cover as much as £60,000, but she is aiming for at least one of six £10,000 scholarships given out by the university. While waiting to apply for her student visa in June, Gadingan is researching international bank accounts, pound to dollar conversion rates and the high cost of

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WORLD CUP: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

"When we heard, we were hopeful and expected big changes. We had hope in Brazil to change the environment, because host cities could improve a lot of things like transportation, hotels and just everything," said De Moura. The announcement brought optimism to all of Brazil and with that optimism came expectations. "We saw [the World Cup in South Africa] and they changed more of their country. They spent less money. In Brazil, it was so expensive. The cup will be better [than it is being portrayed] but we expected it to be better than this," said Lima. The cost of this year's FIFA World Cup is \$11.7 billion, making it the most expensive World Cup so far. Most of the money was put towards building or renovating 12 different soccer stadiums some hosting as few as four matches. Brazil's procedures for retrofitting their country with the necessary amenities to host the World Cup are part of a pattern of host countries spending large amounts of money on venues that become "White Elephants."

The term "White Elephant" refers to stadiums built in various countries for sporting events that the people do not normally practice. A recent example is Athens, Greece, where many stadiums were built to house the 2004 Summer Olympics. "There are cities that don't have a lot of soccer but they built a stadium for the World Cup and then it doesn't have any good applications [after the World Cup]," said Pirolli. "Not all the stadiums are like that but I believe that four will not be used after." The distribution of stadiums within communities without rich soccer history illustrates the corruption in Brazil's political system, as the influence the tournament will have on Brazil's future. "The World Cup is really involved in the politics this year so we don't know what can happen. It is kind of sad to think that the World Cup can change an election but it can happen," said Lima. "It is related to the Brazilian teams playing on the field. If they keep winning it is going to be great and maybe people forget [protests] during the [World Cup]." Two years of violence being overlooked due to athletic success evokes the true reasoning behind Brazil's recent turmoil. The country's passion for sports blinded many to the issues which have been evident. "Six years ago was the moment ... where I think where

the people needed to say, 'We have other priorities' but all the people were [so happy]. After they agreed to have the cup that's when the people changed their minds and went to the streets," said Goettens. "Now is not the time to protest. The cup can show the world that Brazil is not just soccer and protest." The World Cup is the second most sought after international sporting event due to the opportunities the host nations have to capturing the world's attention and show the best parts of the country. Brazil is not off to a great start and the situation became dire when FIFA President Sepp Blatter admitted that the country may not have been the best choice to host the tournament. "We lost the chance to show that the world, Brazil is more than just futebol. Now we are fighting just fighting to show that we are good soccer team," said Lima. "Because we don't have anything left, only stadiums." Two years of fighting may have hurt the country's reputation but it has thrust international attention on Brazil in a ways unimaginable. Now the spotlight is not painting a nice picture with the event less than two weeks away. Brazil has one last chance to change the world's current perception. "Now that it is here, we have a chance to show the rest of the world what Brazil is really about," said De Moura.

FROZEN: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

It looked fine, sure, but I've seen more realistic hair in "Tangled" and "How to Train Your Dragon." While Elsa and Anna's hair may have had loose strands, all the male characters' hair looked stiff and solid in comparison. The character Flynn Rider, from "Tangled," always looked like his was feathered and given as much attention as Rapunzel's. I place high importance on hair because it is a human feature that is hard to capture. The more realistic the hair, the more lifelike the story. I admit that I began enjoying the movie more once Kristoff joined the cast. He was a voice of reason for Anna's recklessness, and he made me laugh. Olaf also warmed his way into my

heart with his calm and optimistic nature. Once the movie was over though, I felt unsatisfied. I think the biggest issue I had was that it needed to be an hour longer. There was not enough time to develop the characters Anna and Elsa in an authentic way. I got to see a glimpse of this as they had this life-changing adventure, but who they were in each moment was unclear. Elsa went from freaking out to cool as ice with an "I don't care" attitude so quickly that I got mental whiplash. Instead of singing in place of plot, a little more dialogue and action in areas, like when the parents were killed off and when Anna confronted Elsa in the ice palace, would have improved the movie overall. Then there was Han's betrayal. It wasn't a shock for me. I knew he was evil the minute I saw him, but he didn't prove me right until the moment he was tearing out Anna's heart. Disney hid his

motives well, almost too well. I could have missed some subtle signs that he never cared about Anna, but I was looking for them! Did Disney try to leave the viewers in the dark so there would be a greater impact, or did they assume the sideburns and all too charming demeanor would raise a red flag to moviegoers? All I needed to be happy was one act from Hans that gave me evidence to doubt him so it wouldn't seem like the writers were being spontaneous. As a whole the movie was OK. A large portion of the world seems to disagree though. So, taking a page from Disney princess Tiana, I thought I should dig a little deeper. The movie focuses on the bond between sisters, which is ultimately what saves Anna in the end. It was a nice twist to a classic ending, but all the other elements are clichés seen in other Disney movies, including the quickly estab-

lished heteronormative relationship. Anna ended up falling in love with a guy she only knew for a short time, twice. The first time may have been Disney poking fun of their superficial relationships of the past, and I applaud them for highlighting the ridiculousness of committing to someone so quickly, but inside the "Frozen" universe, Anna really did think she was in love. Kristoff and Anna did have more time together, and they shared life-threatening experiences, but when someone saves your life, it's hard not to see them in a different light. Under normal circumstances, I have to wonder if the two would have ever gotten together. Maybe that's movie magic, and maybe "Frozen" is riddled with deeper meanings than what I can see. Either way, I still can't fathom how this movie became so popular, but I know one thing, I'm not letting this go.

INTERNATIONAL: CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

A "thawb" looks like a robe; it is a long tunic with sleeves. On regular days in Saudi Arabia, he adopts a more casual attire. One thing he really admires about EWU is the trust that professors seem to have in their students. He said it is like they have faith in their students. "They believe you," Abdulaal said. Living in America for seven months

has altered Abdulaal. He has become more open minded and open to new experiences. For now, he is waiting on his financial aid to come through for fall. If it does not, he will be returning to Saudi Arabia. But Abdulaal is not worried. His philosophy helps keep him positive. "Live your life, and do what you need to. Know if God chooses something for you, it will happen. If not, it won't," said Abdulaal. Abdulaal knows he is doing his part to succeed, and he is sure that everything will fall into place.



ASEWU petting zoo
Photos by Laura Jones
If students happened to be out and about on campus on June 3, they may have come across a small petting zoo put on by ASEWU. Students had the chance to pet and hand feed many animals, including a baby wallaby and a grumpy-looking llama named Elroy. This event was sure to brighten up students' dead week as they prepared to take finals next week.

PRISON: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Ann Wise, the community partnership program coordinator at the corrections center, said she met with Zukosky in November 2013 after his initial inquiry about potential volunteer opportunities that could involve a group of students as part of a course having to do with literacy. "We came up with the idea of letter writing," Wise said. "The main way that offenders communicate with their families is through letter writing. The more literate they are, the more they will be able to do that." Wise said she believes that the course will be a good thing for those incarcerated. "We worked really closely with [Zukosky] on the description," Wise said. "There will be weekly sessions for the offenders with student mentors focused on letter writing, and examples will be presented with different topics that will be discussed with the offender students. Then, the offenders will be encouraged to write their own letters. Those letters will be reviewed by the EWU students, and correction made, or suggestions made, and then given back to the offenders for them to learn." EWU students have to follow all of the requirements of any other volunteers at the facility, including a volunteer application, background checks and a three hour orientation. "Ideally, there is already some sympathy, some empathy, and some compassion for those who are in prison," Zukosky said. "That is a hard thing to teach. I am really hop-

ing that the students who sign up have that starting point." According to Wise, it is a privilege for the offenders to get into the class. They cannot have any infractions on their record and there cannot be any conflicts in their scheduling or programming. "The offenders obviously can't be 'in the hole' or anything like that," Wise said. "If they are interested, our requirement is that they are able and willing to read and write and actively participate in the class, and that they must commit to each session." There will be one weekly meeting at EWU and one at the corrections center. At the facility, there will be a secure classroom reserved for the class. After some open discussion, EWU students will work one-on-one with the inmates on their letters. Zukosky said that he is interested in looking at the problems in prisons from many different angles. He said that even though incarceration is what society has chosen as a way to do deal with people who break the laws, it can be a very inhumane system. "People do crazy things, and we do need to deal with them as social problems," Zukosky said. "But incarceration doesn't solve the whole picture. Our society has economic and structural issues." While he sees the value of opposing the prison system entirely, Zukosky said people who take that stance often forget that there are people incarcerated right now, and the issues they are dealing with need to be addressed. According to Zukosky, some of the problems include the rate of drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness, chronic unemployment and general economic inequalities people endure before they are incarcerated. Once in prison Zukosky said the rates of depression, suicide and infectious diseases go well above the national average. Besides helping offenders reconnect with family and friends through informal letters, Zukosky said one of his goals is to help offenders craft letters that will reach state representatives and other public officials, who may be able to take actions to improve the lives of the incarcerated and the corrections center's administrators. "It's a great opportunity both for us, and for EWU," Wise said. "My goal is to get volunteers into the facility that could role model appropriate pro-social behavior to the offenders. It's great that [EWU] is offering a program that will actually help the offenders, and continue to bring that pro-social behavior to their families by writing them letters, and being able to communicate with them while they're here." Zukosky said the goal of the program is to give offenders the best possible experience while they are incarcerated, to have them serve their sentence with dignity, integrity and to grow and develop. "It sounds bizarre, but you have a lot of people who are really trying to work to improve the lives of the prisoners," Zukosky said. "The prison wall is supposed to cut off the relationships between the offender and the people on the outside. We want to break down the wall, and rebuild their relationships with the community."

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Former Whitworth player becomes new assistant coach for men's team

David Riley beat out 100 other applicants to coach alongside Jim Hayford

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Former EWU director of basketball operations David Riley, was hired as an assistant coach for the Eastern men's basketball team.

Riley is excited to be part of the coaching staff and to be able to take on a bigger role.

"Being able to help out and do everything that I've been able to do the last two years has been great," Riley said. "Now, just being able to be a part of what we're doing here as a coach and being on the floor is really what I'm excited about."

Riley aspired to have a teaching position in basketball for a long time. "I knew I wanted to be a coach pretty much since high school," Riley said. "My uncle's the head football coach at Oregon State, my grandpa was a football coach in the [Canadian Football League]."

"So, I really got to see what it's like from their perspective. It just seemed like a really great career path."

In his college basketball career, he earned All-Northwest Conference honors for four years from the 2007-2008 season through 2010-2011. Riley also helped his team win three North-west Conference titles.

He averaged 11.9 points while shooting 43.1 percent at the 3-point line as a freshman at Whitworth University. During his sophomore year, Riley averaged 16.4 points along with 46.7 percent 3-point shooting. He averaged 13.4 points while

shooting 40.9 percent behind the 3-point line as a junior. During his senior year, Riley improved his offensive numbers by averaging 16.5 points per game at 41.6 percent 3-point shooting.

He was honored with first team All-Northwest Conference in his last three seasons. Riley finished his college basketball career with 1,664 points averaging 14.6 points per game overall. He also finished with shooting 43.1 percent behind the 3-point line.

Eastern men's head basketball coach Jim Hayford thinks Riley has a lot to bring to the table.

"[Riley] has prepared himself to be a college coach," Hayford said. "He studied coaches and was a part of our coaching staff last year in an administrative role."

"What he brings is a good understanding of how we want to play the game," Hayford said.

He views Riley as very bright and an excellent addition to the coaching staff. "He is really good with analytics, with statistics and using technology in coaching."

According to Hayford, around 100 people applied for this position.

Riley graduated from Whitworth in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in mathematical economics and a minor in math. He also received his master's degree in physical education from Eastern in 2013. Riley worked as the video and analytics coordinator for the EWU men's basketball team. He

also helped with student-athlete academics and summer camps.

Assistant coach Alex Pribble said that Riley does not need to gain any familiarity with the team. "That's the great thing about hiring [Riley] as a coach," Pribble said. "He's already very comfortable with all the players, with our system. He ran coach Hayford's system as a player and now he has the ability to coach it, so the transition's going to be extremely smooth."

Riley played for Hayford at Whitworth University during the Pirates' 2007-2011 seasons. While Riley and Hayford were at Whitworth, the Pirates went 98-18 overall.

Hayford said the fact that a former player is on his staff is a positive. "I really like it," he said. "[Riley] maybe can help players understand something that I'm trying to communicate, but struggling with, that he understood having been on the receiving end of that coaching and I think that will help the guys a lot."

Pribble said how Riley will fit in with the rest of the players and the coaching staff. "He's likable," Pribble said. "He's got a great personality, he's fun to be around, and I know he's going to make my job more fun just because I'm going to be able to share so much time with him."

"I knew I wanted to be a coach pretty much since high school."

David Riley



Photo courtesy of EWU Athletics

David Riley played for current EWU head coach Jim Hayford at Whitworth.

Senior defensive back faced injuries, played basketball before coming to EWU

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It is all about paying it forward, taking the knowledge that has been bestowed upon oneself and instilling it into others who may have not had that opportunity.



Brown

Senior Allen Brown, EWU's former defensive back, lives by this motto: making sure those in his circle get better daily, whether it is their performance on the field, their way of thinking or within their personal lives. Now, he is returning to the field as a graduate assistant.

Brown played football for a year and a half at Henry Foss High School in Tacoma, Washington, before receiving a scholarship to play for the Eagles.

Considering himself blessed for the opportunity, Brown said his football career started at a young age, and he did not think it would become a top priority in his life.

"I played football like third through sixth grade," Brown said. "I was a quarterback. I thought I'd play football forever, but in seventh grade, I got a bone infection in my spine. I couldn't walk for like a month. I was in the hospital for a couple of weeks."

Not sure whether he would be able to take a hit again, Brown made the decision to focus on basketball. It was not until he met Eagle's wide receiver coach, Nick Edwards, during their years at Foss High School that Brown considered playing football again.

It was one summer, while working at Cheney Baseball Stadium in Tacoma, Edwards said him and Brown were on their break playing football in the parking lot and Brown made a bet that if he caught a touchdown, he would try out for football. "He caught the ball and that's how he actually got his football career started," Edwards said. "I've just watched [Brown] grow from being 16 all the way until 23 years old. It's been phenomenal watching him grow from a young man into a man now, so it's awesome."

Smaller than the average male playing his position, Brown's disciplined work eth-

ic and perseverance helped him have a successful football career with a lot of respect.

"Most ideal safeties are over six foot, 210-pounds and they're going to run and hit you. The thing about [Brown], he has such a big heart and big motor," Edwards said. "He just never stops. You can ask any coach who has played against [Brown], they would say that same thing. That guy is 175-pounds, but he will bring every single bit of it. He works hard and will hit you. He's not scared of going against a bigger defender. It's just his will and competitiveness just helps who he is today."

Brown's knowledge, drive, work ethic and caring nature speak loudly for him. For senior and former Eagle's wide receiver Ashton Clark, those characteristics also play a huge rule in Brown's success.

"His knowledge as a football player is something that got him to where he was and was able to play because he has so much knowledge," Clark said. "He might be a small guy or an undersized guy, but he is smart. He's going to be in the right place at the right time. He was a captain just as I was, and he is a natural born leader."

A huge motto for the Eagles football team is "F.O.E." which means, "Family Over Everything," Clark said. Brown introduced the concept to the team.

"That's like the definition of him as a person," Clark said. "If you're someone he considers family, it's really family over everything."

Family is one of the most precious and important to value for Brown. "I am one of the biggest family guys probably at Eastern and on the team. My family has gotten me here. I feel that this team, this coaching staff, is all a family too, so I feel the same way about them," Brown said. "They've gotten me to where I am now football wise, grade wise, on and off the field, so it's all a family thing."

Edwards admires Brown's way of thinking. "If you're not going to work hard, if you're not a good person that is going to help him grow as an individual, he's not going to be your friend," Edwards said. "Somebody can take that negatively, but for me, as being his friend since grade school, he has helped me as an individual

and I love him to death for it. He's a guy that I will always be close to. I consider him my best friend and I damn near consider him as my brother."

Both Brown and Clark experienced the unfortunate loss of a sibling in December. Clark said he knew what Brown was going through and commends his strength to continue on during the season.

"He did such a good job of just playing football," Clark said. "I think it was very courageous and honorable for the way he held himself together and the way he went through it."

Brown said it is his guidance from his parents and support system that helps him get through. "It's tough but I know what [my sister] would want," Brown said. "I'm a man of God. So I've been to church. I've talked to my pastor, I've talked to my parents. They've helped me get through it."

Brown said a big role in finding strength comes from the role he plays within his family.

"Then I have little sisters, little sisters who, at the end of the day, I have to be strong for," Brown said. "I'm going to try and be as strong as I can for them because they struggle way more than me. I try to hide everything I have. Do all my grieving on my own then I'll try to help them. I have to be strong to help them."

Edwards said the support Brown receives from mentors, friends and family is phenomenal. He believes that that is what has helped Brown continue to have a strong mindset and press forward and go for what he wants.

"He was already an individual who pushed hard everyday. Even with that happening, it is another motivation to continue to do great things like his did because his sister was a phenomenal woman and just a kind-hearted person," Edward said. "That lost is something that is just going to help [Brown] throughout his career and throughout his life."

Making strides to follow his dream of becoming a coach, Brown will be a graduate assistant at EWU come the fall. Clark said with Brown's knowledge and worth ethic, no matter what program he ends up with, it would be a benefit to them because he is going to outwork a lot of people as a coach.

"[Brown's] knowledge as a football player is something that got him to where he was."

Ashton Clark

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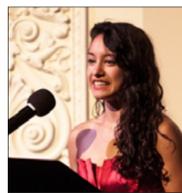
Football team motto:
Family over everything

Dream career: Defensive coordinator and coach

Future plans:
Graduate assistant for EWU football



Cooper Kupp was named Male Freshman of the Year for his work on the football team.



Senior Angelica Rodriguez accepted the award for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Triple Threat Citizen.



Senior basketball player Aubrey Ashenfetter received the award for Female Career Achievement.



Junior quarterback Vernon Adams received the award for Best Male Athlete of the Year.



Photo by Sam Sargeant

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Senior Steven Warner received the first ever Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo Award for Leadership and Excellence.

'EeeWoos' awards banquet celebrates hard-working athletes

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Student-athletes and their dates came out in droves, dressed to the nines for the sixth annual "EeeWoos" on May 28 at Shwalter Auditorium.

This is an event run by the athletic department to celebrate the student-athletes for their accomplishments not only on the field, but also off. "EeeWoos" nominees and recipients are chosen by EWU Athletic Department coaches and staff.

The evening began with a social hour and pictures on the red carpet in the auditorium foyer.

Men were dressed in suits and ties, while the women wore nice dresses and even Swarovski took part in the festivities wearing a sleek black suit and tie.

Following the social hour, attendees filed into the auditorium for the show to begin.

Dave Spencer, "Voice of the Eagles" and broadcaster for the EWU football team, kicked off the show by recapping each sport team's season.

"We've had another awesome year for Eagle Athletics," said Spencer before moving onto the awards.

The first awards were Female and Male Newcomer of the Year. They were presented to junior Katie Arrigoni from the track and field team and junior Drew Brandon from the men's basketball team.

"It's an honor and it's not something you would expect, but it feels good," Brandon said.

Brandon made an acceptance speech after being awarded, thanking his teammates and coaches. Arrigoni was unable to attend due to regionals for track, and her award was accepted by her teammates.

Senior Angelica Rodriguez was awarded the Student-Athletic Advisory Committee Triple Threat Citizen Award for her work as president of the SAAC and on the track and field and cross-country team.

Female and Male Freshman of the year was presented to track and field's freshman Courtney Bray and football's sophomore Cooper Kupp.

Bray was unable to accept her award, but Kupp accepted the coaches and staff for pushing him to do his best.

Senior Keisa Monterola and junior Vernon Adams were awarded Best Female and Male Athlete of the year for excelling in track and field and in football.

"Shout out to my coaches for making me a good quarterback and remember Aug 23. Let's go. Go Eags," Vernon said in his short acceptance speech.

Just like the season, the football players were on a roll, named Best Team of the Year for their third advancement to the FCS semifinals in four years.

T.J. Lee III, a senior football player, was then chosen for Male Career Achievement Award and Aubrey Ashenfetter, a senior women's basketball player, was chosen for Female Career Achievement Award for outstanding career at EWU.

The Female and Male Scholar-Athletes were seniors Ashley Wright and Ashton Miller for their scholastic achievements as student-athletes.

"It's been such a blessing and a privilege to be acknowledged for my work over four years, especially having such great people that helped me get there," Wright said.

The final award of the evening, Eagle for Leadership and Excellence, had a slight twist to it.

Director of Athletics Bill Chaves said that due to Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo's hard work and dedication to the university, the award will now be renamed the Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo Award for Leadership and Excellence.

Track and field star senior Steven Warner was named the first recipient of the award.

Upon accepting the award, Warner put off his speech to first take a selfie with Dr. Arévalo, Chaves and the audience.

Following the show, Warner said he felt honored to receive an award dedicated to Dr. Arévalo.

"To be the first person to get it feels incredible, especially [an award] that behind the name is leadership and excellence. It's amazing to have the school really recognize those qualities. I really appreciate it. It's hard to put into words. I am definitely going to treasure this for a while," Warner said.

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CEO makes winning bid for NBA team

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On May 29, former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer signed a bidding agreement to buy the Los Angeles Clippers for \$2 billion from banned-owner Donald Sterling.

The NBA approved the sale, which was negotiated by Shelly Sterling, the co-owner with her separated husband, on May 30, but it is pending approval by the NBA Board of Governors.

"I will be honored to have my name submitted to the NBA Board of Governors for approval as the next owner of the Los Angeles Clippers," Ballmer said in a statement. "I thank Shelly Sterling for her willingness to entrust the Clippers franchise to me, and I am grateful to NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and his colleagues for working collaboratively with me throughout this process."

According to a statement released from the league, the bid was approved with the conditions that "[Shelly] Sterling, the Trust, would agree not to sue the NBA and to indemnify the NBA against lawsuits from others, including Donald Sterling."

Donald Sterling, who bought the Clippers in 1981 for \$12.5 million, was banned and fined by NBA commissioner Silver in April after alleged audio of Donald Sterling making racist remarks were leaked by his girlfriend, V. Stiviano.

With the sale of the Clippers to Ballmer, many Sonics fans hoped it would mean the relocation of the Clippers to Seattle, but

Ballmer told the Wall Street Journal a few days before the sale that a move would not happen.

"If I get interested in the Clippers, it would be for Los Angeles. I don't work anymore, so I have more geographic flexibility than I did a year, year and a half ago. Moving them anywhere else

would be value destructive," said Ballmer.

However, Clay Bennett, who bought the Sonics from Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz back in 2006, bought the team with the "intent" to keep them in Seattle

then relocated them to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 2008.

Now the question is: how much does this hurt hedge fund manager Chris Hansen's bid on returning a professional team to Seattle? Hansen and Ballmer, who partnered up in early 2013, were denied the sale of the Sacramento Kings after the NBA voted against the relocation of the Kings to Seattle.

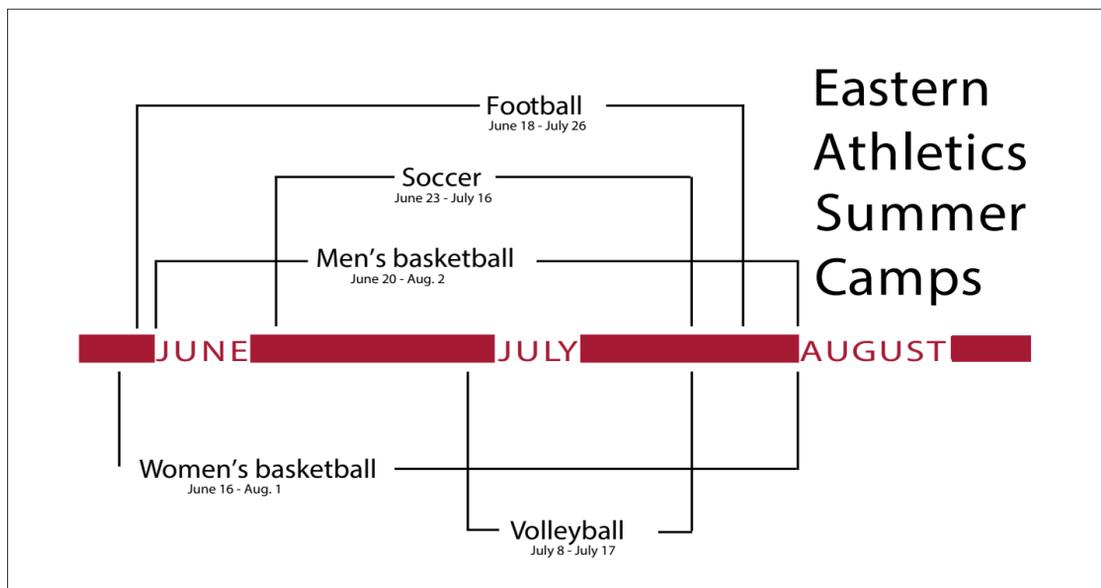
Hansen released a statement congratulating Ballmer on his successful bid but reassuring the Emerald City that he and his remaining partners are still committed to bringing a team to Seattle.

"I would also like to assure Seattle fans that my remaining partners and I remain committed to bringing the NBA back to Seattle," Hansen said. "The environmental review process for the Seattle Arena is nearing completion and we will soon be in a strong position to attract a franchise back to the Emerald City."

Now that Ballmer will be a part of the NBA Board of Governors with his purchase, it will benefit Hansen's quest to return a team to Seattle.

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Student-athletes remain active over break

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The Eastern Washington University Athletics Department and their student-athletes are showing no signs of slowing down this summer.

"We have a number of rules that govern each of our sports," Director of Athletics Bill Chaves said. "They all have different ways in which they can train during the summer."

Chaves explained that Eastern's student-athletes have summer accommodations for their education and training. "Most of our football players do stay in Cheney over the summer to work out and just to get ready for the season," Chaves said.

"A lot of our student-athletes are in summer school too," Chaves said. During this time, coaches are allowed by NCAA rule to work with their student-athletes for two hours a week.

Chaves said the incoming freshmen attend one class during summer quarter for Eastern's basketball teams.

"That was an NCAA rule that was put in place about three or four years ago," he said.

In addition to summer workouts, there will be a variety of camps at EWU.

The football team will host eight different camps from June 18 to July 26. These range from quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back training to

individual and team camps for younger and older players.

The men's basketball team will also host summer camps from June 20 to Aug. 2. There will be an elite camp for older athletes, an individual camp, an advanced skills camp and an Eagle shooting academy for fourth through 12th graders

Men's basketball will take part in other activities this summer as well.

"In June, we will put all our energy into raising over \$150,000 of resource for our program from private donations," head men's basketball coach Jim Hayford said. "We'll spend in the month of July, about 18 days on the road recruiting, and then we'll come back in August and we'll get some vacation time."

Women's basketball has camps active from June 16 to Aug. 1. The events are Little Eagles Camp for elementary school children, Soaring Eagles Camp for sixth to eighth grade students, a position skills camp and team camp for older athletes.

EWU Volleyball camps are from July 8-17, ranging from an individual camp for athletes, ages 12-18, a team camp at the high school level and a camp for young athletes, ages 7 to 11. Eastern volleyball will cap off their events with a summer tournament for junior varsity and varsity high school teams.

The Eastern soccer team will host the Adidas Eagle Spring Summer ID Camp for high school athletes, goalkeeper soccer camp for ages 11-18 and the Eagle Residential Camp for eighth through

12th graders. These soccer camps are from June 23-July 16.

EWU will also host Iron Wood 2014, which is a development camp for track and field throwers.

Assistant director for compliance, Joel Vickery and Chaves said how the administrative staff of the Eastern Athletic Department stay busy during the summer months.

"You're always preparing because you have incoming student-athletes," Vickery said. "You have eligibility to track, that's what I do after grades post at the end of the spring quarter."

Vickery said the athletic department updates their paperwork for the next school year.

"We revamp our policies and procedures," Vickery said. "There's always a lot to do in preparation for next year."

"We're kind of gearing up for the next academic year," Chaves said. "I've got two Big Sky meetings, one in the spring here in June, one in July. I've got two national meetings that are going on in June and July as well, so it's a busy time."

Vickery views the summer break as a time for preparation and rest.

"It's both — I mean [student-athletes] do go on vacations — they celebrate the holidays, they go and do things they want to do," Vickery said. "They have more time to do both, a lot of them do take a break from school and so they have time to get better."

Track and field travels out of state to compete in preliminaries



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Paula Gil-Echevarria is one of two freshmen who competed in Arkansas.

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Eastern sent 11 athletes to Fayetteville, Arkansas, last week to compete in the NCAA West Region Preliminary Round. For the team, this is just a glimpse of what the future may hold.

"It is insane. Normally, we send three or four people, tops. A lot of people don't get to go to this meet, and the fact that we sent a big portion of our team, both men and women, is really exciting," said senior Zach Nielsen, the 2014 Big Sky hammer throwing champion.

The competition will decide who will participate in the NCAA national outdoor championships on June 11-14 in Eugene, Oregon.

For many Eagles this is their first chance to represent EWU on a national scale and show the school is capable of producing top athletes.

"[Representing EWU] is one of the best feelings I've ever had; we are competing against schools that are on a whole other level. We are not a big time program, but we are still sending

athletes to a meet of this caliber, with a chance of moving on," said Nielsen. "That shows the grit our team has — we are still going to show up and hang with anybody."

Of the competitors in Fayetteville, only two are seniors: Nielsen and Jon Buchanan. The group also includes two freshmen: Paula Gil-Echevarria and the 2014 Big Sky pole vaulting champion Courtney Bray.

Junior Jordan Arakawa, who placed second behind Nielsen at the Big Sky Championship, said having such successful athletes who are so early in their careers is exciting.

"[Gil-Echevarria] and [Bray] are both freshmen here, and that is just stellar," said Arakawa. "I know it is exciting for the coaches and the athletes. It is great that they are getting this experience at a young age, because as they get better they are just going to have more knowledge and know how [to compete]."

As a young team, the athletes heavily rely on each other for leadership. Some members look to Arakawa for this leadership because he is one of the few in the group with experience in big competitions.

"[Arakawa] is our best athlete; he takes a full [class] load and is one of the best hammer throwers in the country. So, for me, I have that kid to look up to and on top of that, my teammates are some of the most inspiring people I've seen," said Nielsen.

The balance of athletes representing EWU may lead to better team finishes as well as individual accomplishments. For now, the athletes are staying focused on qualifying for the 2014 NCAA championships.

"It would be a really big deal for me, to end my career with going all the way to nationals. To end my track career that way would feel really good," said Buchanan.

The success of this year's team bodes well for the future and with Arakawa coming back for another season, the team appears to have a strong core which will be attending regional and potentially national events for years to come.

"It is big, we are only losing two of our regional athletes. Moving forward we will still be producing athletes who can compete at regionals and have a chance to compete at nationals," said Buchanan.

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