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## Inauguration of Dr. Cullinan resonates 'awesome'



Dr. Mary Cullinan speaks at the investiture in Showalter Auditorium on May 1.

Photo by Jasmine Kemp

## Cullinan's new fundraising campaign for EWU scholarships recognized

By JASMINE KEMP  
news editor

EWU officially installed Mary Cullinan, Ph.D., as the new university president on May 1 during her Investiture Ceremony.

A grand echo of Felix Mendelssohn's Octet Es dur, op. 20 filled Eastern's Showalter Hall as visitors drifted into the rotunda, chatting, laughing and taking pictures of the EWU Octet.

At the same time, a parade of professors dressed in academic regalia marched through the center of campus.

At 11:42 a.m., with Cullinan's official installation as new university president, was precisely the moment where the 3-inch, gold-plated medallion was placed around her neck.

Considering Cullinan was on campus since August 2014,

*"You get all kinds of energy coming to a new place and getting the kinds of positive responses that I got. People were so warm and welcoming."*

**Mary Cullinan, Ph.D.**

EWU President

the hour-long ceremony was shorter than what most investitures are, according to LeAnn Case, who was part of the investiture committee.

An investiture, said Cullinan, is a celebration of history and past successes as well as looking into the future.

Cullinan announced "Inspire Awesome," a new fundraising campaign to fund scholarships in the future for EWU students.

She challenged staff and faculty to donate money to the fund saying, "For every dollar donated, we [herself and her husband, Jeffery Kelter] will match that donation up to \$50,000."

Cullinan also marked progress on what she told The Easterner back in June 2014 during her unofficial, summer welcome speech. She originally said she wanted to pool together public and private monies to improve EWU. At the investiture, she said she was well underway working with business partners in the Cheney and Spokane communities to bring in fundraising dollars for the football stadium "Gateway Project," and for a new "living building" on campus.

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## EWU women's distance runners look to finish conference play strongly

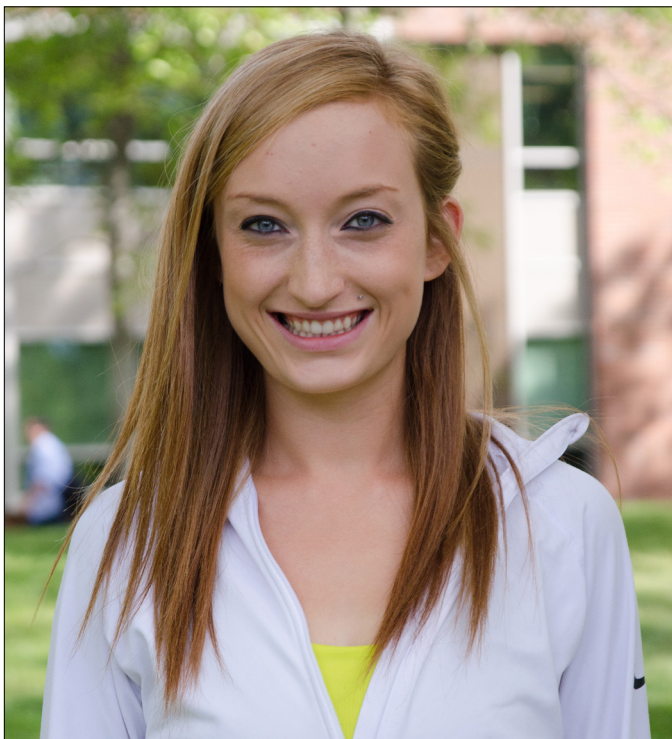


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Sarah Reiter is a distance runner at EWU.

By BRANDON CLINE  
staff reporter

It has been a long season for the EWU track and field team, but the women's distance runners are sprinting to the finish and looking to close out an already successful conference campaign at Roos Field with the Big Sky Outdoor Championships taking place from May 13 to 16.

Although they compete individually, having a tight-knit group is crucial for the women over the course of a long season.

The team had a quick turnaround between the indoor and outdoor season, with the Big Sky Indoor Championships ending on February 28 and the Buc Scoring Invite starting on March 19, marking the beginning of the outdoor season.

"I just think we work really well

together as a team," said Sarah Reiter. "Having each other as training partners, motivating each other. We're really cohesive as a group, so I think that really helps. Everyone gets along, works out together and there's lots of positive energy."

Reiter currently sits second in the 10,000-meters amongst all Big Sky athletes during the outdoor season with a time of 34:38.42, just seconds behind Portland State University's Camelia Mayfield, a senior.

Reiter, who finished third in the 10,000-meters in the 2014 outdoor season, said she is focused on bettering her own time rather than paying attention to the times of her opponents.

"I truly want to PR, feel good and get some more 5,000-meter and 10,000-meters under my belt. My goal is just to do my best and hopefully place," said Reiter.

After a personal best of 10:22.16 in the 3,000-meters steeplechase at

the Oregon State High Performance Meet on May 1, Paula Gil-Echevarria moved from fifth to second in the best performances delivered by a Big Sky athlete in the event.

She is less than two seconds off the pace of Montana State University's Heather Demorest.

Despite learning she suffered tendonitis in her IT band before the Big Sky Indoor Championships and having to cross-train for three weeks after the season, Gil-Echevarria is still in a prime position to win a conference championship.

After competing in the 2014 Under-22 European Track Championships, Gil-Echevarria's goal was to hit the time she set during the championships, 10:25, and she did just that.

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## Upcoming Events:

**May**  
May 6: **Start by Believing Pledge Campaign.** The campaign pledges starts at 11 a.m. in the PUB skirt, with a presentation starting at 2 p.m. in JFK Auditorium. Sponsored by Health, Wellness and Prevention Services at EWU.

May 6: **Results for ASEWU 2015-2016 general election are in! Visit easterneronline.com.**

May 6: **Swoop Tryouts:** Think you can be the next Swoop? All EWU students are encouraged to attend! Tryouts start at 4 p.m. in the EWU Dance Studio in the Phase.

May 5-7: **Michael Shapiro:** Professor Emeritus of Slavic and Semiotic Studies, Brown University and adjunct professor, Society of Senior Scholars, Columbia University, Shapiro will be leading discussions on campus from May 5-7. For a full list, visit ewu.edu.

May 11-16: **Diversity Week:** Diversity Week is a chance for students, staff and faculty to come together in a fun and respectful environment, to share, learn about and celebrate the rich diversity of human experience. This year's event features Mary Cullinan, Ph.D., as keynote speaker, starting at noon in Hargreaves Hall on May 12.



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## Farewell to Fuller

By JASMINE KEMP  
news editor

After a second bid for a university president job, current EWU provost Rex Fuller is headed off to Western Oregon University as its 23rd president.

His term begins on July 1, 2015, the same date WOU installs its inaugural board of trustees. A WOU press release said the college would from then on run as an independent, public institution.

Fuller was appointed by president emeritus Rodolfo Arévalo in December 2010, after spending six months acting as interim provost. In a press release from 2010, Fuller said he wants "to ensure that EWU remains committed to preparing its graduates for success in a dynamic global society."

Fuller's term officially started in January 2011. Fuller has worked at EWU since 2006.

Before becoming provost and vice president of academic affairs, Fuller had served as the executive dean for EWU-Spokane and the dean of College of Business and Public Administration.

President Mary Cullinan commended Fuller's contributions to EWU in a special announcement on Eastern 24/7.

"His leadership skills have helped support and enhance our academic mission as well as EWU's reputation for excellent academic programs," she said.

Cullinan also started a search for a new provost and said she is looking for input from faculty, staff and students.

### REVIEW

## Author's new book: "The World Until Yesterday"

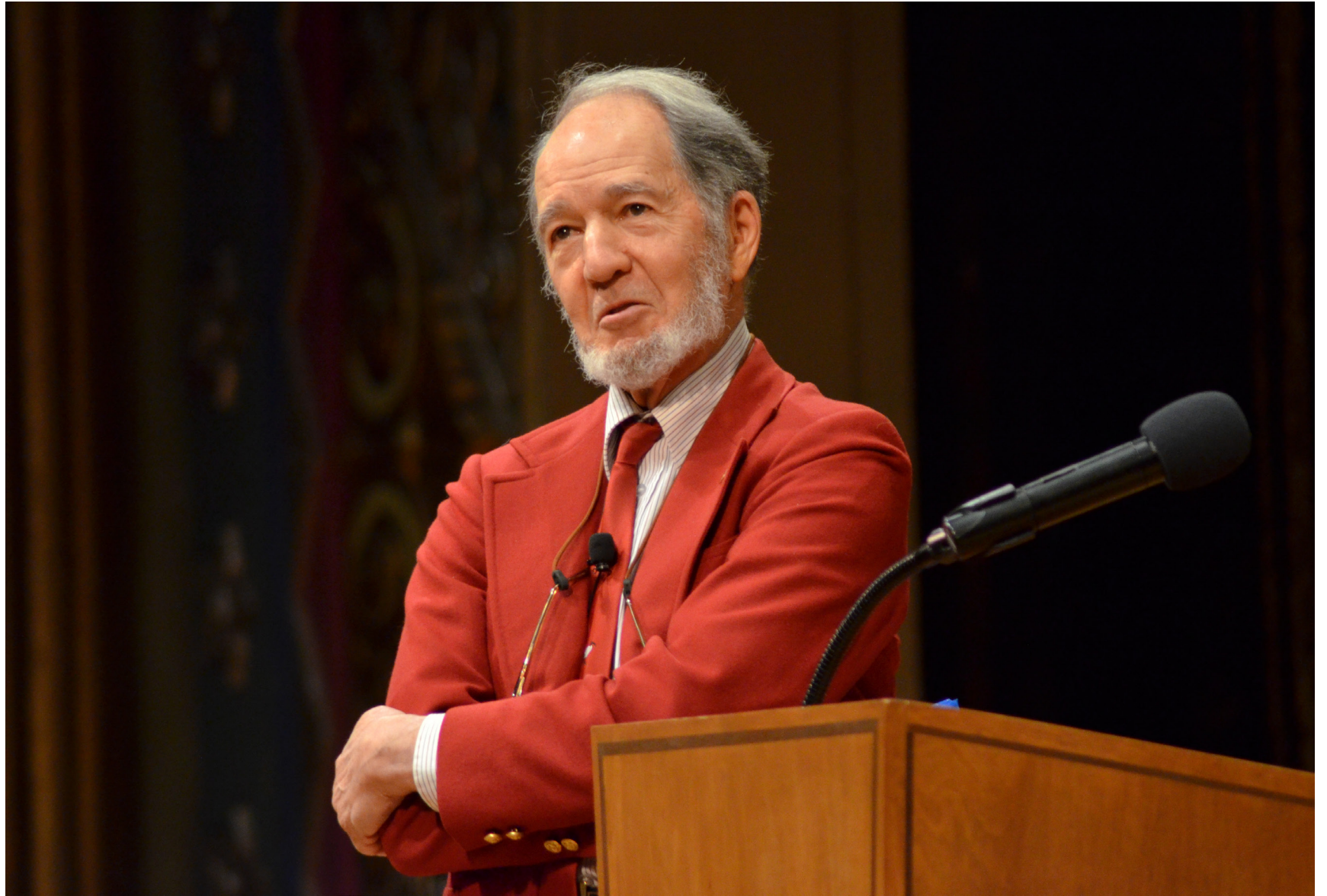


Photo by Laura Lango

EWU guest speaker Jared Diamond presenting at the Fox Theatre, Spokane.

### Jared Diamond spoke on human evolution, adaptation and changing societies

Traditional societies have existed for thousands of years — some of these ancient cultures have faded into the fossils of the earth and the writing on the walls, while some have survived and still others have flourished.

Jared Diamond, author of "The World Until Yesterday," raised a profound and demanding question: Why?

Many students and citizens of Spokane attended a lecture administered by Jared Diamond as he attended EWU campus and The Fox Theater in downtown Spokane for two separate lectures on April 23.

Diamond is an esteemed author of multiple books including "Collapse" and Pulitzer Prize-winning "Guns, Germs and Steel" — however, the focus of his lectures was on his newest book entitled "The World Until Yesterday."

Jared Diamond is currently a professor at the University of California in L.A. and he specializes in multiple fields, including physiology, biophysics, history, ecology and geography — but most notable perhaps is his work in anthropology.

It was this anthropological insight that

inspired him during one of 28 trips to Papua New Guinea. He went to bird watch because he is an avid ornithologist.

While on an outing with a few native New Guineans, Diamond attempted to set up camp underneath a large tree. Fearful, Diamond's companions asserted their desire to sleep far from the base of the tree.

Initially, this paralyzing fear of sleeping under a tree might seem unmitigated, or perhaps even delusionally

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## Idaho's Silver Valley, a common epicenter for earthquakes

By KATIE DUNN  
staff writer

A magnitude 3.9 earthquake hit approximately 36 miles outside of Hayden, Idaho.

The temblor shook the Idaho panhandle on April 23.

A 3.7 earthquake happened first, then the following morning a 3.3 magnitude earthquake, then right before noon there was a 2.7 and that evening there was a 3.9, according to Earthquake Track.

There was another earthquake on April 23 outside of Ponderay, Idaho, according to reports from KHQ news. This earthquake was a 4.2 and caused little damage like the others.

"These are pretty small earthquakes," said Chad Pritchard, associate professor of geology at EWU.

Pritchard said an earthquake is a pulse of energy released from movement along a fault line.

These earthquakes originated

from the Hope fault named after Hope, Idaho, which Pritchard said is part of the the Lewis and Clark fault zone.

The fault zone runs 30 miles wide and cuts through 240 miles of northern Idaho and northwestern Montana and displays evidence of shearing over the past billion years, according to the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security. Shearing is how a rock responds to compressive stress and can result in fracturing and simple faults.

Pritchard said these faults all reside in the cordillera, the Spanish term for mountains, which includes the Rocky Mountains and also trails through Mexico and South America.

The western coastline looked a lot different 150 million years ago.

Pritchard said tectonic plates smashed together, increasing the available land, and eventually began relaxing and falling back down.

"If you're in a sandbox and you

push up a bunch of sand, eventually it's going to fall back down again," said Pritchard. "So that's exactly what's probably happening here."

Pritchard said the April 23 and 24 earthquakes were right-lateral, strike-slip faults, where the opposite sides of the fault slide against one another with little vertical movement.

Geologists know this thanks to moment tensor analysis and seismic analysis.

This area of Idaho is known to have earthquakes all throughout the Silver Valley, but Pritchard said whether or not the people living in this fault zone have infrastructure built to withstand earthquakes is debatable.

"They obviously have a higher engineering standard than Sumatra that went through the 2004 earthquake, they don't

*"I would say it wasn't really until the 1990s, 1980s, that we really started to actually classify for seismic hazards out here because earthquakes don't happen very often."*

**Chad Pritchard**  
EWU geology professor

have shacks," said Pritchard. "But I would say it wasn't really until the 1990s, 1980s, that we really started to actually classify for seismic hazards out here because earthquakes don't happen very often."

In Spokane, it was not until the 1980s that the city actually planned for 5.0 earthquakes, so older buildings are not really built for it, according to Pritchard.

He said the timing of these earthquakes and the Nepal earthquake is coincidental and that

earthquakes are happening all over the world all the time, they are just not always big enough to make national news.

The epicenter of Nepal's 7.8 earthquake was 50 miles outside of the capital, Kathmandu, according to CNN. As of Saturday the casualty toll has gone above 7,000, with at least 14,398 people injured.

According to the Natural Resources of Canada department, earthquakes with a magnitude of 3-4 occur about 100,000 times a year and have an energy release of 1,800 equivalent kilograms of explosives compared to earthquakes with a magnitude around 7, which occur around 20 times a year with an energy release of 1,800,000,000 kilograms of explosives.

"Every time you go up in magnitude it's like 100, 1,000, 10,000 times larger, so when you get to a 7.0, that's huge amounts of mass so your buildings are literally shaking and falling down," said Pritchard.



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REVIEW

# Superhero Formula Getting Stale

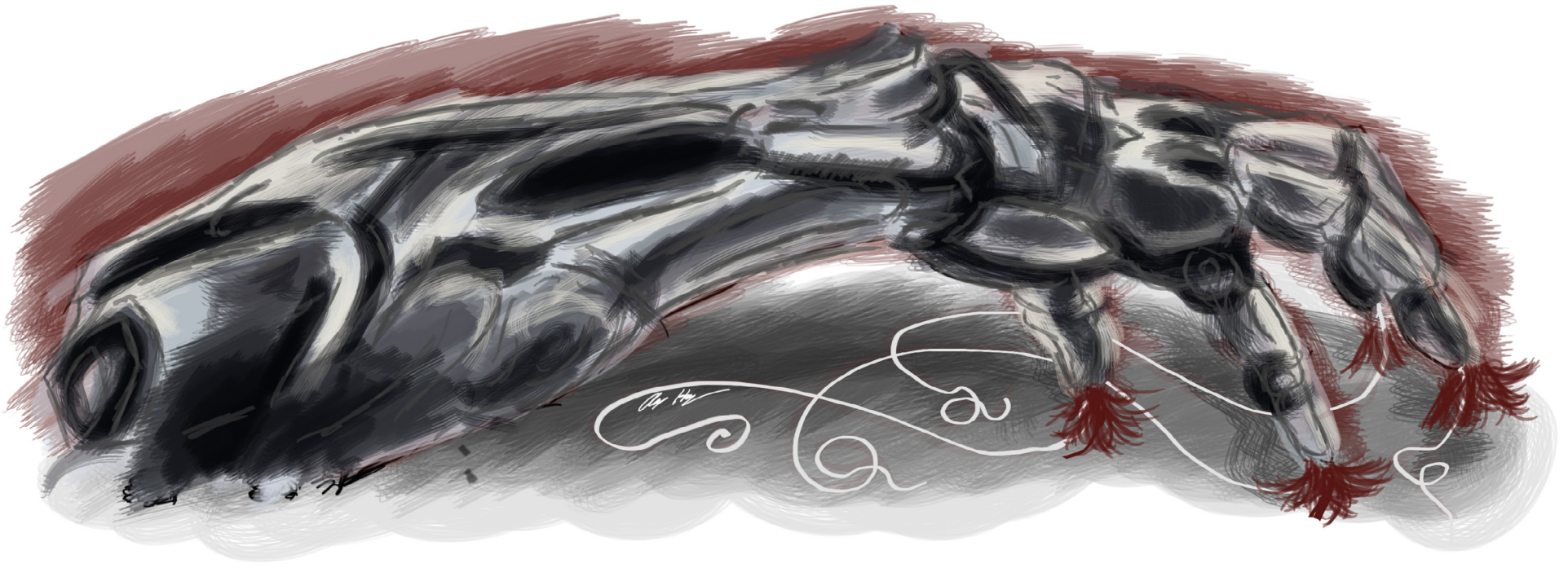


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## 'Avengers: Age of Ultron' leaves no strings attached, with casual and hardcore fans alike

Joss Whedon has been a nerd-culture messiah since "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," but his recent treatment of the Avengers has begun turning him less messiah and more pariah.



ZOË COLBURN

The newest addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), "Avengers: Age of Ultron," is leaving a sour taste in comic book fans' mouths and even more casual fans, like myself, are sensing something rotten in the Avengers Tower. From completely off-the-wall characterization of just about every Avenger to the whitewashing of the Maximoff twins (Quicksil-

ver and Scarlet Witch), "Ultron" reads as a mess of a fanfiction, rather than a serious movie.

Whedon's trademark style of quippy one-liners may work well in "Firefly" and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," but when he does the same in "Age of Ultron," it is difficult to get a solid tone on the movie. Is it serious? Is it fun? With just about every scene giving the audience whiplash by going from Ultron talking about people creating their fears to making some half-baked joke about people being scared of babies, it's downright impossible to maintain any actual fear or sense of danger. In fact, if I didn't know Whedon had written "Age of Ultron" himself, I would have guessed it was some Whedon fan attempting to mimic his style and going too far over the edge.

The sloppy characterization of Ultron isn't limited to this new character, but infects all the characters we've come to love over the last seven years. Steve Rogers, an orphan from Brooklyn who later became a soldier, is once again apparently some hyper-moralistic, anti-swearing 90 year old, and Natasha Romanov's entire character gets thrown out the window in favor of an ill-advised, will-they-won't-they back and forth with Bruce Banner. Even Tony Stark, Whedon's obvious favorite character, has most of his depth stripped in favor of his witty banter.

Romanov is given one line strictly about herself in the whole movie, which is used to say, point-blank, that her forced sterilization at the Red Room made her a monster, in order to relate better to Banner's typical sulking over

being the Hulk. Aside from being unbelievably offensive to people who have undergone both voluntary and forced sterilization, as well as people who are sterile due to biological issues, it seems completely unlike Romanov to consider herself a monster for being unable to bear children.

The choice to even include the Maximoff twins is confusing, since the "X-Men" franchise is owned by Sony and therefore can't even be mentioned in the MCU. So the twins, rather than being mutants, are referred to as "enhanced" and were made that way by Dr. Stoker — a German scientist with Hydra. The Maximoff twins are canonically, in the comics, Romani Jews. Whedon not only stripped them of their religion and race, but he specifically had them volunteer to be ex-

perimented on by a Nazi organization. Since mutants and X-Men don't exist in the MCU, it makes sense he would have to construct a new backstory for them, but why even bother including mutant characters if you have to re-structure almost their entire backstory? It's honestly baffling.

All of that being said, for people who have no interest in the comics or who are simply looking for a fun, brainless, superhero action movie — "Avengers: Age of Ultron" fits the bill. It's action-packed and not too cerebral, and honestly, it's a summer blockbuster. It does what it sets out to do as a form of entertainment, it's just not a Marvel movie as far as I'm concerned.

But hey, at least Hawkeye actually manages some significant screen time.

## Water needs to be this summer's beverage of choice

BY JOE MATTHEWS  
contributing writer

Killing over 2 million people worldwide every year, according to the Encyclopedia of Children's Health website, dehydration is a dangerous condition that puts Eastern students at risk.

With symptoms such as headaches, slight dizziness and dry skin, dehydration doesn't seem to be too much to handle. However, if not treated, the symptoms could worsen to blood pressure decrease, rapid heart rate and even the inability to walk from being so dizzy. Dehydration occurs when one

does not drink enough fluids for their body to maintain its normal functions.

With summer fast approaching and temperatures getting higher by the day, it is time for students to rethink their consumption of liquids, the main liquid being water.

With 60 percent of the human body's weight consisting of water, it is clear the liquid plays a vital role in the body's proper functioning. Every system in the body needs water. For example, consistent water intake will help clear out pollutants in organs; it helps transfer nutrients to the cells, and it even helps provide small amounts of energy.

Water is important, and with the heat this area receives in the summer, lack of hydration could affect students' summer breaks.

It used to be said that eight, 8-ounce servings were sufficient; however, recent studies have come out stating that more is needed.

According to the Mayo Clinic, "The Institute of Medicine determined that an adequate intake for men is roughly 13 cups (3 liters) of total beverages a day. The adequate intake for women is about 9 cups (2.2 liters) of beverages a day." It is important that water is the main drink of choice, especially when the temperature rises.

Sweat plays a big role in the body's hydration. The more the body sweats, the more water is needed to compensate.

"The recommendation for water consumption when you're working out is about 16 to 24 ounces an hour," said Jacob Rehm, the EWU Physical Education, Health and Recreation Department director. Students have access to water all over campus, according to Rehm.

"We don't hide our water fountains from [students]," said Rehm.

"Students should always be cognizant of how hot the temperature is outside and



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## REVIEW

# GTA V: New Platform, Same Awesome Game

After its initial release on consoles a year ago, "Grand Theft Auto V" received raving reviews from critics and obliterated sales records. Now, with the release of the PC version, an entirely new player-base jumps

CHRIS MUDD

onto the grimy, sun-lit streets of Los Santos, and it's never been better.

The gameplay from the original game remains mostly unchanged, although with fewer bugs. But the real overhaul comes in the graphical performance of the game. A truly powerful PC is capable of running the game at a much higher resolution and frame rate than our console-gaming brethren. It's tough to run the game at maximum settings and maintain a frame rate above 40 frames per second at times, but this is more a hardware issue of my own than of the game itself.

The higher graphical settings really bring out the creativity and depth of artistic direction Rockstar took with the game. The details are astounding for the most part; although, since the overall image of the city is gorgeous and well thought out, the occasionally low-polygon environment art sneaks in and it ruins the visual cohesion for a moment.

Another problem with the computer platform is the controls. It's an issue that's plagued PC games since the dawn of time. The intuitive stick controls of a console controller makes driving sections feel natural and responsive, but the keyboard and mouse control system takes all feeling out of the experience. There is no feedback, so I highly recommend playing with a plugged-in console controller to avoid the issue. There is no denying the value of a keyboard and mouse in the shooting sections of the game, however, and juggling the two systems was a much harder transition compared to last year's release.

A surprise addition comes in the form of the in-game movie editor. It's remarkably in-depth considering we had no idea it was even being worked on prior to the release of the game. The editor gives players the opportunity to create their own cut scenes and action set-piece moments, allowing the player to control the camera and every character in the frame, including animals. It's an unexpected but welcomed feature that will no doubt yield some really interesting YouTube videos in the future.

Overall, the re-release of the game is a worthy buy for anyone not able to play the original last year. It's just as enthralling and interesting as ever, but not necessarily a good buy for those who already gave it a shot.



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The living building would be a way to bring in renewable energy to campus with a building that could sustain itself.

George Pernsteiner, president of the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, continued with the theme of looking into the past and looking to the future.

Pernsteiner asked, "If you're already just as perfect as can be, what can Cullinan bring to you?"

His answer: reinforcement.

Pernsteiner established that the decisions Cullinan had to make at Southern Oregon University involving entrenchment plans and cuts to faculty and staff allowed her to engage the community in conversation. Community engagement is something that she would

bring to EWU as well.

Visitors to the investiture travelled from across Washington and Idaho, with representatives from Central and Western Washington Universities, Whitworth and Gonzaga Universities, Lewis-Clark State College and the Community Colleges of Spokane. There were even representatives from Southeast Missouri State and East Tennessee State University.

Inclusion of the students and community, as Cullinan said during her speech, was visible at all times during the investiture. ASEWU President Dahir "D.J." Digre presented a small speech with faculty members, and multiple student dancers from Sapna Basy to the Hui 'O Hawai'i Club performed cultural dances. EWU students performed all the music with the Brass Ensemble, the Jazz Trio, EWU's Octet, and

the entire congregation sang Eastern's Alma Mater with the EWU Symphonic Choir.

Many of the traditions of investiture hark back to medieval times. The professors who represented all the colleges and programs on campus with their robes and caps "are patterned after the gowns and hoods worn regularly in the middle ages by scholars for warmth," according to the investiture program.

The academic procession also bears another Middle Ages icon: the mace. This object makes appearances at commencement and other formal ceremonies. Instead of the familiar battle weapon adorned with a spiked sphere, the EWU mace is a silver-topped rosewood shaft that deviates from traditional design. The program said the curves in the mace capture the landscape of Eastern Washington.



An EWU cultural dance group performs at the investiture on May 1.

Photo by Jasmine Kemp

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paranoid, but there is reasoning.

Every night, one might hear a crash in the thickets of the jungle; this crash announces the natural felling of these trees. That is but one or so tree a night in a whole jungle; however, given the consistency at which native New Guineans must camp outdoors, the odds are against them. Over the centuries, these native people adapted and learned: Don't sleep under the trees.

Diamond defined this adaptability as constructive paranoia, or rather an adaption to the environment. By learning from others' uncautious follies, a new pattern of behavior emerged to eliminate mortal threats.

Traditional societies — societies that have existed for over 5,000 years — face multiple dangers every day: disease, violence, starvation, wild-life and even falling trees. Through

adaptability, Diamond has pointed out that "the number of deaths of a hazard do not necessarily represent the danger of that hazard."

For example, lions are significantly dangerous to multiple traditional societies, and yet, according to Diamond, they kill less than a hundred people per year worldwide, and even less than that in traditional societies.

Why is this? Humans adapt — especially to their environment. The natives of these ancient lands have learned to live their lives a specific way to avoid such a threat: Don't go out after dark, walk in groups, talk constantly and so on.

The dangers we face in cultured societies are profoundly different — worlds apart.

Due to the comfort of our lives in a first-world civilization, we do not think long on common dangers.

But we face dangers every day: riding a bike, driving a car, drinking heavily, smoking, operating

home appliances, accidentally strangling ourselves in our sleep and even taking a shower. According to the National Safety Council, odds are 1 in 6,000 a slip in the shower will kill you.

When we think of dangers, we don't think of walking along the street, of which the odds of being struck as a pedestrian are 1 in 600.

Instead, Americans tend to list superficial dangers implanted by the media such as terrorists, nuclear attacks, inorganic chemicals and plane crashes — all of which are, according to Diamond, grossly overestimated by the typical American.

Diamond urged us to pay close attention to things that carry a small risk of killing you each time you do them, but that you do often.

This is how traditional societies have coped with the dangerous elements of the world for over 5,000 years. Constructive paranoia is what has brought humans this far.

Diamond said, "Traditional societies represent thousands of natural experiments ... on how to deal with universal problems and local dangers."

Diamond concluded his lecture by revealing a rather disturbing statistic: Approximately 95 percent of Americans will die from noncommunicable diseases that are a result of our lifestyles. This includes cardiovascular diseases, cancers, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases, all of which account for almost two-thirds of all deaths globally.

Diamond not only introduced us to the dangers of Papua New Guinea and various other traditional cultures, but also to the dangers that mask themselves in the shadows of the everyday.

He held a mirror to our faces — a mirror of paper and ink — to show us the common follies of our disregard and the potential dangers of continuing to wallow in ignorance.

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have a water bottle with you," said Rehms. Another way to stay well hydrated without even drinking water is to eat foods that contain water, like fruits and vegetables. Watermelon and spinach are both great options due to the fact that they are, by weight, about 90 percent water.

Though it may not taste sweet like soda or other drinks, water will provide more benefits to the body than most any other drink will. The amount needed to stay healthy may vary a little by climate and exercise regimen, but no matter what, a decent amount of water is needed to be productive and stay alive.

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## Police Beat

By **CLAIRE SIMPSON**  
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April 13

**2:10 p.m.  
Stolen Property**

A stolen bicycle was found outside the URC. It had been taken from a bicycle rack, that it was not chained to, outside Showalter Hall on April 9.

April 25

**1:49 p.m.  
Fraud**

A student reported unauthorized use of his credit card, which had been maxed out without his knowledge. The perpetrator charged a total of \$2,700 worth of items to the card. The investigation is pending.

April 28

**3:44 a.m.  
Traffic Violation**

An officer ran the licence plate of the driver of a silver Mercedes-Benz traveling along Elm Street late at night. A search turned up that his licence was suspended in the third degree for traffic tickets. He was cited and released.

**8:30 a.m.  
Malicious Mischief**

Sometime in the early morning, 22 parked cars were vandalized in P16. Estimated to total \$4,000, the damage included broken and missing side mirrors, windshield wipers and antennas, in addition to scratched paint. A social media investigation is currently underway.

**12:39 p.m.  
Stolen Property**

It was reported that a black and pink bicycle had been stolen from a rack outside the JFK Library. She had locked it there on April 24 and when she came to retrieve the bicycle four days later, it was gone.



@EasternerOnline - What have your spring quarter classes been like so far? • Share your thoughts with us.

# Polyamory unveiled

By Zoë Colburn  
opinion editor

Polyamory is coming more and more to the forefront of modern consciousnesses and as it does, those of us who are polyamorous are often confronted with parades of questions.

The usual questions usually range from, "Don't you get jealous?" to, "So, is it like a constant orgy?" For me personally, the answer to both of these questions is a resounding, "No." For most polyamorous individuals, jealousy isn't usually a problem.

Polyamorous relationships, in most cases, still have parameters and rules in the same way as monogamous relationships. Some poly people have completely open relationships—meaning both partners can see other people of any gender. Some have gender-based parameters, so if there is a man-

woman relationship, they might only be able to see other people of the same gender.

There are more or less endless combinations of whatever rules or parameters a couple, triad, or so on may decide on, but one thing has to remain 100 percent consistent: all people involved must be aware and on board with polyamory. Anything where even one partner is unaware of the others' actions is, hands down, cheating.

Polyamory requires just as much trust and understanding as monogamy. Even in an entirely open relationship there is still an understanding that, at the end of the day, you are a couple. If one person decides they're done with an open relationship, whether that means the relationship is over entirely or it just becomes a closed relationship is up to both partners, but there's respect that

goes along with polyamorous relationships just like monogamous relationships.

There are way more specifics and intricacies to polyamory than I could possibly go over in one article, but I guess it always ends up circling back to a core question a lot of people have, though: Why can't I just be happy with one partner?

It's not about being "happy" with one partner — it's about knowing that my love for one partner doesn't discount my love for another. I'm not greedy or commitmentphobic or whatever other word you want to pin on me and other polyamorous individuals; I couldn't be monogamous anymore than a monogamous person could be polyamorous.

Polyamory and monogamy are two sides of a coin — the only true difference is the number of partners in a relationship.



Illustration by Lauren Campbell

# Library reserve system has room for improvement

By Laura Lango  
photographer

It's a story familiar to many college students: It's the start of the quarter and the hassle of purchasing textbooks looms. Since, according to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office website, student financial aid isn't posted until the first day of the quarter or after, students dependent on this aid are stuck with some unattractive choices.

Students can either buy textbooks at high markups at the campus bookstore or order them online through a third party at a cheaper price and forebear the two or three week shipping backup that inevitably ensues. Many students can't afford the bookstore markups and even those who can prefer to go for the cheapest option available.

The easiest solution is indeed the most obvious: the library should have these books. Libraries exist to provide resources and at the beginning of the quarter, the inevitable backlogs of textbook orders even from the campus bookstore strands many students for weeks without their books. Even if the library only stocked the textbooks for the first few weeks or so on loan from other institutions, it would be a better solution.

Without their books, students can't complete vital assignments, professors become frustrated and there is usually a mad dash to borrow the book from the few fortunate souls in the class who have it already. Generally,

the campus bookstore bears the brunt of public criticism, with many students complaining the bookstore does not stock enough copies of textbooks, the markups are too high and so on. While these critiques are valid, there's an easier solution that doesn't involve a major overhaul of EWU's textbook system: the library course reserves.

It's a beautifully simple concept: the professor can either submit their own material or request the library get course materials, and they are placed on reserve at the circulation desk. According to the EWU website, course reserve materials can be checked out for periods of hours, days or weeks by students.

It seems to be the obvious solution. If the library can easily locate copies of the required texts and place them on reserve, students who rely on financial aid money to buy textbooks can make use of these backup copies while waiting for their books to arrive. These backup copies can serve as a safety net if, for instance, students' textbooks get sent to the wrong address, get charged to the wrong card or get holed up in a massive backorder.

With the materials on course reserve, students are no longer in dire straits, as they can go to the library and check out the required text for an hour or so. The material never

leaves the library and the students are no longer stranded without access to their textbooks. Ideally, this solution would enable students, especially those who rely on financial aid, to have the greatest success in the crucial early weeks of a new quarter while also being the most fiscally responsible.

However, while the library already has a course reserve system in place, it does not require that professors put

copies of their textbooks on reserve. Instead, the library mostly relies on the professors to provide the copies from their own personal libraries. The instructor editions of these textbooks can already be quite an investment, making the possibility of purchasing extra student editions slim. Thus, the course reserves take up

only a measly two half-shelves behind the circulation desk.

It is already absurd that the library of a university does not have readily available the texts it requires its students to have, and it is even more absurd that this same library does not require professors to place copies of these texts on reserve. Expecting instructors to fulfill this need out of their own personal belongings is possibly the most absurd of all.

It goes without saying that the library

*"It goes without saying that the library should have copies of all of the textbooks being used on campus."*

Laura Lango  
Photographer

should have copies of all of the textbooks being used on campus. Furthermore, the burden of providing these resources should not lay on the instructors, but upon the library, as it exists to provide academic resources. The greatest function of the library is to serve as a resource to students and, arguably, the most important resource a university student can have is their textbooks.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Ignore the preacher on campus

The college campus is the one of the central places in our society for free speech.

The proselytizers have a place in the outdoor court here at EWU. They've been here for decades.

But hate and ranting is not a call for change; it is a sign of mental illness. What our latest preacher needs is compassion not confrontation. He will not change his mind or behavior, ever.

Engaging in debate with him only increases aggression. Not only his, but everyone involved. It is up to us to create a positive and safe environment for each other. When the cops are called to

remove this person, it is not because he is harming himself; it is because there is an audience and people provoking him. That interaction is dangerous. Let's be smart and figure out what to do before we resort to police intervention.

It is obvious that the students here want to stretch their intellectual muscles. So instead of arguing with a person who cannot communicate, shift the conversation to each other, figure out constructive ways to calm the situation. Walking away and reflecting is also an option.

I write this not because the preacher bothers me, he doesn't. I overheard a

student, a Christian himself, who said he feels afraid something bad is going to happen, it is disrupting his studies and he doesn't feel safe.

Please encourage your fellow students not to give this man an audience and do not try to change his mind. Think about the atmosphere you are creating for your fellow students.

By Ellen Picken  
EWU Student

## Easterner Asks: What do you think about the library textbook reserve system?



"So far I've gotten two or three textbooks from the library, so I didn't have to buy them, and that saved me a ton of money -- probably over a hundred dollars."

Leah Howard  
Freshman



"I've used it once, it was good. The only thing that I would probably change, if possible, was how fast [you receive the books]. I have a lot of friends who haven't really gotten their books in time for essays."

Larissa Juarez  
Freshman



"I'm completely unaware of it."

Ricky Lefebvre  
Sophomore

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## Boxing is dead

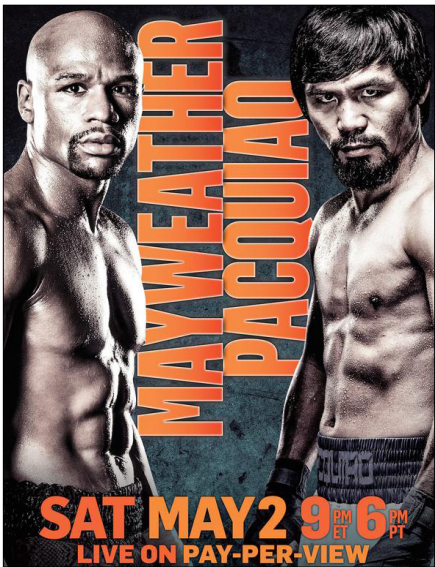


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The Mayweather and Pacquiao fight alienated viewers.

MayPac wasn't a disappointment. It was just a Floyd Mayweather fight.



SAM DEAL

"The fight of the Century" was five years past when it should have happened and overhyped to increase viewership.

It worked. HBO and Showtime are reporting the fight sold over 3 million pay-per-view subscriptions, which would break the previous record of 2.5 million buys.

But the response from many was that the fight failed to live up to the hype or did not meet expectations that were set. Boxing legend Oscar De La Hoya's Tweet summed up many fans' reactions to the uneventful, 12 round bout.

"Sorry boxing fans," followed by, "I'm just not into the boxing, running style. I like jumping out of my seat because a fight was existing and the fans got their money's worth."

Viewers of the fight should not be mad at Manny Pacquiao or Mayweather, only at themselves for allowing boxing promoters to dupe them. The fight played out as many boxing experts expected: Pacquiao throwing punches that lacked the power he once had and Mayweather avoiding shots and picking his spots better than anyone who has ever stepped into the ring.

Mayweather has connected on 46 percent of his punches and his opponents landed only 16 percent on the world champion throughout his career, according to Compubox.

During the fight on May 2, Mayweather landed on 34 percent of his punches versus only 19 percent by Pacquiao landing only 81 total punches on Money.

Mayweather dancing around the ring is much of what he has done as his career has wound down — not engaging and working as a technician, picking opponents apart and winning decisions without much engagement.

To expect this match would be any different was simply wishful thinking and it showed the lack of knowledge from many watching the fight.

The fight of the century doomed boxing because of this. It was one final stage for an aging sport to command the attention of the nation and MayPac failed to live up but at the same time did exactly what was expected.

The fight had a chance to increase the popularity of boxing in a way that hasn't been seen since Sugar Ray Leonard.

A knockout would have gotten people out of their seats and talking for days.

A slugfest, tight decision would have had fans on the edge of their seats all night.

Instead, a 12 round, landslide, unanimous decision that lacked much engagement from either fighter left fans with the sour feeling of being cheated. This last spotlight couldn't have gone worse for the sport of boxing.

Every person claiming they were disappointed in the fight should cherish what the Saturday night's fight was. The end of an era.

The fight of the century should have been titled "The Death of Boxing" because never again will boxing hold this country's attention the way it did this past week.

# Rodgers heads to ATL



Jake Rodgers, No. 65, with his family at EWU Football Senior Night on Nov. 7, 2014.

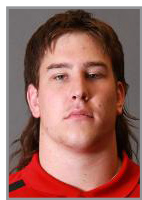
Photo by Anna Mills

## Spokane native Jake Rodgers to call Atlanta home

BY SAM DEAL  
sports editor

Jake Rodgers is one step closer to playing football on Sundays.

The Eagles All-American offensive tackle was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons with the 225 pick of this past weekend's NFL draft.



Rodgers

"He is from an offense that is really a good pass protection team, they throw it like crazy," said Falcons head coach Dan Quinn. "He's long and we can't wait to get started with him."

Rodgers is a graduate of Spokane's Shadle Park High School and transferred to Eastern after initially attending Washington State University. He stands 6 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 320 pounds.

He is the first Eagle to be

drafted since 2012 and the first offensive lineman to be drafted since Michael Roos in 2005.

Rodgers played right tackle, but Quinn said he expects him to be a swing tackle for the team, playing on both the left and right side.

Rodgers was the only player to be drafted from the Big Sky conference this year after the conference had two players selected last year.

Eastern's Tevin McDonald

was not selected but signed an undrafted free agent contract with the Oakland Raiders. Also on the Raiders is former Eagle Taiwan Jones, who played defensive back at Eastern but is now a running back for the silver and black.

McDonald's father Tim was a 6-time all-pro and currently a coach for the Buffalo Bills and his brother T.J. McDonald plays strong safety for the St. Louis Rams.

### DISTANCE RUNNERS: CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Winning the conference championships at home "would mean that all of the hard work paid off at the end," said Gil-Echevarria. "No matter what the obstacles are, you keep going when you're fighting for something. It would be amazing because I would dedicate it to my dad. I am what I am because of him."

Although Katie Mahoney has qualified in both the 1,500-meters and 3,000-meters steeplechase and will be competing in the 800-meters as well next week, she said she still has work to do this season.

"Last year I think I peaked too early and was running faster earlier

in the season, so I'm hoping this year I can peak at conference and do better where it actually counts.

Mahoney and the coaches decided against running the 5,000-meters this season, despite finishing sixth in the conference championships last season. The decision was partially made because of the mental preparation it took to do the lengthy event.

"It's so long, especially on the track," said Mahoney. "In cross country it's different because of the different scenery, but when you run and you've finished a couple laps and you look at the board and there's nine laps to go and you're like, 'Are you serious?' Mentally, it's just super hard for me to do anything longer than a mile."



EWU Track and Field athletes compete.

Photo by Anna Mills



EWU Track and Field lady eagles compete against Idaho at Roos Field.

Photo contributed by GoEags



# Track and Field conference bound



Photo by Anna Mills

Eastern track and field team prepares for conference championships.

## Conference championships soon, EWU track and field solid in Corvallis

By BRANDON CLINE  
staff reporter

The EWU track and field team put up a flurry of top 10 school records and posted a new conference qualifying mark at the Oregon State High Performance Meet in Corvallis on May 1, as the Big Sky Conference Championships begin a week from May 6 at Roos Field.

Freshman Jeremy VanAssche won the 100-meter dash and set a school record in the event with a time of 10.42 seconds. VanAssche's time edged out the school record of 10.43 seconds that he held with Johnnie Williams, who set the mark in 1999.

"[VanAssche] breaking his own school record exemplifies preparation in spirit and body to do something very special when given the opportunity," said men's head coach Stan Kerr. "His 10.42 wowed those at the meet, especially his teammates."

VanAssche was also on the men's 4x100 relay team that won the event on May 1 and now sits second all-time in program history. Tyree Fort, Obinna Nnadi and Blair Bomber

rounded out the team that, as it stands, has posted the fastest time amongst all Big Sky relay teams this season.

The women's 4x100 relay team — Paige Hammock, Erika Lombardo, Brooke Monson and Rebecca Tarbert — posted a strong time of 46.81 seconds, which improves their hold on the seventh spot in school history. Portland State University's relay team currently holds the first spot amongst Big Sky competitors, with a time of 45.54 seconds.

In the second-to-last meet before the championships, Samantha Baker qualified for the conference championships in the javelin with a distance of 149-5 1/4. The toss was a personal best for Baker, who finished third in the event at the meet.

Prior to the May 1 personal best, Baker had leveled off in the javelin, with her season-best of 137-7 coming at the Al Manuel meet on March 27, just shy of the qualifying mark.

"She has been struggling in that event and finally put together a good throw. Not only did it qualify her for conference, but it might be far enough to get her to regionals," said head women's coach Marcia Mecklenburg.

In other field events, Katylyn

Coleman took first place in the shot put with a throw of 47-9 1/4. The throw was a personal best and ranks fourth all-time in program history. Her prior best before the meet was 46-5 1/2, which had her placed eighth amongst Big Sky competitors. Coleman's throw now ranks second in the season amongst fellow conference athletes.

Fellow shot putter Cody Humphrey set a personal best and ranks tenth all-time in school history after a throw of 55-6 1/4. Humphrey now ranks third amongst all athletes in the shot put in the conference during the season.

Jordan Arakawa was business as usual, winning the hammer throw with a toss of 207-3 3/4. It was the fifth-straight week Arakawa won the event, and the fourth time this season that he had a throw that eclipsed 200 feet.

Other winners for EWU include Trenton Osborn in the long jump, Phil Puccino in the triple jump and Anandae Clark in the pole vault.

"I truly enjoy the championship run part of the season. The next eight weeks contain the conference, regional, and national championships and an opportunity to see our preparation peak," said Kerr.

The Eagles have one final meet before the Big Sky Championships, the Sasquatch Carnival at Spokane Falls Community College on May 6.



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An EWU track and field athlete dashes at an event.