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Upcoming:

April 26: Washington's Channeled Scablands Guide author, John Soenichsen, will lecture on his book from 7-9 p.m. at the JFK Library Auditorium.

April 23 to 27: Pride Week will conclude with a masquerade in the MPR April 27 from 7-11 p.m.

April 27 to May 10: The graphic design senior exhibition begins with an opening reception on April 27 in the EWU Gallery of Art from 6-8 p.m.

April 27-29: EWU Family Weekend will feature a visit to Turnbull; comedian, magician and illusionist Joseph Tran; Open Mic Night and much more. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/I8bzbv>.

April 30: Are the needs of women being met on campus? The next open forum for the EWU Women's Commission is April 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in PUB 261.

In brief:

Occupy Wall Street calls for, "No work, no school, no shopping, no banking, no trading," on May 1. "Occupy May Day," is a general strike aimed at getting the attention of the 1 percent. Occupy Spokane is currently working on organizing its own strike in the Spokane area.

The Special Olymics Washington East Region Spring Games will be held at EWU on May 5 and they need 200 volunteers. For information about opportunities available, email Jill Ives at jives@sowa.org.

Noise complaints, not drugs, common

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While drug busts have been catching public attention in Cheney over the last few months, drug-related crime is not on the rise, according to Cheney Police Chief John Hensley.

Hensley said monthly reports indicate that crime trends in Cheney have been "relatively the same for years." Hensley said that while they do make some arrests for the possession of narcotics, noise complaints are the most common issue Cheney police encounter, followed by theft and assault.

"We have been dedicating more time and effort to party control," said Hensley, who explained that often noise disturbances are what officers are responding to initially, but those can segue into drug arrests.

Hensley said that when controlled substances are discovered, most often the evidence does not point to the offenders being drug dealers. "Most of what we



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In spite of an increase in media coverage of drug incidents in relation to EWU, the actual number of occurrences has not gone up. The most common

have found is possession for personal use."

While loud partying seems to be a key concern for local police, Campus Deputy Chief Gary Gasseling said that "the biggest trend is theft on campus." According to Gasseling, the theft

of unattended backpacks, electronics and wallets is by far the most common occurrence, particularly in the URC. "People leave them lying around unlocked," he said.

Gasseling also said that theft is fairly common in

the residence halls because people leave their rooms unlocked. "These are opportunistic crimes," he said.

Regarding the apprehension of thieves on campus, Gasseling said, "It's the same people over and over again. We are familiar with a lot of

these offenders."

Gasseling encouraged students to pay attention to who they see in the residence halls and to report it to campus police if they notice unfamiliar people coming and going from their neighbors' rooms.

"You know who lives around you," he said. "It takes the whole community to be preventative because [the police] can't be everywhere."

After theft, Gasseling said that alcohol and drug abuse is the next most common problem campus police are dealing with.

"We don't see a lot of violence on campus," he said. But he explained that most assaults are the result of alcohol and substance abuse at parties that have gotten out of hand.

Gasseling added that he has noticed more marijuana use on campus than in the past and that often it is reported by roommates. "Especially in the dormitories, people are less tolerant of it," he said. "More students are reporting it."

Racehorse named Udall Scholar

Awarded for work in Urban Planning

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The first Eastern student to receive the Udall Scholarship, Sherwin Racehorse was awarded a national achievement of \$5,000 for his senior year.

Racehorse is one of 80 students who was selected to be a recipient of the award. The scholarship is given to students committed to careers in the area of environment, tribal public policy or health care.

Racehorse is studying urban and regional planning and has been in the field of planning for many years.

The Udall Scholarship is endorsed by Congress and is in memory of the late Morris Udall.

Racehorse, who is an out-of-state student, receives nearly \$10,000 in loans to pay for his education. The rest is paid for by grants. Racehorse made it a goal of his to be entirely loan-free for his senior year.

Dr. James Hallett, adjunct professor of biology and EWU representative for the Udall Scholarship, nominated Racehorse. Racehorse was competing against 585 candidates from 274 colleges.

"It wasn't just me alone. I had to be nominated by the university. That's an important issue," Racehorse said.

A 14-member committee picks the scholars, based on their qualifications and commitment to their careers. Racehorse has a 3.8 GPA; he is the president of the American Indian business leaders, the president of the American Indian science and engineering society and is also on the board of the Associated Student Plan-

ners. Racehorse believes that his grades and his civic engagement are what led to him become a recipient of the award.

"Immediately when I came to the university, I tried to get involved," Racehorse said.

"Although Udall scholars must have GPAs greater than 3.0, greater attention is placed on their record of leadership and community service. Scholars must also be aligned with one of three areas of study," Hallett said. "All students pursuing studies of the environment, broadly defined, and Native American students studying in the areas of native health and tribal public policy may be eligible to apply for the scholarship."

While being a non-traditional student, Racehorse has gained much knowledge from participating in civic duties such as participating in committees that range from state to federal levels.

"I have a great deal of experience that is related to the Udall foundation," Racehorse said.

Racehorse is the first student to pursue the Udall scholarship at Eastern.

In August Recipients of the Udall scholarship will meet in Tucson, Ariz., August 8 - 12. While there the winners will meet with leaders in the tribal health care and environmental fields. During this time, Racehorse will participate in meetings regarding tribal policy.

During the application process, Hallett and Racehorse developed a close relationship. Hallett is pleased with Racehorse being the first Udall scholar from Eastern. "Sherwin demonstrates all the qualities of an Udall Scholar: commitment to public service, leadership in his Tribal and campus communities and academic strength. I'm very pleased that he represents EWU as our first Udall scholar."

No cuts to education from Washington state

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College students across the state can breathe a collective sigh of relief now that Washington state Legislature has announced its latest budget plan.

Higher education and K-12 education escaped budget cuts, which is good news for students.

"As long as there are no cuts to higher education, that means that the state will continue to subsidize our tuition at the same level as they are now," said Kaleb Hoffer, ASEWU Finance Vice President. "It helps keep our tuition costs lower."

Last year saw a \$482 million cut in the state budget, which greatly affected universities and community colleges across the state.

"It's been a huge burden on students not just around the state, but especially at Eastern because we have so many first generation students and so many students that wouldn't normally go to college," said Shelby Pelon, ASEWU legislative liaison. "If we were to have seen another cut like Governor Gregoire had originally proposed, we would have lost a lot of students."

Because the state allocates money to universities, budget cuts reduce the amount of funding available to schools across the state. The university must depend more heavily upon tuition and fee revenues when there is less monetary support from the state, according to Eastern's 2011 Financial Report. The report states that last year the university had to increase self-support fees, counseling fees, administrative fees and special lab and course fees to help alleviate budget woes.



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After a \$482 million cut in education last year, students won't be asked to fork out any more than they already have.

"Eastern's board of trustees still has the authority to raise tuition if they need to cover cost of living expenses or just general expenses," Hoffer said. "If there is going to be an increase in tuition, it won't be as high as it would have been if there had been a cut," he said.

Kelli Crawford, who handles legislative affairs for ASEWU, says the 25 percent tuition increase from 2009 to 2010 is "a trend that is unsustainable for nearly all our students."

Crawford hopes the lack of budget cuts will help Eastern accomplish its five-year strategic plan of increasing graduation rates from 46 percent to 54 percent by 2017.

"EWU has a greater percentage of students qualifying for need-based aid than any other four-year university in the state. [Tuition] increases in the past have surely been a huge factor in our graduation rates," she said.

"Keeping education both affordable and accessible is extremely important for students, as higher education is proven to break the cycle of poverty for families," Crawford said. "Those who hold a bachelor's degree typically

earn over a million more dollars over their lifetimes than those with only a high school diploma. ... By increasing the ability of our students to both enter and graduate from EWU, we can set them on the path to economic prosperity," she said.

To show their support for higher education, members of ASEWU and about 60 Eastern students made the trip to Olympia, Wash., in February for Lobby Day.

"We set up meetings with legislators at the Capitol and just spoke to them and told them our stories about how cutting the budget would affect our tuition and how we can't afford that," Hoffer said.

As ASEWU legislative liaison, Pelon spent winter quarter lobbying in Olympia, meeting with representatives and senators and testifying in committees. She said she appreciated the support from fellow students on Lobby Day. "It was nice to have a group of Eastern Eagles come to support me by meeting with their representatives and legislators just to say, 'We've had enough,'" she said.

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Africana education hosts silent auction

Silent auction raises funds going toward special events, celebrations

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Africana Education will be hosting its third annual silent auction April 27. Money raised during the event will help support and mitigate the cost of annual events hosted by the program such as the Kwanzaa event and the achievement celebration.

The event will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Monroe Hall lounge 205. The event is ongoing and people can come in throughout the day and bid on items.

In the past, the silent auction had items such as theater tickets, gift certificates, art, books, jewelry and artifacts from Africa. Local business, community members and supporters of the program generally donate the items for the auction. Students groups such as the Black Student Union will help to coordinate the donations by reaching out to the supporters of the program.

During the auction, refreshments and snacks will be available via donation. This year there will be student performances, which will include poetry readings and acoustic musical performances. These performances will occur throughout the event.

According to Lynn Burks-Herres, organizer of the Africana Education silent auction, the auction raises, on average, \$800. Burks-Herres said that all of the money generated goes back to the students in some shape or form.

Robert Bartlett, interim director of Africana Education, said that in the past tribal wear from Africa has been donated to the silent auction. "We've gotten clothes from different countries in the continent of Africa for example."

Businesses participating this year include Great Clips, Lee Nails, Cheney Auto Care, Corona Village, Rosa's Pizza and Cheney Lanes, Tree of



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

A sample of items that will be used in the Africana Education silent auction that were donated by local businesses and student groups.

Knowledge and many more.

Burk-Herres said that coordinating a silent auction is challenging because of all the donations needed to support the event. "It's a very important event. It's a challenge and it's a lot to do."

Herres said that there is a possibility of putting on a larger event in the future that would include a dinner and possibly a keynote speaker. Potential speakers on Africana Education's wish list included alumni Rodney

Stuckey and Taiwan Jones.

"There's a lot of different items for a lot of different people, if everybody could come and support that would be great," Burk-Herres said.

Bartlett emphasized the

importance of the event because of its contribution to graduation celebrations. "This is our only activity to raise money that helps offset the cost for the African-American graduation celebration."

Arizona legislative sees protest in Mall

Signed in May 2010, HB 2281 would not allow schools to lawfully teach ethnic studies, banned books

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About 40 students from Chicano studies and MEChA gathered at the campus mall on April 17 to protest Arizona's HB 2281.

"We want everyone in our community to be aware of the phantom that has grown in Arizona," Francisco Navarro, co-chair of MEChA, said.

HB 2281 was signed on May 11, 2010, by Arizona Governor Jan Brewer. HB 2281, in essence, states that schools will no longer be able to lawfully teach ethnic studies, effectively banning a list of books.

According to the House Bill 2281, "Public school pupils should be taught to treat and value each other as individuals and not be taught to hate other races or classes of people."

Furthermore, "A school district or charter school in this state shall not include in its program of instruction any courses or classes that include any of the following: ... Promote resentment toward a race or class of people ... are designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group ... Advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals."

"It's essentially erasing history. It's erasing the movements of the past," Navarro said.

"Every student and every child deserves the truth, the reality of what has happened in our country, and their roots, their history."

Arizona's State School Superintendent Tom Horne, one of the key drafters of HB 2281, believes that his bill will strengthen, not divide,



Photo by Derek Brown

Students gather in the campus mall to protest Arizona's HB 2281, legislation limiting academic access to Chicano history.

people of different ethnic backgrounds.

"And one of our important functions is to teach kids," Horne said, "kids from different backgrounds, to treat each other as individuals, and not to — not to infuse them with ethnic chauvinism about a particular race, and teach them narrowly just about the background and culture of the race that they happened to have been born into, but to teach them about all different cultures and different races and different traditions, and not divide them up by race."

Much of the criticism against the bill focuses on stripping Latino/Latina populations of their history,

which leads to another form of oppression. However, Horne feels differently about it.

"These kids' parents and grandparents came to this country, most of them legally, because this is the land of opportunity. And they trust their children to our schools. And we should be teaching these kids that this is the land of opportunity, and, if they work hard, they can achieve their dreams, and not teach them that they're oppressed."

Navarro believes that ethnic studies allow people to be politically active.

"It's empowering to know where you came from," Navarro said.

Martin Meraz-Garcia, assistant

professor of Chicano studies, stood atop the water fountain and gave a speech, outlining what he saw as another draconian law aimed at disenfranchising the Latino population of Arizona, and abroad.

"As the slogans you see out there today say, 'No History should be illegal,' and I might add that I am a firm believer of this principle," Meraz-Garcia said.

For Meraz-Garcia, like many other students, one of the biggest fears is the possibility of HB 2282 spreading to other states.

When SB 1070 passed, many other states in the union, including North Carolina, Maryland, Colorado, Missouri, Ohio, and others,

all considered passing similar measures in order to combat illegal immigration.

SB 1070 called for police to ask for immigration papers, which many argued also allowed for them to practice racial profiling legally. Furthermore, critics argued, that it was merely a political ploy aimed at marginalizing the Chicana/Chicano even further.

"I believe that the politicians who wanted to be elected on this platform utilized this because it was politically convenient," Meraz-Garcia said. "They wanted a scapegoat."

A few students gave their own testimonials at the fountain, one by one, getting up in front of the crowd and talking through the megaphone.

"We didn't start the fire, it was already burning," a young, Latina student shouted to applause.

"It's very important that you get the opportunity to learn about your brethren and your history," said another student through the megaphone. "They're taking away our identity. ... They're taking away our history."

Meraz-Garcia draws a parallel between Arizona and history:

"Banning books that tell the history of Mexican-Americans from the school curriculum and preventing students from accessing them, in my view, is no different than engaging in book burning much like Nazi Germany did in the 1930s," Meraz-Garcia said. "These types of laws must be opposed not only by students, but by teachers, faculty and every member of our society who wants a well informed, culturally diverse, tolerant and constitutionally abiding society."

Students fight gas costs creatively

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Cheney's occasionally warm spring weather is not the only reason for the increase in bikes, longboards, scooters and skateboards on campus. As gas prices creep higher and higher, students are turning to alternative forms of transportation.

Kevin Ireland and Andrew Keef, both freshmen who are friends and live on campus, frequently ride scooters to class and around Cheney.

"We always hang out down on Second and Third Street, so why drive that far? You're just wasting your gas. There are lots of hills, so we just take our scooters down there," Ireland said.

Keef sees scooters as a smart way to save money. "If

I go home [to the Tri-Cities], I could easily spend a hundred bucks in a month on gas," he said.

Gas prices have been rising steadily because of the increase in global oil prices, according to economics professor Justin Bucciferro.

"This usually occurs in the spring, but this year, international tensions and output disruptions were key factors," Bucciferro said in an email. "Recent economic optimism has also contributed to the rise in oil prices, as traders expect new demand will outstrip supply. Finally, oil is a real asset and can be used to hedge against inflation; its price will increase if the currency depreciates."

In Washington state, the average price for regular gasoline is \$4.12 a gallon, according to AAA's Fuel Gauge Report, while the national

average is \$3.89. Only seven other states pay more per gallon on average.

"It appears that gas prices have almost topped-out. According to the forecast of the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the national price of retail regular gasoline will peak next month at about \$4 a gallon," Bucciferro said. "I don't expect prices in this area will exceed that but, of course, geopolitical issues make things uncertain."

Summer vacation travel plans might require more planning in order to save money on gas. Sites like gasbuddy.com allow users to find the most inexpensive gas prices by location. AAA has a fuel cost calculator on its website that allows users to enter their current location, destination, car make, model and year. It then calculates the miles the user will travel,

the gallons of gas he will use and an estimated total cost of fuel. Planning ahead might make spontaneous road trips less feasible but will save money in the long run.

Commuters who drive to campus might want to consider carpooling or taking the bus, and students who live close enough to walk, bike or ride a scooter should take advantage of that.

Ireland's roommate had a scooter, which inspired him to buy one. He said that eight of their friends now ride scooters around Cheney.

Both Ireland and Keef have cars, but decided driving around Cheney is wasteful. "We got to thinking, 'Why would we do that?' Just going back and forth adds up, almost a quarter of a tank a week," Ireland said. "I mean, it's spring time. Why not ride a scooter?"

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CONSTRUCTION IN FRONT OF SENIOR HALL



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EWU's facilities services work to install a swale for water drainage in front of Senior Hall. A swale, or low track of land that is usually moist, will make managing filter pollutants and water runoff easier. Completion date of the construction has not been released.

All groups represented during Diversity Week

Online registration required for certain events

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Diversity Week celebrates more than just race and gender.

Eastern will host its first annual Diversity Week May 21-24 throughout the university campus in Cheney.

Diversity Week will feature several diversity lessons presented by students, staff and faculty. The intention of the lessons is to share experience in order to educate and inform others with a focus highlighting people's unique differences whom are often overlooked or unknown.

The event's planning committee is seeking EWU students, faculty and staff to present diversity lessons on topics of religion, race, veterans, LGBT/gender, American World Perspectives, social economics, international culture, age and more.

Proposals are due to Gayla Wright, chair of the President's Committee on Diversity, director of Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action and ADA Compliance by April 27.

"That's what those are—a chance for people in the campus community to both present a topic and for people to learn something hopefully about a topic they didn't know about. They're like short lectures," Pride Center Coordinator Sandra Williams said.

A request for proposals was sent out throughout campus. According to Williams, a review committee will select speakers May 1. Speakers will be notified by May 9.

"Disabilities is included and will be dedicated to Monday May 21. We wanted to offer 'disabilities' as a contest of its own with a first place prize of \$300. We didn't exclude disabilities," said Wright. "Whatever's not listed under the diversity lesson will be covered in the contest portion of Diversity Week."

The week will also host contests, food and music, diversity jeopardy where students can play to win money and prizes, Open

Mic Nite, "You don't know me ... let's talk," that will give people a chance to voice their stories, showings of "Crash" and "Remember the Titans" and more.

"We wanted it from the very beginning to include everybody because we didn't want it to be an event that's just for this group or just for this group because those events, although they're valuable, they don't help us break down the walls between all the groups. We wanted to bring all the groups together," University Policy Administrator, Trent Lutey, said.

According to Lutey and the rest of the committee, students are encouraged to create displays such as art, entertainment and more to share their stories as part of Diversity Week.

Students can register and find more information through the registration link.

Diversity Week originated from the work of Regina Steele, ASEWU Diversity Outreach Council Representative. According to Steele, she was approached by the International Student Association president winter quarter to work on the project together.

"We were doing weekly meetings winter quarter and we came up with a plan," Steele said.

Steele also met with Lutey to work on ideas, which were later presented to the President's Committee on Diversity.

Steele says everything just fell into place.

"Regina showed up and her timing was perfect because the committee was now in place. We have a president's diversity committee, she brings the idea forward, we were ready for it," said Lutey. "I think it's something that a lot of people wanted to do for a long

time but the timing wasn't right because of other things."

Sponsors include President Arévalo, ASEWU, the Office of Global Initiatives, the EWU Foundation, Disability Support Services, the President's Committee on Diversity and more.

Wright and other members of the President's Committee on Diversity hope this week will branch out awareness and education long after Diversity Week.

"The bottom line is, diversity is everyone's responsibility to understand, embrace and be inclusive of," said Wright. "I want to make sure that we break the barriers and that everybody understands that diversity isn't just black and white — that there are characteristics involved with diversity which is all the things that you'll see during the week of festivities."

Things such as disability, social economical status, age, religion, sexual orientation, veterans, education and more make up diversity, according to Wright.

Lutey said, "There's a lot of people who, because they haven't been exposed, they shy away from other cultures or other groups because they have no experience with them. The hope is by having this large event that involves everybody that they will get a chance to interact and get to know each other."

"With the amount of complaints, like with regards to discrimination, I think that it heightens [students] awareness towards other cultures because there are students on campus that have never been out of Spokane, that have never been exposed to other cultures or other races or whatever the case may be," Wright said.

Practice interviews to be held on campus

Career Services hosts Passport to Professionalism, bringing in former Boeing engineer as keynote speaker

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Local and regional employers will share their ideas and give advice to students at the second annual "Passport to Professionalism" event hosted by Career Services.

Focusing on computer science, engineering and technology, the event will take place April 27 in the Hargreaves Reading room from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Featuring mock interviews with local employers, the event will let students choose from three fields to interview: computer science, engineering, technology, manufacturing and design.

"I'm just now getting into my major and I'm not sure if it's really what I want to do yet, so I think an event like this is great for students like me to get questions answered and see if this is something I can see myself doing," said Marissa Miller.

The day will also host keynote speaker and former Boeing engineer John Dickson. He will speak from noon to 1 p.m.

Currently, Dickson is Spokane County's Area Director of the Employment Security Department. He is in charge of WorkSource Spokane, a job service center that strives to help unemployed residents find work.

According to Associate Director from Career Services Kendra Selle, Dickson will talk about professionalism and networking.

"He's going to be talking about ways to make connections when you're working in a world that's

"We're always trying to create opportunities for students to learn and grow in a way that a textbook can't help you. ... The name itself, 'Passport to Professionalism' is transcending the student world and getting into the real world."

Kendra Selle

so focused on a computer or a machine," Selle said.

This year, students will be paired up with their industries of choice. Mock interviews will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Selle estimates that each student will get about five to seven minutes with each interview, depending on the number of students who sign up.

Local employers include Ciena Corporation, the Department of Homeland Security, Sela Software, Spokane Area Workforce Development Council and more.

"It's kind of a two-piece event. The big focus is mock interviewing. Already, we have about 10 employers from a variety of local companies that have donated half a day of their time to come and do kind of like speed mock interviewing. So, similar to speed dating, but with interviewing questions," Selle said.

According to Selle, employers will ask students a few questions and students will respond as they would in a real interview. At the end of each mock interview will be time where employers can give candid

feedback to students they would not normally receive in a real interview.

"That's definitely an advantage where you get the inside scope of an interviewing," said Selle. "Our office in general—we're always trying to create opportunities for students to learn and grow in a way that a textbook can't help you. ... The name itself, 'Passport to Professionalism' is transcending the student world and getting into the real world."

Selle also hopes this event will help students gain "career maturity:" learning to shake hands with their future employers, articulate interview answers and speak with clarity.

Senior Andrew Cooper said, "I'm a design major, so I don't know what this has to offer me, but I'm curious to know how I am during an interview, so I might sign up. Who knows, this might stir up a new interest."

Admission is \$5 for each interviewing session with lunch included.

This event is not limited to computer science, engineering and technology students.

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Student lobbyists did not go unnoticed.

"Eastern was actually recognized by three different legislators about our [lobbying] efforts," Hoffer said.

Eastern had the second highest number of students in attendance at Lobby

Day and is geographically farthest from the Capitol, which garnered recognition.

"They saw our force. We went in matching T-shirts so that they knew we were there and that we cared," Hoffer said.

Pelon said that even though higher education escaped budget cuts, now is not the time to stop the discussion. "Still keep contacting your representatives and senators. Thank them for not cutting higher education, and encourage them to keep fighting for higher education."



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Change is coming in Latin America, not U.S.

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President Obama met with leaders from 30 countries in Columbia for the sixth Summit of the Americas on April 14 and 15. This time, however, something different seemed to happen; something reminiscent of Obama's 2008 campaign slogan: Change.



Brown

And yes, the countries of the Caribbean, Central America and South America can.

For many decades, The U.S. has exploited, oppressed and otherwise economically pillaged the countries in its own backyard.

From the corporate-backed wars in the "Banana Republics," to the rise of U.S.-backed dictator Augusto

Pinochet in Chile, most Latin American countries have a love/hate relationship with the economic powerhouse to the north.

These are only a few examples of U.S. involvement in the tragedies of Latin America in the last 70 or so years.

While the average U.S. citizen knows very little to nothing about their government's involvement in the region to the south, the average citizen of any country from Mexico to Argentina not only knows, but is still feeling the effects of American power gone wrong.

But here's the catch: Americans, including the U.S. government, still smugly and arrogantly believe that we're somehow winning and that what we say goes.

It's true that the U.S. is still the major player, but its influence is waning, and waning quickly. There are many reasons for this: Hugo Chavez's success, Fidel Castro's

longevity, but most importantly, economic independence.

Then there is the rise of Brazil as an economic heavyweight. It is expected that Brazil's nominal gross domestic product will become the sixth largest in the world by the end of this year. With money comes power.

Evo Morales, the president of Bolivia and first indigenous person elected to that position in South America, is another fierce critic of American involvement in the region.

The list of reasons could go on. It was clear at the summit that leaders from these countries have grown confident during America's now four-year economic slump, brazen enough to openly criticize the U.S. and its policies.

"Brazil is growing and that opportunity is broad-based," President Obama said. "Then suddenly they're interested in buying iPads, and they're interested in buying Boeing airplanes."

"Boeing," interjected President Dilma Rousseff of Brazil. "Embraer," she added, to massive applause.

What Rousseff referred to was her country's own version of Boeing. She was, in essence, showing that Brazil no longer needs American goods; that her country, and much of the rest of the continent, can do without the things that once made America exceptional.

When it came to the War on Drugs, even Columbia, which receives billions of dollars in aid from the U.S. to fight drug cartels, criticized its effectiveness. Many of the countries present were for decriminalization. The money from the War on Drugs could then be used on prevention and rehab.

"I think the time has come to simply analyze if what we are doing is the best we could be doing, or if we can find an alternative that would be more effective and less costly to

society. This is a topic of extreme political sensitivity," Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said.

"The United States will not be going in this direction," Obama said. He underscored the importance of dialogue, but drew the line at legalization.

Only two of the 30 countries present disagreed with Cuba's presence: The U.S. and Canada.

The leaders of Nicaragua and Ecuador didn't show up, in protest of Cuba's non-presence, which itself had been pressured by the U.S.

"I'm not somebody who brings to the table here a lot of baggage from the past, and I want to look at these issues in a new and fresh way," Obama said at a news conference with Santos.

If he really did, then he might have let Cuba join. Until that happens, the only change happening is in the rest of the hemisphere, and not in the U.S.

Through the Eagle's Eye

Interviews by Derek Brown, photos by Aaron Malmoe

"What role do you think money plays in the ASEWU elections?"



"Getting people's names out there, probably. And helping people run. And to help people know what they're running for."

Amariah Gibbs



"I saw a Mountain Dew sign. How did they get Mountain Dew to sponsor them? ... The Mountain Dew thing seemed almost absurd, like something from the Onion."

Neal Schindler



"I feel like it does play a role, like when you see people with cookie stands. It's like what Steven Casteel said: 'It's like high school elections; it's all popularity.'"

Kayla Ash



"I don't think there are any corruption issues. I don't think anyone's getting bribed."

Robert Holstine



"I think the major factor in winning is advertisement. If you have your face all over campus, people recognize you. It's not what you can do, or your ethics. It's just money."

Kadja Sesay

Advertising reveals larger political truth

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One might be tempted to give Kaleb Hoffer credit for being transparent in his campaign advertisements. I mean, at least we know who's backing him. Signs posted across campus make it abundantly clear that he's being supported by PepsiCo, Inc. The reflective student or faculty member, on the other hand, shouldn't be able to see those signs without wondering, at least for a second, whether or not these signs are a symbol of the biggest problem in American politics today.

I contacted Mr. Hoffer about the signs because I wondered at first if he was getting any kind of kickbacks from Pepsi for advertising their products on his campaign banners. He was speedy and forthcoming in his reply, explaining to me that he has "four of those banners [that] were donated in exchange for campus advertisement." As to his motives for making the deal with Pepsi, he told me "I wanted a big sign that would stand out and [that] people would notice."

Based on this information, we must ask ourselves about the huge ethical issues these signs reflect. Exactly what kind of values are we teach-

ing our students and ASEWU candidates here at Eastern? On one hand, by allowing corporate sponsorship of our ASEWU candidates, we may be teaching them about the "real world" of American politics. On the other hand, shouldn't we, as an institution that exists to improve society through education, be more obligated to teach our future public servants that compelling and innovative ideas are more important than simply winning the election?

It's no secret that in American politics, a candidate simply cannot win without a huge campaign budget. Advertising is not free, and in order to

make one's platforms heard, one has to advertise. What this fact of American political life accomplishes, however, is a system in which the best ideas do not necessarily prevail, but rather the ideas that have the most money behind them.

Let's say, for the sake of argument, that I had some of the most productive ideas in existence on how to improve EWU, my district, state or country. It is theoretically possible that I could publish my ideas through social media outlets or even op-ed sections of print news. The fact that corporations and special interests are spending the gargantuan amount of

money that is spent on political advertising that they are suggests, by its very existence, however, that those free forms of advertising are simply not enough to win an election.

This type of campaigning has no place on the campus of an institution that promotes higher thinking for the greater good. It sets a dangerous precedent for the culture at our school and further promotes the same type of good ol' boy system that we see in American politics — a system that rewards those who know how to network and market themselves, and discourages thoughtful, honest students from presenting good ideas.

Kony 2012's Cover The Night event garners invisible support from invisible attendees

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On April 20, a Facebook group of nearly 375 people was scheduled to gather and spread awareness for "Kony 2012."

It did not happen.

Reese Court stood empty at 6 p.m., the time "Cover The Night" was supposed to begin.

According to the "Cover The Night - Cheney" Facebook page, the goal of "Cover The Night" was to cover Cheney with Kony 2012 posters.

Posters were put up around campus and Cheney, but not enough to show that the 375 people on the Facebook group helped put up posters.

Where did everybody go? Was it because it was a Friday night? Was it not advertised well enough? What happened?

Senior Courtney Esposito said that "Cover The Night" did not stay in the minds of viewers who saw the Invisible Children video "Kony 2012." "The people who just

posted the video and said they were going to cover the night just wanted to feel like they did something good," Esposito said in an email. "People saw that video and re-posted it, and then they forgot about it the next day; that's not 'raising awareness.'"

When "Kony 2012" was released on YouTube by Invisible Children on March 5, it garnered the attention of millions of supporters and protesters, who were focused on the chaos of child abductions and the reign of terror that the Lord's Resistance Army was making in Uganda.

According to junior Jathan Greathouse, "Kony 2012" was like a vendetta in that seeing the head of Joseph Kony on posters and in the video made him the bad guy. The time gap of a month and a half between the release of "Kony 2012" made everyone forget Kony's face and purpose of "Cover The Night."

The question now is will there continue to be support for Kony 2012 at Eastern, or will it be considered yesterday's news?



Photo by Evan Sykes

The Kony 2012 poster on display in a bus stop window.

Letters to the editor

Strangers, umbrellas, and good samaritans

On Monday, April 16th, I was waiting for the bus with my 3-year-old son.

It was pouring rain. A young woman who was walking by stopped and waited with us until the bus arrived. She covered us with her umbrella and even offered to let me keep the umbrella.

Her generosity was

greatly appreciated and so I wanted to write a letter of thanks to let her know.

So, thank you Jenny. I wish you the best in your Children's Studies classes, and I hope your good deed will come back to you someday.

Thank you, A grateful mother and fellow student,

Brenda Garberg

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All clues can be found in the centerfold elections section of this week's issue. Answer key is on page 10.

ACROSS

- _____ is running for academic affairs because it is one of her passions.
- _____ is majoring in visual communication design and minoring in 3D animation.
- _____ is a sophomore running for Student Health and Safety Services.
- _____ was the vice president of the slam club in high school.
- _____ is the president of the EWU mock trial team and a student manager at EWU dining services.
- Kaleb Hoffer is running for ASEWU _____
- _____ is a freshman running for Athletic Affairs and University Advancement.
- _____ sees Di-

versity Outreach as a way to peace.

14. Jordan _____ has run for an ASEWU position three years in a row.

18. _____ is a graduate student majoring in sports administration.

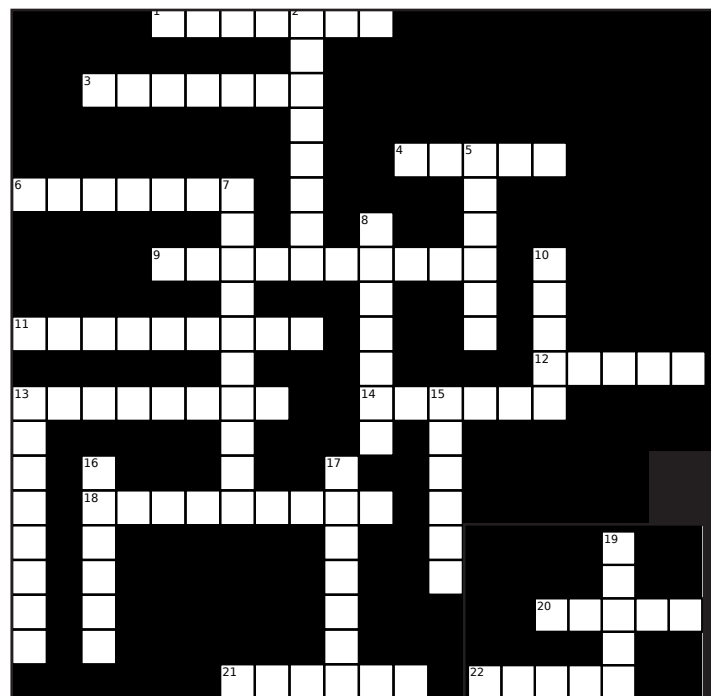
20. _____ was liason for Eastern in Olympia this year.

21. _____ is on the leadership team for Campus Crusade for Christ.

22. _____ has experience with the S&A finance committee.

DOWN

- If elected president, _____ wants to teach students how to be leaders.
- _____ Morgan is a senior majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and Spanish.
- _____ has four years of experience with technology.



8. _____ wants to make Eastern more accommodating for international students.

10. _____ is a sophomore running for Athletic Affairs and University Advancement.

13. One of _____'s goals is to complete the PUB remodel.

15. Caleb _____ is the social chair, public relations and recruitment chair positions in the Beta Theta Pi

fraternity.

16. _____ was the jazz band head programmer and an FBLA secretary in high school.

17. _____ wants to audit how student funds are being spent, and make spending more efficient.

19. _____ is running for re-election for the student services representative.

Letters to the editor

Eastern should focus on parking to boost numbers

In the April 4, 2012 copy of The Easterner, there was an article regarding "Project Gateway." Although the idea of re-designing the "front door" to this beautiful campus is exciting and could have numerous benefits for the athletic and academic community at Eastern, it is not without negative consequences.

Anyone driving to class after 9 a.m. must tediously drive around with one eye on the road and the other scanning to find a parking

place. The erection of a new multipurpose building by Roos Field will only exacerbate the situation by eliminating highly valued parking spaces. This problem is not a matter of fan traffic for football games, but an everyday problem for faculty, students, and anyone who wants to visit the EWU campus.

Lack of parking can also lead to students being late for class because they are trying to find a spot. In addition to the plans for the new facilities, a park-

ing structure or parking lot extension should also be considered. With a higher capacity stadium, it would make sense to have enough parking for the increase in population during game weekends. Furthermore, with the increase in appeal to athletes and academic groups (as mentioned previously) more parking would help to accommodate the rise in enrollment.

Even though a parking structure might not "fit in" with the current look of the EWU campus, the

additional parking would be beneficial for staff and students alike and allow for the schools projected growth.

As the EWU population, we must gather and voice our concerns before the approval of the project. In order to be heard, we must start a petition and have it recognized by the ASEWU council.

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Healthy options lack availability in school cafeteria

There is a problem plaguing Eastern students in Cheney that is causing an issue for students with dietary-needs as well as food allergies. Students are unable to find food options that meet their needs with nutritional variety. People who are vegetarian or vegan, or have food allergies can count on having a salad for most meals, but this does not address the nutritional needs of active college students. Students who eat on campus face restrictions daily.

Eastern has failed to provide adequate options

due to budget cuts, lack of care or lack of awareness that the problem exists. In addition, Eastern has not provided sufficient nutritional options like vegan or gluten free, presumably because of the same reasons.

What we propose is to designate a dining location for those who are health conscious. This dining hall will cater to students who are vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, or those who simply wish to eat healthier. In a recent informal study, 7 out of 10 students would appreciate a specific dining

hall on campus that would be designated for vegetarian options. Students can get involved by starting a health awareness organization that would influence the changes to made here at Eastern. By adding this dining hall, more students would have access to a better variety of foods. We realize that it is difficult to feed the mass in a healthy manner, but items such as whole wheat vegetarian pizzas provide nutritional value.

Rising costs could be an issue, due to the increased variety and quality of foods

purchased by the campus, as well as the potential costs of staffing and operating a nutritional dining area. The benefits of these changes, however, will positively impact the nutritional well-being of the vast student population as well as fulfilling the specific needs of students with special dietary concerns.

Sincerely,

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Danielle C. Romero,
Carly C. Carpenter,
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The photo for the distance runner was listed as Bowe Ebding, but it should have been listed Tim Pettit

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Left: Brick sandwich No. 2: roast beef topped with mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato. Regular brick sandwiches cost \$4.99 and come with vegetables, meat and cheese on a house-made French bread. The Brickhouse Deli is open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Below: The skinny brick No. 3: a turkey and cheese sandwich. Skinny bricks come with no vegetables or sauce and cost \$3.99. The block sandwiches, which have double meat or cheese, cost \$5.99.

Photos by Dylan Paulus

Left: The Brickhouse Deli recently opened in Brewster Hall in the space previously occupied by Tully's Coffee Shop. The eatery offers a variety of sandwich toppings for a variety of appetites, as well as bottled water, tea, energy drinks, sports drinks and prepackaged salads.



Brickhouse Deli: must try or must avoid?

By Nicole Livingston

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I ordered a skinny brick No. 3: a turkey and cheese sandwich. I wasn't particularly hungry and I wanted something simple, and that's just what I got. A dry french bread roll with two slices of turkey and provolone cheese for \$3.99.

Prices range from \$3.99 for Brickhouse Deli's "skinny brick" to \$5.99 for their "block" sandwiches.

Beverage choices include bottled water, tea, energy drinks, juice and sports

drinks. Prepackaged salads are also available.

The skinny brick is their light sandwich with no vegetables and no sauce. Served on mediocre French bread with only meat and cheese, it is hardly worth \$3.99.

The block sandwiches are double meat or cheese and can be served on French bread or on organic wheat bread. Regular-sized sandwiches or "bricks" are just that: regular.

The sandwiches on the menu sound great, but if a person wants another kind of sauce or vegetable, adding it is not an option. What you see is what you get.

Erika Miller, a sophomore, was also disappointed in the lack of choices.

"My friends and I thought the sandwiches were very dry and not very different from Swoop's. It would be nice to have some [variety] as well. There are no heated sandwiches or soups to go along with them. I feel like it's inconvenient for them not having a lot of options. The atmosphere is really nice and chill, but the food isn't worth it."

However, another patron had a different opinion.

"I ordered the skinny brick No. 6 ... salami, pepperoni and cheese. It was

fantastic. I got two of them, actually," said Braydon Smith, a sophomore.

Though there is a lack of choices at Brickhouse Deli, students are able to visit Swoop's to build their own sandwiches and order soups or melts.

As far as convenience goes, Brickhouse Deli has the advantage, at least for residents of Brewster Hall.

Brewster Hall is the only residential hall that has a full service dining location available to them from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Since it is quite a hike from Brewster to campus,

having this location set up for those students makes things a little easier for them.

"Based on the university's commitment to student service and community involvement, when the Tully's Coffee Shop left the Brewster location, Dining [Services] was asked to look at options for the location," said Dave McKay, director of Dining Services.

McKay said that after discussing restrictions that applied to the space, the Dining Services management team started researching service options.

"Dining [Services] considered service times and

styles, affordability and nutrition in developing the Brickhouse Deli. We also wanted to keep the feel of the space in tune with the architecture that was in place. What we ended up with is a very comfortable sandwich shop that serves a straightforward sub sandwich with fresh baked bread from our campus bakery delivering satisfying flavor and at an affordable price."

Though the ambience may be comfortable and the flooring and furniture are new at Dining Services' Brickhouse Deli, the food leaves something to be desired.

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'Controversial' comedian Ant gets big laughs in the PUB

The former "Last Comic Standing" and "Celebrity Fit Club" star joked about a visiting father and couples during his performance

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Comedian Ant came marching to Eastern's PUB on Thursday where he used audience participation to amuse the students and a father who was visiting his daughter.

During the show, Ant asked the "old guy" in the back row if he was a student or faculty member, to which the "old guy" replied, "I am just a father seeing what a great education my daughter is getting."

Ant jokes, "And we're going to have one less student after tonight."

The show only had more audience involvement from there.

Forrest Jones, the father visiting from the Seattle area, said, "I thought it was good. It was a fun show. I enjoy a good joke and a laugh. I like how he interacted with the crowd."

Ant worked his way through the audience targeting the diverse population and the couples in the crowd.

He grilled the couples about their sex life and when one couple said they have sex but are not in love, the joke was on.

The male student offered up his cell phone to the comedian who promptly called the student's father.

Playing an EWU official, Ant told the student's father on speakerphone that his son was caught having sex in the library. The father responded, "Nice," to a roomful of laughter.

Ant, known for his stand-up, has been on different television shows including "Last Comic Standing" and "Celebrity Fit Club" and he makes regular appearances

on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Howard Stern Show."

Being on "Last Comic Standing" was a turning point for the comedian.

Ant was raised by his parents, who were Greek immigrants. They came to the United States with nothing and he is proud of what they have accomplished as a family.

"I have seen more of this country, I think, than Lewis and Clark," Ant jokes. "I am rich now."

But in reality, life after "Last Comic Standing" has been enjoyable because of the notoriety that came with the show and the different career paths that he has been offered.

He is careful to keep his personal life honest and not "act out" when he is off the stage.

He is open with his set because he believes that gay people and straight people need to understand that they are alike in many ways. Open communication is the key to getting that message out.

"I'm way open on my set because I believe that people can't hurt you if you are proud of who you are and you know who you are," said Ant. "There is nothing for them to attack. And the worst thing someone can say to me is, 'You're gay' and I'm like, 'Well, duh. Where have you been for the last hour?'"

Ant also worked his way through the international students and the diverse population of the crowd during his set. True to his word, he "picks on everyone."

"I love diverse crowds. One, because I like to pick on everybody, but it also says a lot about the community and the level of tol-

erance and understanding that's going on and when you don't see a lot of diversity, it makes you wonder," Ant said.

Amber Johnson, a junior, enjoyed the show. "I really liked when he embarrassed the daughter and her dad. That was really funny. And there was a couple sitting up front and he picked on them a lot, and then he ended up calling his dad and it was awesome."

Eagle Entertainment has been hosting what they consider to be controversial events because they want to entertain students — the students are enjoying the different experiences.

"That's part of what we do at Eagle Entertainment. If you are not uncomfortable, I don't know that we are doing our job, and that goes with the drag show too. I mean, there [are] a lot of events that we do that push people's buttons," said Berto Cerrillo, advisor for campus programs. "Now this is definitely one of them and we knew that getting into it. But for us, it's a risk we are willing to take to entertain our students and just see how they respond. We don't do controversial events every time, but we will every once in a while and we hope they do very well with the students."

Johnson thought the show was filled with hilarious content.

"He was a good time and I hope more people come next time because he was really funny," Johnson said.

For Ant, he just enjoys doing comedy.

"I have the best job on the planet. I get to meet people and make them laugh for an hour of their day, forget their problems and get paid to do it. I love what I do."



Photo courtesy of Jaime Sparr
Far left: A still from Sparr's comic mini series "Circles." The exhibition will also feature a novel promotion, a flash-based puzzle/platformer game, pattern/surface design, branding, novelty toy packaging and web design and development.

Photo by Davis Hill
Left: Guerilla advertising for "The Last Man" film promotion by Kathryn Sande.

Senior art exhibition displays artwork, talent

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On April 27, graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts students will present their original work in their senior exhibition, titled "Jailbreak."

The exhibit is a way for graduating BFA majors to present their ideas and material in addition to getting experience showcasing their work. The show's title refers to the experience of graduating and being done with college.

"This show is put on by ...

those who are specialized in this [creative] endeavor," said Matthew Wilcox, who will be presenting a set of toys entitled "Freakshow Circus." He explained that the show is reserved for dedicated BFA students. "We're more specialized, and we have a lot more art. We take more [classes like] art history."

"[The show] is kind of a generalization of all styles," he said. "[It's] whatever we're interested in, ... things we're excited about."

The artists have spent long hours preparing for the show. Tyreil Pooori, who de-

veloped a portfolio hosting site, has been working on his project since September. "The fall was research, and winter quarter and April I spent developing," he said. "I've been staring at a computer screen for six to eight hours every day for the last month."

Pooori explained that he developed his site, called NESST, after recognizing a need for Eastern students to showcase their work. Several artists already have work displayed on the site. During the exhibition, Pooori plans to have several monitors and tablets to allow visitors to ex-

perience the site and test out different resolutions.

"I'm still green to the web development industry," he said. "I had some experience, but this has been challenging to figure out. It was a learning experience."

"This year, we're trying to make the show as professional as possible," said Jaime Sparr, whose mini comic series "Circles" will be on display. "The products we're putting out are really high quality."

Sparr explained that many of the students had to finance their own projects. "The pro-

fessors helped with materials [and setup], but pretty much everything else that's here has been paid for by the students," she said. "[one artist] spent nearly a thousand dollars [to produce her work]."

Despite the difficulty of organizing the exhibition, the artists are confident that their work will be well received. "[It's] insanely stressful but it's also incredibly rewarding to do this," Sparr said. "The BFA's pretty special."

Wilcox agreed. "[We] want to create ... something that looks fun and people will remember."

"Jailbreak" opens Friday April 27 with a reception from 6-8pm in the EWU Art Gallery.

The exhibit will run until May 10.

For more information, visit <http://www.ewu.edu/cale/programs/art/gallery/schedule.xml>.

EWU awards outstanding alumni

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For 46 years, EWU has been awarding alumni for their outstanding achievements, professional success and community achievements across the globe.

EWU will be hosting the annual Alumni Awards this spring, which will include a cocktail reception, musical entertainment, dinner and an awards program.

Leah Mow, the associate director of alumni relations said recipients of the 2012 Alumni Awards represent the most distinguished individuals and organizations.

This year has been especially exciting for Mow because the alumni organization has received a record number of nominations as well as several inspirational stories of EWU graduates who are making a difference.

"Nothing makes me more proud than to learn of the positive impact we are having all around the world," Mow said. "In the past, the Office of Alumni and the Alumni Association have presented alumni awards at the annual benefactors dinner, but the Alumni Awards Gala is a revived tradition."

Currently, there are 80,000 members of EWU's

alumni organization, many of which "hold leadership positions in some of the most successful companies, give to their communities through service, educate untold numbers of young people in our public schools and make a positive impact all over the world," Mow said.

There are six different categories an individual can be nominated for. The highest award given is the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes an alumni who has become a leader in their community, achieved exceptional success in their profession and has exemplified themselves as a role model. Mow referred to this award as the highlight of the evening.

In order to be nominated, the nominee must have a minimum of 15 years of professional experience.

This year the award will be given to Gary Budke.

Another award that will be presented at the ceremony is the Inspirational Young Alumnus Award. This award is designed to recognize up-and-coming leaders among EWU's young alumni. All nominees for this award must have graduated within the past 15 years. Lance Kissler is the winning nominee.

Other awards include the Alumnus of Service Award, Exceptional Military Service Award, Distinguished Faculty

Award, and Organizational excellence award.

All nominations are reviewed by The EWU Alumni Award Selection Committee, which is made up of past award winners, an EWU student, two Alumni Association board members and several community members.

The committee is expected to select recipients of the highest caliber and give equal consideration to all nominations. Because of the outstanding number of nominations, Mow said it was particularly challenging to choose the winners this year.

They are anticipating 150 - 200 attendees this year and there will be room for 50 graduating seniors. Only alumni and graduating students will be able to attend the event.

Along with the awards, the alumni association will be recognizing the graduating class of 2012.

"We are proud of the legacy of our alumni association and we are excited to welcome the new graduates into it," Mow said. "We want to impress upon them the vast network of support that is available to them as they take flight into the next phase of their life."

Mow said for the graduating seniors, this is the initial step in the transition from student to alumni. "While no longer students, they are Eagles for life."

Speaker uses personal stories to teach about Tourette's syndrome

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Waiting for the clock to strike 7 p.m., rows of chairs remained empty while guest speaker Marc Elliot was center stage showing off his dance moves to Michael Jackson.

Before the presentation started, Elliot mingled with the crowd, shaking hands, introducing himself and telling jokes.

As nearly 100 EWU students filled the PUB MPR on April 17, Elliott handed out two small cards to each person.

One card he handed out had a basic definition of Tourette's syndrome and the other had a strange command with a number written below it.

One card he handed out said, "Blow on the person in front of you for three seconds, 21." While another said "Bark like a dog, 1."

Elliot explained the purpose of these cards was to engage the audience and show them what it feels like to have Tourette's syndrome.

The number at the bottom of the card represents minutes. Approximately one minute into the presentation, a person in the front started barking. A few minutes later, another one started yelling profanities. Next, someone was shouting, "I love you!"

For a brief moment, each person caught a glimpse of what Elliot's life is like. Elliot's speech was titled

"What makes you tic?" which is also the title of his new book.

The presentation was filled with anecdotes, humor and a small video intended to show what Elliot's tics are like.

A tic, Elliott explained, is a "crazy itch-like sensation inside my body."

The "itches" Elliot described result in an outburst such as barking or screaming random words.

Elliot has been dealing with Tourette's syndrome since he was five years old.

Although Elliot explained he has recently learned to control his tics, he used to bark, curse, chomp his jaw and he even used to try to stick his hand down the garbage disposal.

He explained how he would walk in a room and think of the worst possible thing to say, and that would become his tic.

He said he often shouted offensive words, which sometimes got him into trouble.

Elliot also made the audience roar with laughter when he said he was dating a girl and would tic other girls names and sometimes even her mother's name.

Elliot said he has had 20-30 million tics in his lifetime and then proceeded to joke that he "probably has the world's strongest jaw."

Tourette's is not the only challenge Elliot has faced in his life.

Born with no nerve endings on his intestines, Elliot had seven operations by the time he was four years old.

In the end, Elliot was left with four feet of intestines as opposed to 30 like most people and his large intestine was removed.

With only four feet of intestines, Elliot explained how he visits the bathroom five to eight times a day.

Elliot described his problem with the bathroom as a "logical nightmare."

Elliot shared these stories with the audience with one goal in mind: to teach people to be more tolerant of one another and to create a culture of tolerance in schools around the country.

His life motto is, "Live and let live."

Senior Amber Baumgarten said she walked away from the presentation more aware of the hidden struggles every person is facing and mainly "how to just embrace yourself."

Elliot said embracing himself was one of his biggest challenges in life.

The bottom of one of the cards he handed out read, "I'm sorry if it bothers you, but it bothers me more."

Elliot stressed the importance of accepting yourself, which in turn will allow others to accept you.

Kisai Mullikin, a sophomore at EWU, said she thought the presentation as a whole was great.

"It was cool to see a little into his life and it was informative," she said.

Elliot concluded his presentation by saying, "Let ourselves live our lives."

Global Initiatives moves to larger space

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The Office of Global Initiatives has been relocated to the first floor of Hargreaves Hall. According to Catherine Dixon, the executive director of the Office of Global Initiatives, the new office provides plenty of rooms for staff to meet with international students, visiting scholars and students interested in study abroad experiences.

The space will be used for meetings and events related to global topics.

About 500 international students are studying at Eastern, making up four percent of the student population on campus.

"The [Office of Global Initiatives] is working [to] establish a formal campus dormitory location for the global living learning community," Dixon said.

According to Dixon, this can provide a chance for international students to communicate with domestic students, staff and faculty.

They can learn more about global issues, study abroad programs and intercultural communication. Their goal is to increase the number of international students by five to seven percent.

At the same time, the Office of Global Initiatives is having a weekly event, which is ran by the International Students Association. It is a weekly event and both international and domestic students are welcomed.

Minghua Weng, who goes by the name "Sonic," an international adviser, said, "International Students Association is a great event to promote intercultural communication between international students and domestic students."

Every week the International Student Association will have a social meeting at the Office of Global Initiatives office. Students and staff already talked about relationships and marriage in different cultures.

They have also done a language exchange in the meetings. Some students learned how to say hello, goodbye, love and thanks in 10 different

languages.

In addition, they also have movie night, game night or cuisine night together.

Students can find the best food from their hometown in Spokane and introduce it to all the other students.

In addition, the International Students Association also provides tutoring for not only the international students but also domestic students at EWU.

For international students, it can be easier to understand each other. For American students, it can help them make international friends at the same time.

-For more information on the Office of Global Initiatives, visit their open house event on May 21 from noon to 2 p.m.

-For more information on the International Students Association, visit their Facebook page.

DORM GOURMET

Easy Beef and Bean Burritos

a recipe by Josh Friesen

ingredients

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making it

Brown the ground beef. Add refried beans, Embasa Salsa Mexicana and shredded cheese. Stir and heat until hot. Place mixture in the middle of tortillas and wrap. Enjoy!

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Police Beat

April 15

12:00 p.m. Harassment

A male and female student were intimidating another group of students in the PUB. The students were referred to the OSRR. No arrests were made.

April 17

12:30 p.m. Phone Harassment

A professor and several others not affiliated with EWU reported receiving harassing and explicit text messages from a phone that had been stolen from an acquaintance. The phone had been stolen several weeks ago and had not been deactivated. There are no suspects at this time.

10:19 p.m. Harassment

A report was made in Dryden Hall regarding a female student harassing two other students. The female student continued to harass the students several days later and was arrested on a DUI warrant on April 20.

April 19

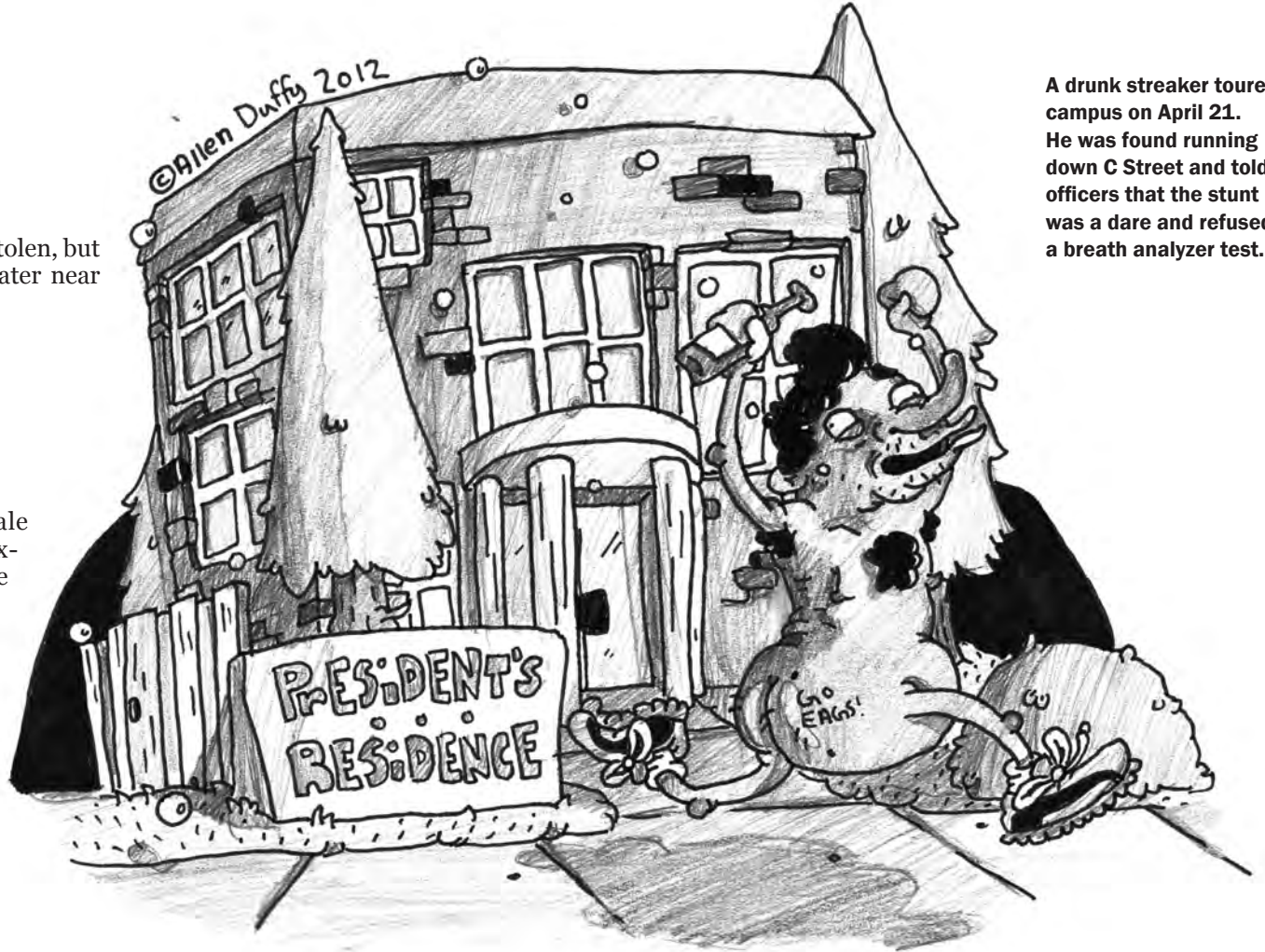
1:49 p.m. Theft

A bike was reported stolen, but was found 20 minutes later near Tawanka.

April 21

2:15 a.m. Indecent Exposure

An intoxicated male student was reported exposing himself near the president's residence. The student was found in nothing but tennis shoes running down C Street. He told officers that the stunt was a dare and refused a breath analyzer test. He was arrested, cited and then released with clothing.



A drunk streaker toured campus on April 21. He was found running down C Street and told officers that the stunt was a dare and refused a breath analyzer test.

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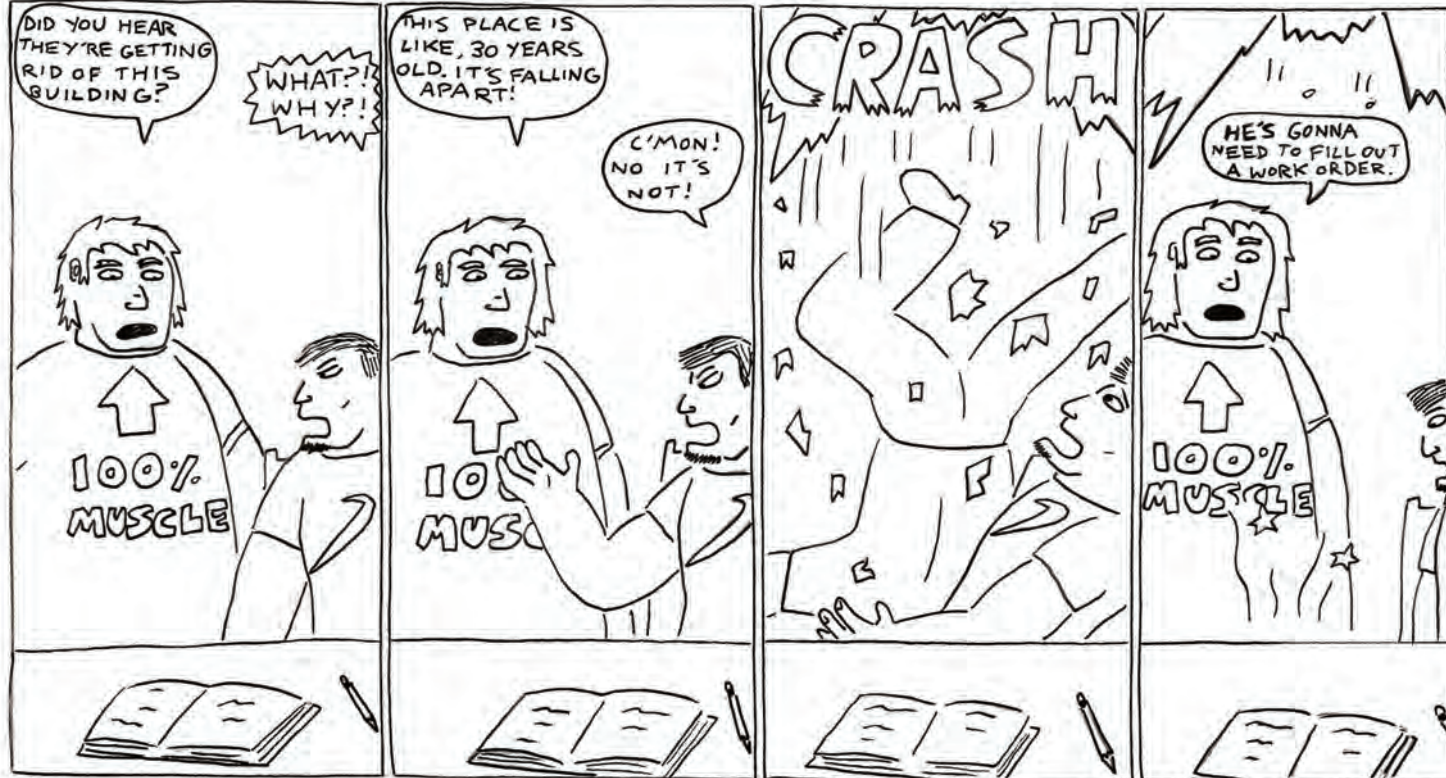
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HISTORY OF EASTERN IN PICTURES



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The old Kennedy Library circulation desk. Today, if you were to look down onto this desk, you would be standing in front of the door to the Dean of Libraries suite.



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John F. Kennedy library today. The lobby is more spacious and is a gathering place for special events and exhibits.

Green Dot Spot

By Sarah Fredricks

You probably have seen or heard the term "green dot" one way or another throughout your time here at EWU. But the importance of this term cannot be stressed enough.

Green dots are choices, actions, attitudes, words or behaviors that actively or visibly end violence, express intolerance for power-based personal violence, or show support for victims. The solution to ending violence is when enough bystanders make an individual choice to get active by creating green dots.

If you have ever been in any sort of bad situation, you know the feeling of wishing someone was there to help you. It's important to remember that feeling and use it to speak up when you see anyone being treated in a way that's hurtful. Don't just assume that someone else will say something because more than likely they are thinking the same thing. It's better to be safe than sorry when it comes to violence.

I experienced this first hand a few times, once in particular I was the designated driver for my friends one night, and we were getting ready to leave and the house was clearing out, we

saw a guy and a girl making out on the couch. Not a huge deal at any college party but this was different; we noticed her closed off body language and his aggressiveness and saw a recipe for disaster.

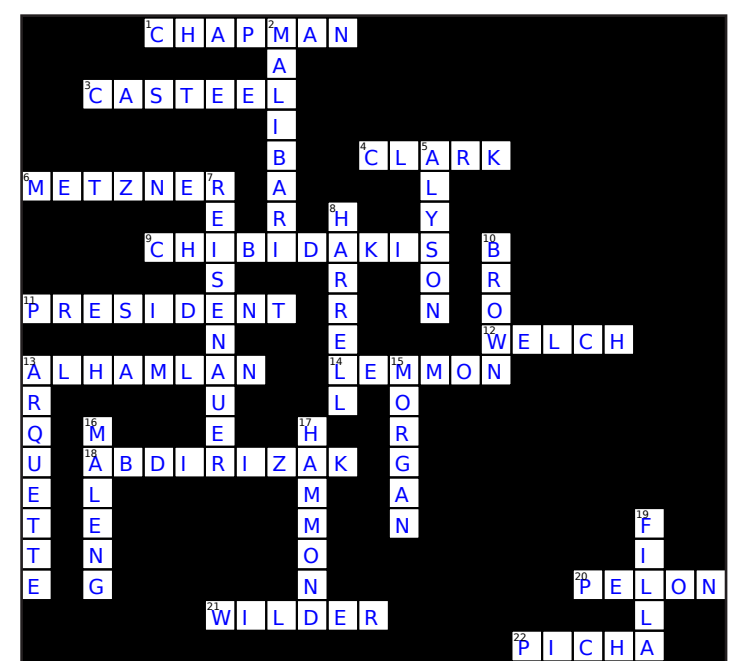
So even at the risk of a little embarrassment we interrupted to make sure the girl was okay by asking if she needed a ride home. She ended up being fine but the important thing was we made sure instead of just leaving her in a potentially harmful situation.

Think of it this way, that girl was someone's daughter, someone's niece, and someone's best friend. And if the situation was reversed I know I would want someone to help those people in my life! So challenge yourself next time you see someone not being treated how they should be, and stand up and do something about it.

You could go one step further and sign up to attend the seven hour "green dot" training where you will learn all the skills necessary to navigate through any potentially harmful situation.

Imagine a potential victim on one side of a room, and a perpetrator on the other, with the rest of us standing between them. As long as we do something, the victimization will not happen!

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Warthogs rugby club gores Eagles

Team falls in final home match of season

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In the final home game of the season, the EWU men's rugby club (2-5-1) fell to the skilled and disciplined Western Washington men's rugby squad 26-15, April 21, on the intramural field.

Eastern had trimmed a first-half 14-point deficit to four after Bertrand Dudley Cole V scampered in from 20 yards out for his first try of the season.

But on a sharply bright afternoon, the Warthogs from Western Washington had the answer.

In the 64th minute the Warthogs (5-4) punched in its fourth try of the day, and the two-point conversion extended the lead to an insurmountable 11 points.

Western, winners of its last four matches, took advantage of an injury-plagued Eagles side that was missing several key players.

"We're just carrying an awful lot of injuries to key guys right now. We're not really at our strongest," said head coach Ian Martin. "We just have guys that for one reason or the other are just not available right now."

The Warthogs opened the scoring in the 16th minute to take a 5-0 lead, but Eastern's Cameron Bowers quickly responded three minutes later to tie the game.

For much of the remaining first half, the Eagles struggled to maintain possession as the Warthogs continually attacked Eastern's goal line.

Five minutes before halftime, Eric Populous shrugged off Western defenders right in front of the goal line and, as he was falling to the ground, found teammate Jacob Moffet who scored the team's second try.

It turned out to be Moffet's



Photo by Aaron Malmoe

Russell Turpin rushes down the field with the ball. The men's rugby has their final game of the season against Washington, April 28.

last try in an Eastern home jersey.

The second half was a back and forth game, but EWU's inexperienced side could not overcome the deficit.

"We've got size and athleticism on them, but they really know how to play the game," said club president Brendon Rannow. "I think our team played really well for the guys we had in."

While injuries kept out some

of the club's more experienced players, it also presented the opportunity for some of the younger guys to gain experience.

Players like Keila Suka-Siose, a freshman from Auburn High School, who originally came to Eastern with intentions of walking onto the football team. Now the former center and defensive tackle in football finds himself in the middle of scrums.

"Coming out to my first prac-

tice, [I] kind of sensed it's a whole different ball game to me," said Suka-Siose. "It helps me keep active, meet new people and the game is just fun overall."

Suka-Siose will play in front of friends and family next week in Seattle. Men's rugby finishes the season at the University of Washington, April 28, in Seattle. The club's annual alumni game is in Cheney, May 19.

Martin and the squad are

planning the future, looking towards improving the squad next year.

"We've got one more game against UW, and we just need to go over there, play them hard and start looking towards next year," Martin said. "If there's guys out there that think, 'Oh, I used to play football and I want something to do, something that's similar.' This is their game, and I'd love to have them."

Rugby terminology

Centre - These are players who are positioned outside the halves and inside the wings.

Hooker - This player is in the middle of the scrum's row. They start the play by passing the ball to a teammate or running the ball themselves.

Ruck - When the ball is on the ground and two opposing players meet over the ball. The off side line becomes the last foot of the last man on each side of the ruck and players compete for the ball by attempting to drive one another from the area and to ruck the ball backwards with their feet.

Scrum - The eight forwards from each team come together and push against each other. The front row is comprised of two props and the hooker, the second row is comprised of the locks and the back row has two flankers and the number eight position.

Try - The primary scoring method of rugby. A try is worth five points and is scored when a player grounds the ball in the opposing team's in-goal area which is between the goal-line and up, but not including the dead ball line.

Moon excels in athletics and academics

Walk-on freshman has bright future

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A fresh breeze and the deceiving early spring sunshine are her only companions as she warms up with a couple of laps around the empty track. For Dani Moon track and cross country were never just about the sport and competition.

Since middle school when she started running track, Moon loved the freedom she got from running.

"I like the feeling of being able to forget about everything else that happened in the day," Moon said. "If I had a bad day in class, I know that with running I can just get away from all of it."

Maybe it is no surprise that when she was in her senior year at Gig Harbor High School, Moon began to explore her options for continuing to run at the college level.

"I had decided that I wanted to walk on when I decided to come here [to EWU]," Moon said. "I met [head coach] Chris Zeller in the summer and talked with him [about joining the team]."

Currently Moon is progressing at a pace beyond Coach Zeller's expectations.

"She's definitely been a pleasant surprise," Zeller said. "This fall she moved up a lot on the team. She got onto the varsity squad that went to conference and then at conference had a great race and ended up fourth on her team. I think she has a bright future."

Moon was selected to be on the Big Sky All-Academic team for winter quarter, meaning she participated in at least half of her team's events while maintaining a GPA of 3.2 or higher.

"I'm hoping to get into the physical therapy program here and someday I hopefully get to go to these big meets with the team," Moon said, referring to the Mt. Sac Relays and Long



Photo by Mikayla Napier

Dani Moon's personal best in the 10,000 meters is 44.11 1/3 seconds.

Beach Invitational meets in California last week.

"I think she has really good potential and next year should be working for conference," senior runner Stephanie Dye said. "She's a really great addition to the team. She has a really strong work ethic and she's always really positive and reliable."

Over these next few years Zeller said that she will continue to work out and improve.

"I just want her to keep getting stronger, build her aerobic base," Zeller said. "She's more of a long distance runner so

definitely she'll need to have a big engine in her lungs."

Zeller expects her to do big things her junior and senior years.

Getting to run for the conference meet has been the best memory of Moon's running career so far, but it is only the first of many.

"When you go to a meet you get to know more people and you have that sense of unity," Moon said. "You have something really in common with all these people. You get to know them and cheer for them."

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Eastern finishes season in conference semifinals

Tennis returns to Big Sky postseason

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Following a two-year hiatus, the EWU men's tennis team returned to the Big Sky Conference Men's Tennis Championship. The third-seeded Eagles lost to the second-seeded Sacramento State Hornets 4-0 in Sacramento, Calif., April 21.

In its last four Big Sky championships, Eastern has played Sacramento State for the final postseason conference game. With the exception of 2008 when Eagles tennis captured its only championship, EWU has fallen to the conference rival.

The Eastern men finished the season 12-9 overall and 6-2 in the Big Sky.

"We've been through a lot this year as a team," said Kyle Koetje, who was 10-8 overall and 6-2 in conference. "We've had a little turnover with the team from last year. I think the year went pretty well."

In the preseason, the Eagles were picked fourth in the Big Sky preseason poll. Apart from outpacing expectations, season highlights includes a 7-0 record at home and a 4-3 team victory over Gonzaga Feb. 22, Eastern's fourth straight win over the Bulldogs.

For senior Julian Sanchez, balancing the rigors of an economics degree with the demands of tennis was harder than in the past.

"When you first come as a freshman or sophomore, you feel like the most important thing is tennis,"



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Julian Sanchez is one of the seniors whose EWU tennis career has ended. Sanchez was 10-7 in singles competition and 9-7 in doubles with partner Chad Henninger.

said Sanchez, who is from Ciudad Real, Spain. "I cannot go to practice as much as I would like, ... because I have classes in Spokane or classes [in Cheney]. I probably make it to practice three times a week. But ... this is the last time to win. So you really want to give everything you've got."

With the lack of practice and time spent on the court, Sanchez had to move down in the lineup from No. 3 and No. 4 - where he played his sophomore and junior years - to No. 5 this season. The

move did not affect his attitude or production.

This season in dual play, Sanchez and fellow senior Chad Henninger went 9-7, the only winning duals record on the team. The two finished third all-time in school history with 19 doubles wins and are tied for fourth in career singles with 40 victories each.

"To be honest, I don't really even look at the record," said Sanchez. "This tennis is an individual team, until you come and play for a system like college tennis,

which is all team. Sometimes when you win but the whole team loses, you don't have that feeling that you really won."

EWU men's tennis head coach Darren Haworth said Henninger set a great example as a senior.

While typically playing No. 4, he led the team in singles wins, recording a 13-5 campaign.

"He just came out and got the job done on the court," said Haworth. "Didn't make too many excuses, just went out and showed it doesn't

matter where you play, who you play, when you play. ... It's just how you play. You just focus on the things you can control."

Haworth said Koetje, a former walk-on and Arlington, Wash., native, also came up big for the team in the 2012 season.

The junior had several spots during the year where the entire match came down to No. 6 singles. All eyes would turn to Koetje's court.

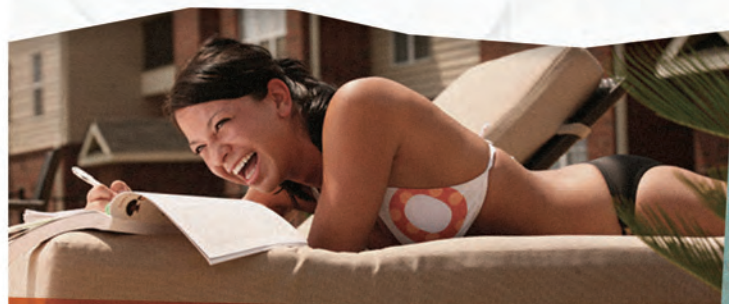
"He knows that there's a pretty good chance that

it's going to come down to him a lot of the times," said Haworth. "I think just him knowing that has really kind of made him step up his work ethic."

As always, one season ends and preparation for the next begins.

"Next year's going to be a lot different because we're graduating three guys," said Koetje. "The roster is going to be a lot different. Going into next year, we obviously want to get back to the conference [tournament] and win again."

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