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# The Easterner

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## Searching for a new home

### Parents working frantically to re-open preschool on campus

Mike Ehrmantrout  
News Editor

A preschool that had operated on campus for nearly 25 years has been closed, but a group of determined parents are fighting to start a new one.

The school had been located in Martin Hall until last June, when its director and lead teacher retired. In March, parents of the school's pupils were notified that after the teacher retired, the university planned to use the space in Martin Hall for its Applied Psychology classes.

The group of parents, consisting of Eastern students, faculty, and Cheney residents, went to work on a plan to keep the school open, according to Doris Todd, one of the group's organizers.

"We sent letters to (University President) Mark Drummond, asking for his help," said Todd. Initially, there was very little response from the administration. But after more letters were sent, Drummond e-mailed a message to Barb Brock, a P.E.

teacher at Eastern and a parent of one of the preschoolers. In it he outlined exactly what would have to happen in order to save the school.

First, the parents would have to find a qualified teacher to head the school. That person would have to develop a business plan, obtain sponsorship from one of Eastern's academic colleges, and find a new space for the school.

Brock admits at first she felt overwhelmed. "There was so much involved, I was unsure if we would be able to do accomplish it."

Nevertheless, Todd and others began the search for a teacher. They called around to several Spokane child care centers and researched the backgrounds of proposed candidates.

The search ended at St. Ann's Children's Home. Kris Booth, a teacher at St. Ann's, met all the qualifications. The parents were satisfied that she was an ideal candidate. In Todd's words, "She was perfect."



Dennis Lunstroth

**Area children may be without a preschool unless parents can persuade the administration otherwise.**

Booth has a degree in early childhood education and has 10 years of experience working in the child care field.

Booth met with 8-10 parents at Todd's home in July. Brock gave Booth a copy of

Drummond's outline and Booth agreed to begin formulating the business plan.

Booth said Friday she had finished the business proposal and had scheduled a meeting with Phyllis Edmundson, the

new dean of the college of Education and Human Development, to discuss obtaining sponsorship from the college.

Edmundson said that the

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## Legislators get unexpected earful

Mike Ehrmantrout  
News Editor

A meeting between EWU administrators and legislators became heated on Tuesday when members of the classified staff expressed outrage at continuing budget cuts - cuts which could leave some of them without jobs.

The staff members, most of which were maintenance workers, sat in the back of the banquet hall. Carol Fisher, a

painter at the university, said the group was there to stage a "silent protest." Their presence was not acknowledged by any of the administrators on the panel. But just as university President Marshall Drummond attempted to bring the meeting to a close, Dawn Mason, a democratic representative from the 37th District, interrupted Drummond. She said she wanted to hear what the people in back had to say.

One by one the eight workers introduced themselves and stated specific complaints about the continuing budget cuts, which have gutted the classified staff.

Stanley Oberg, a plumber who has been told he may get laid off soon, said there are only three plumbers to handle all of the steam and water needs of some 8,000 people. He said the plumbers are responsible for the sewers and main heaters. In his opinion, Oberg said, it would be irresponsible to lay off a plumber, leaving only two to handle these responsibilities.

In a memo to the Joint Labor Management Committee dated August 14, 1995, Michael Stewart, vice president for business and finance identifies Oberg, Fisher, and one other employee for possible elimination under a budget reduction plan. The memo does not demand the job cuts, but suggests them to the committee for review and comment.

Drummond responded to the workers complaints by saying "If you don't like your house, you can get a new one; if you don't like your car you can go out and get another one. What we're talking about is redefining the mission of this university ... what it's like to work here, what the priorities are ... I think if you'll go and work with these folks [the faculty



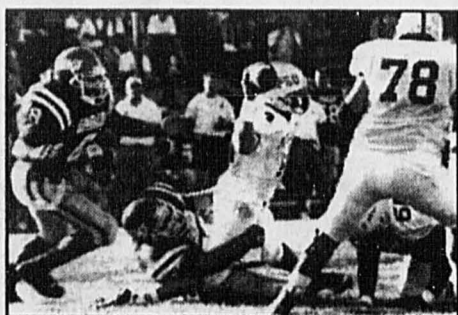
Jen Hamilton

**Drummond addresses legislators at a meeting silently protested by classified staff members**

and union representatives on the panel) you'll find out that this process is not being manipulated. There is no *tabula rasa*. It's an open book, and they'd be

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# Incoming dean brings new life to Eastern

**April Strader**  
Editor

What does Eastern have that would entice someone to move 300 miles from home, give up a job they love and leave their husband behind? The answer is opportunity, challenge and the school's good reputation, according to Dr. Phyllis Edmundson, Eastern's new dean of the college of Education and Human Development.

Edmundson leaves behind 20 years of teaching graduate and undergraduate education classes and at Boise State University, and her husband remains at BSU as the dean of the College of Health Sciences.

Edmundson was an associate dean for a time at BSU and helped to establish a doctoral program there, but she returned to the classroom before coming to Eastern.

The decision to pursue her career hours away from her husband was not easy, but, she says this is the challenge



file photo  
**Dr. Phyllis Edmundson**

for two-career families. "My career, like many women's, has been responding to opportunities that have presented themselves."

Edmundson is hopeful that one day she and her husband will reside in the same locality. Nonetheless, Edmundson says she is committed to remaining at Eastern. She asserts, "I am not

here as a carpetbagger."

Edmundson recognizes she is not alone in her long-distance, dual-career-family dilemma. According to Edmundson many people in the campus community are facing similar issues. However, the decision may have been less problematic for her than for others. Her children are grown and pursuing their own interests and she has family, including two grandchildren, living nearby in Sandpoint. She says her grandchildren "made more personal my lifelong commitment to education."

She admits that as a little girl she did not dream of becoming an administrator. Her first love is teaching. However, she believes, "We have responsibilities to our professions to bring new challenges and different kinds of opportunities." She says her new position at Eastern has invigorated her career life, and adds, "It's a way to stay alive professionally."

She also believes in service to one's community.

Edmundson plans to become an active member of the Cheney and Spokane communities. Her past community service has included involvement with the United Way, the YWCA, the Science Center, the local school board and other non-profit agencies.

Edmundson expressed concern about the economic and social changes schools, families and children are facing. If she could change one aspect of our society she says she would like to revitalize a sense of civic responsibility across the whole community.

"Society is too individualistic," says Edmundson. "It shouldn't be that people just worry about their own children; people should worry about all children." She believes this kind of concern should prevail at the university, too. She calls this a commitment to "our common humanity - to the common

good." This sense of community, coupled with a commitment to developing ourselves individually, she believes will yield a real "increase of social capital."

Before coming to the area Edmundson says she heard exemplary reports about Eastern from colleagues. She emphasizes that she is particularly happy to be at a university that is committed to teacher preparation.

Although new to the area, she says she realizes the teaching market in the Spokane area is competitive. And graduates who, unlike her, are place-bound, may have a more difficult time finding a job. However, she says in places like Moses Lake, Walla Walla and other rural areas around the country, such as Texas, there is an elevated demand for quality teachers. Her goal is to make certain that Eastern graduates are competitive choices for those positions as well as local ones.

## University seeks input to help craft vision statement

**Ken Dey**  
Staff Writer

Students and all members of the EWU community are being asked to shape the future of the university by contributing their voices to the creation a Vision Statement.

The EWU Board of Trustees requested the development of a

Vision Statement to use as a guide toward achieving future goals. A Vision Task Force has been assembled to guide the creation of the document. The task force is being led by a Vision Steering Committee headed by Professor Bob Gibbs. According to Gibbs, the Vision Statement is designed to

complement EWU's Mission Statement and its goals creators, the future goals will be based on broad and open input from all members of the EWU community.

Gibbs said the Mission Statement simply lists the university's tasks, and most of those are determined by state mandate and historical precedence. The Vision Statement gives EWU an opportunity to expand on the Mission Statement. "The Vision Statement allows us to take the Mission Statement and say how are we going to do it," Gibbs said. Gibbs calls the Vision Statement a more "practically oriented document" that sets goals out there sometime in the future, five to seven years from now. However, Gibbs cautions that the Vision Statement simply targets goals; it does not guarantee those goals will be fully realized. "How you actually get there is part of strategic planning," he added.

Input from the EWU commu-

nity is very important to the task force, Gibbs maintains, so they have scheduled many focus group and Vision Task Force meetings. These will be open to anyone wishing to participate in drafting the Vision Statement. Gibbs says the task force will also welcome written input.

Gibbs says a primary goal of the task force is to get as much involvement as possible from as many people as possible, particularly individuals. Gibbs reports the task force has been working with student groups, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and other representative organizations. But he would also like to utilize individual vision and not just the collective vision of groups.

Gibbs says there are several key elements that should be addressed in creating the Vision Statement. These include university values, academic excellence, student experience, EWU at Spokane, governance, infrastructure of the campus and

opportunities for distinction. However, Gibbs also welcomes any other elements that individuals believe to be essential. "If it's part of your vision it can be in there," he said.

Although Gibbs desires as much input as possible, he is working on a short time line. The Vision Statement must be done by the end of the quarter, so it can be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

Gibbs hopes everyone will participate in the process of creating the future vision of EWU. He welcomes your suggestions and questions.

### To give your input

Sept. 18-Oct. 20: During this period, the task force will be gathering information for the vision statement. Any input should be given during this time. For more information call Bob Gibbs (359-7469), Jeanne Small (359-2257), or Ray Hamel (359-6065).

## Preschool

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meeting is scheduled for Oct. 4. In addition to Booth and Edmundson, members of the faculty who have utilized the preschool as a teacher preparation tool will attend.

Edmundson said one of the keys for sponsorship will be the degree to which the program will benefit students. She said students could be involved in the preschool in a number of ways, such as doing practicums and internships.

"We're in an exploratory phase right now," said Edmundson. She added that after the meeting, the proposal will go to the Education and Human Development's council to approve sponsorship.

That council consists of the department and program chairs, Edmundson and her assistant. If approved by the council, the proposal will go to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

But the problem of where to put the school if it's approved has not been resolved.

"All we want from the university is space," Booth said. She added that her proposal would also require the university to pay for the utilities and to provide large equipment, such as tables and chairs. "Other than

that, it will be a private business," she said.

Terry Falk, executive vice president of the ASEWU indicated on Monday that there are some possibilities. "We've looked at Isle Hall, the Red Barn, and some have even mentioned Tawanka, but nothing is definite yet," Falk said. He also said the ASEWU council has sent a letter to Drummond supporting the pre-school proposal.

Tortis Busskohl, the former lead teacher of the school, said the Martin Hall space was ideal because bathrooms and sinks were easily accessible.

There are also state requirements that would have to be met in any facility, Busskohl noted. But Joan Niemann, chair of the Applied Psychology Department, said her students are using the Martin Hall facility to observe children to assess them for developmental disabilities.

Ken Dolan, executive assistant to the president of the university, said Wednesday that he had met with Booth and discussed what would have to be accomplished to establish the school. "If they are able to meet all of the requirements, we'll certainly work with them," Dolan said.

## Briefly

### Clubs & Organization meetings scheduled

The first clubs and organizations meeting of the year will be held tonight, Sept. 28, 5:00 p.m. at the Spokane Center. Another will be held Monday, Oct. 2, 3 p.m. in the PUB 323.

The ASEWU emphasizes that it's imperative for each club and organization to have a representative at one of these meetings.

The C & O meetings will include discussions of scheduling and other crucial issues.

### Drummond named to second NRC committee

EWU President Mark Drummond was named to a second national committee last summer.

Drummond was chosen to serve on the National Research Council Committee on Environmental Management Technologies.

Drummond was named in the spring to serve on a NRC committee that examines how regulatory measures affect environmental programs.

# Student Council considers legal aid agreement

**John Conway**  
Staff Writer

A new Legal Aid agreement with Gonzaga University required clarification. Legal Aid services have been provided for EWU students through this program for more than 10 years. The \$12,500 allocated for the program last year was only half of the amount requested by Gonzaga and considerably less than the \$20,000 the program had received the previous two

years. "During the past several months, we've been unsuccessful at negotiating an agreement to provide legal services for the entire year," said Franke, "especially for the amount allocated. In the interim, Gonzaga has agreed to provide legal aid during Fall quarter for \$6,000."

A member of last year's finance committee, Finance Vice President Greg McAllister pro-

vided an explanation for the disparity in the Legal Aid allocation. "The committee definitely wanted to continue this program," said McAllister. "But there was a concern that student funds were being used to provide legal aid to students who had engaged in 'mischievous' criminal behavior, like 'minor in possession' and noise-ordinance violations, or possibly DWI's."

The finance committee re-

quested an accounting of what types of legal aid students were seeking, but was unable to get that information prior to the budget's approval last year.

The information arrived during the summer and revealed that the vast majority of assistance was for "family law is-

sues," said Franke. "Some monies have gone for criminal defense in the past, but child-support recovery and landlord-tenant cases are primarily the norm."

The Council approved an interim Legal Aid contract for fall quarter.

## College Close-ups

### WSU pres gains perspective

ASWSU president Jessie Harris attended the WSU-UCLA football game last Saturday in a wheelchair. No, Harris is not handicapped himself.

But he wanted to put himself in the place of those confined to a wheelchair to better understand what life is like for them.

Joining Harris in the wheelchairs was 5th District Senator Marrei Wake. The two were attempting to learn more about the troubles disabled students have getting into and watching the games.

### WSU, UW talk cooperation

The presidents of WSU and UW met in Pullman recently to discuss ways in which the universities can work together to improve higher education for both schools.

UW president Richard McCormick visited WSU President Sam Smith in Pullman to talk about access issues and joint programs.

The issue of access and joint programs is also pertinent at EWU with the SIRTI campus offering joint programs with EWU, WSU, Whitworth, and Gonzaga Universities.

### Study: Greeks drink more

A nationwide survey by Harvard University's School of Public Health and Social Behavior found that fraternity and sorority members drink more frequently and heavily than non-Greeks.

The study, which surveyed more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities are binge drinkers.

Binge drinkers are those who consume five consecutive drinks for men, or four for women, one or two times during a two-week period.

Those numbers are nearly double that of the overall student population, where 41 percent are binge drinkers, according to the study.

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## Red Barn Reports

9-18-95

3:18pm The Morrison Hall elevator got stuck between the third and fourth floors with passengers inside. EWU police responded and freed the passengers.

9-22-95

1:01pm A brown refrigerator was reported stolen from the storage area in Morrison Hall.

9-22-95

9:22pm A bus driver reported a disoriented female had gotten off the bus in front of the PUB. He said she was possibly under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

9-23-95

11:20pm A backpack was stolen from the Jim Thorpe Fieldhouse. The pack con-

tained a wallet, a set of keys, an equinox binder and some school supplies. The black pack is leather with white strips and has a draw string closure.

9-23-95

1:28am A complainant reported a group of students playing football on Lot 10 and complained of noise. An officer responded and the game was broken up.

9-25-95

A bike was reported stolen from either inside a Pearce Hall room or just outside its door. The bike is a specialized Rockhopper FS, black with red lettering. Its cost is estimated at \$715.00.

-compiled by Tony Bruner

# NPR host has the answers

By Steven Grasser  
features Editor

Radio host: "For our first call, let's go to Dave in North Idaho."

Caller: "When the media refer to Randy Weaver, why do they insist on using the term white supremacist or separatist?"

Welcome to the Inland Northwest, Bob Edwards.

Those watching Edwards and host Doug Nadvornick from outside the broadcasting booth cringed at North Idaho Dave's question, but Edwards was nonplused — He's been doing this for awhile, you know.

Edwards, host of National Public Radio's newsmagazine "Morning Edition" since 1979, was in Spokane Thursday, September 21 to appear in a benefit for NPR's local affiliate, KPBX, at The Met, and he was also the guest on the aforementioned KPBX show, "The Brown Bag Forum."

"What do you want us to call Weaver?" he replied, "An environmentalist?"

The rest of the calls tended to be more typical of what one would expect from an NPR audience. "Morning Edition" listeners tend to be loyal to the show and to its host; one caller even asked Edwards if he was consider-

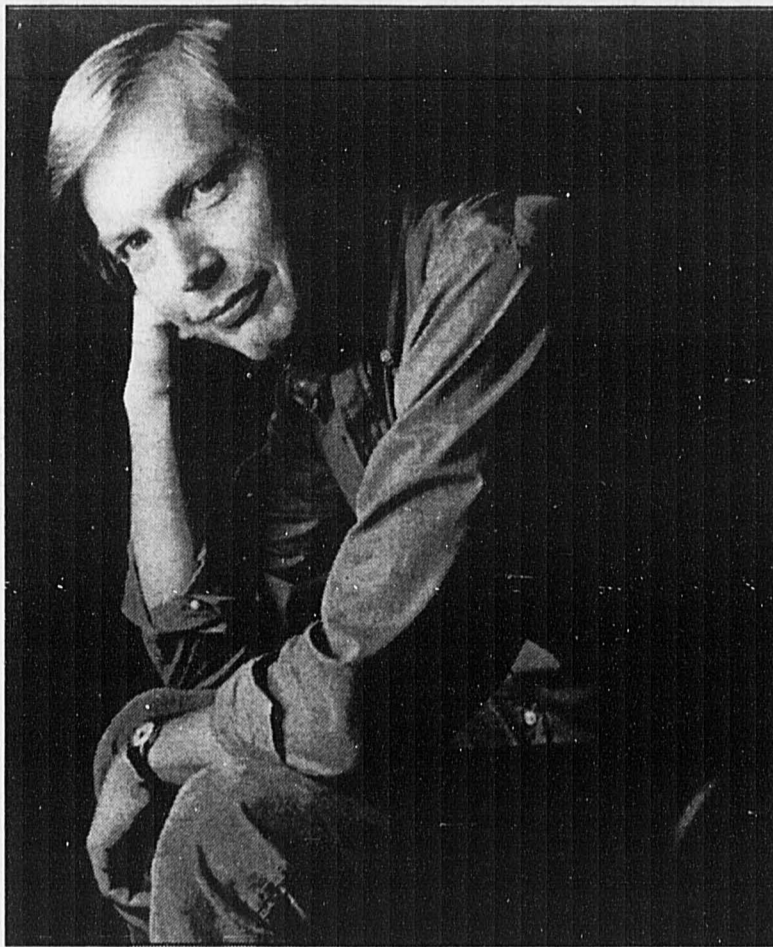
ing a run for president. "I'm planning on running from it," he replied.

This is all in the day's work for Edwards, who travels to a different NPR station each month to do a benefit. He's now been to 49 states on NPR business, with Hawaii being the lone exception. Edwards says he calls the Aloha State regularly pleading to be invited. "Don't you people ever do benefits?" he asks.

Public radio devotees are worried about the funding cuts being proposed by the GOP-controlled Congress, but Edwards had good news on that front: South Dakota Republican Senator Larry Pressler, the chairman of the committee that controls NPR's funding, has given his support to a plan that would fund an endowment for NPR, forever ending the need for taxpayer support. The money, Edwards said, would come from the sale of airwaves for the new digital broadcasting technology.

Edwards isn't so sanguine about the state of the media in general, however. He says that de-regulation during the Reagan years has meant less news from fewer sources.

"It used to be that on you could get a good five minutes of news every half-hour on the radio," he said, "and then



"Morning Edition" host Bob Edwards

File photo

in drive time, maybe you got more; maybe you got a half-hour block. Now you're lucky to get 30 seconds on the hour. And that's sad, but it's good for us (NPR); that's how we have become more of a news network than an art network."

While he is happy that talk shows have saved some AM stations, Edwards is disturbed at the lack of diversity on the air. He finds that surprising, because in the past talk shows tended to use those in charge of the government as cannon fodder. But now, even with the so-called "Republican Revolution," talk

radio is dominated by the right wing.

When asked if there were any talk shows he liked, Edwards said, "Unfortunately you don't get it here, but NPR has one. It's called 'Talk of the Nation.' The host is Ray Suarez, a wonderful guy. And he handles it very well, bites into heavy-duty topics. It's been a good one — very even-Steven."

Edwards feels that the advent of USA today, with its short stories and lots of graphics and color, and the subsequent imitations of it by other papers, has been especially damaging: "There's

a lot more celebrity stuff, there's less depth, the stories are covered in a shorter way, they've even gotten to the point of dumbing-down the text — news for the simple — and this says a lot not only about the news business, but about the news business' regard for the reader."

Edwards says that he's glad there are a few papers that are holding the line such as The New York Times, Washington Post and Wall Street Journal, but, "With bigger chains and fewer family owned papers, there are fewer choices and fewer points of view. It's just sad."

When asked what he would tell those considering going into journalism, Edwards stressed the importance of foreign languages and a good understanding of civics. He also would recommend consideration of radio in general and NPR in particular:

"It's still so much fun in radio; you can still do so much in so little time and with very little money, and tell a story in depth."


"And it's still satisfying at the end of the day; you feel that you've done a job. Busting your tail all day for a minute, ten seconds on the nightly news — I'm not sure you can look at yourself in the mirror at the end of the day and say, 'I told people what they need to know.' Or writing the five paragraphs you've been given for that day's newspaper, I'm not sure that's satisfying. At NPR it still is (satisfying)."

When Edwards says that he feels he has the best job in the world, his enthusiastic manner makes it obvious that he's telling the truth. And from the feedback received from his audiences in Spokane, there's not much doubt that they feel he's the best in the business. But I'd still like to know what the caller from Hayden Lake, who was on hold when the KPBX talk show ended, had to say.

Bob Edwards can be heard on "Morning Edition" Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. on KPBX, FM 91.

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# Strangers not the only ones to fear

By Brenda Schmidt  
Staff Writer

September 25-29 is Acquaintance Rape Awareness Week, and EWU's CARE (Creating a Rape-free Environment) would like to make you aware of some facts.

According to a publication provided by CARE, one out of four women aged 16-24 will become a victim of acquaintance rape, and one out of ten men will become a victim of rape. Shockingly, between 80 and 90 percent of all rapes are committed by someone known to the victim, and 90 percent of all rapes are never reported.

Among the most frequently committed crimes in America, rape can be defined as anytime a sexual act such as intercourse takes place in the absence of consent, whether consent is not given, or in cases involving alcohol, drugs or mental illness, cannot be given. (Although sexual assault may encompass acts other than intercourse, the term "rape" is most often used to describe an encounter in which penetration takes place.)

Rape is an expression of aggression, and it takes many forms. "Coercive rape" entails the use of physical force or verbal pressure to engage a person in intercourse against his or her will. "Acquaintance rape" involves forced sexual intercourse by someone

the victim knows, or in the case of "date rape," by someone the victim is dating.

EWU's Substance Abuse Prevention Center and the Women's Studies Center conducted a survey of EWU students attending classes on the Cheney campus during spring quarter of 1991. 303 students responded to the survey. Males made up 47 percent of the sample, females 53 percent. Ages ranged from 17 to 55 years, with a mean age of 23.

When asked if they had ever felt forced into having sex with someone they knew, 22 percent of female respondents answered yes, and 3 percent of male respondents also answered affirmatively. The majority of respondents (81 percent of females and 47 percent of males) believed acquaintance rape to be a

problem on campus.

Anyone can be a victim of rape; don't think that "It can't happen to me." As the CARE publication points out, "All people suffer from the threat of abuse ...

Until EVERYONE is free of this fear, not one of us is really safe."

Because each scenario is unique, the pamphlet's section on rape prevention avoids giving "one-size-fits-all" instructions on how to avoid rape or how to react in the event of an

attack, acknowledging "there is no one magic formula that works all the time." However, the publication does offer some general suggestions which could "decrease the

likelihood of victimization." In general, these commonsense guidelines entail being aware of risks and trusting one's instincts in order to

avoid situations in which one may be vulnerable, (especially where drugs or alcohol are consumed), having a firm sense of one's wants, needs and limits (and communicating these clearly and directly), and being assertive.

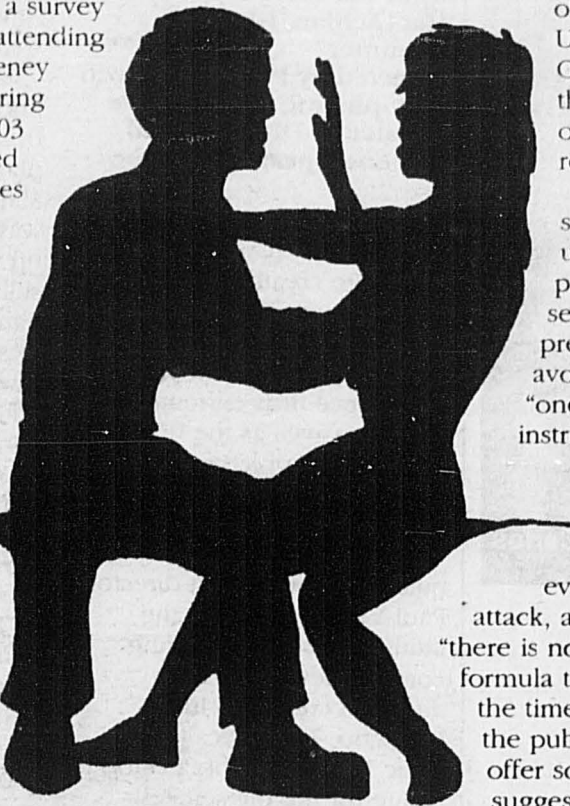
While it makes sense to raise one's consciousness and, as the CARE publication advises, take "active steps for self-protection," it is not always possible to anticipate the behavior of others. If you are raped:

1. Go to a safe place.
2. Do not straighten or clean the scene of the assault.
3. Do not bathe, douche, or change clothes.
4. Call the nearest crisis center: EWU students call 359-RAPE (7273), Spokane City/County call 624-RAPE (7273).
5. Notify the police department of the crime.
6. Get medical attention.
7. Obtain counseling.

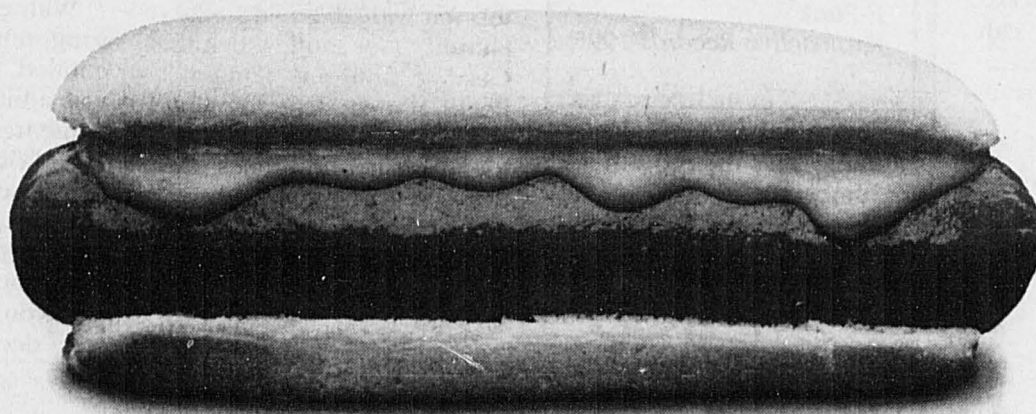
Finally, the pamphlet advises: "Never feel guilty about what you did or did not decide to do

If you are interested in further information, contact Irma Pena at Student Health Services or the Women's Studies Center.


Call 359-7273 for an EWU Sexual Assault Victim Advocate. Advocates are on call 24 hours per day



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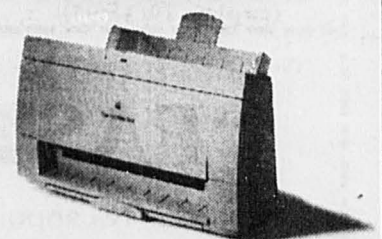
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# Black Uhuru

Masonic Temple  
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Jon Welge  
Entertainment Editor

They hear it, inside. They thank Ja and are grateful for the opportunity to be so satisfied.



Black Uhuru's Don Carlos and Garth Dennis

They are Black Uhuru. As one of the world's most experienced reggae bands, Uhuru puts everything they feel into their music. But that is the essence of reggae; one must feel it.

Uhuru's music is challenging both socially and politically. In *Strongg*, their latest album, they address the need for change, but in a positive, roots reggae style.

"This album ... we are trying to get back to [our] roots," said Uhuru's Garth Dennis.

One of the original Wailers, Dennis is a natural mystic from the days when mystics abounded in Kingston tenement yards. Together with Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Don Carlos and other talented artists, these prolific kings of reggae made music that would one day change the world.

"Colleges, they don't teach you - they teach you to engineer or [make] money, but they don't teach you how to live... how to love," said Dennis. "We need to discover a lot inside."

Uhuru's songs speaks of the injustice and oppression that continues to be perpetrated against blacks worldwide. Born in the volatile

atmosphere of Kingston in an earlier time, he professes the need for an awareness of one's reality, both spiritual and physical; yet he also believes in being thankful for all one has.

"If you're living right, the way you live your life, give thanks and praise," says Dennis.

The group continues to experiment with concert locations, audiences and cultural influences They tour all over the world, which can get lonesome.

Dennis admitted long tours away from home and his children can be depressing. But, he says, "When we depressed, we override it. That is the rastafaria."

Dennis appreciates being able to spend most of his time in Kingston with his family. "I have five kids; they all beautiful. 'Eye of an Angel' was by my kids," said Dennis, referring to a track on *Strongg* written in Jamaica by Dennis' sons Saeed and Gyasi. Dennis is most thankful for his children and his ability to earn a living doing what he loves. He believes there can be no other way.

Incidentally, uhuru means 'freedom' in Swahili.

## Showgirls strings you along

Jason Graham  
Movie Reviewer

### Showgirls

**Starring Elizabeth Berkley, Gina Gershon, Kyle MacLachlan, Glenn Plummer**  
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I rated this movie three out of five stars. (If you can think of a more creative rating system, more power to you - I will adopt that one.)

"Showgirls" is a movie experience. It is currently making waves as the first major motion picture release to make use of the NC/17 rating.

"Showgirls" makes it quickly apparent that director Paul Verhoeven finds the rating artistically liberating. For Verhoeven's, whose direction credits include Robocop, Total Recall and Basic Instinct, nothing is too risque for the big screen

Homosexuality, sex and drugs are handled with casual indifference throughout the movie. In fact, it is hard not to admire "Showgirls" for its brazen, total disregard for American social taboos and stereotypes.

Elizabeth Berkley, also known as "Jesse Spano" from "Saved by the Bell" fame, plays the lead character, Nomi Malone, a dancer drifting her way to Las Vegas. She ends up working in a strip bar, but still dreams of her name in lights. By way of an incredible lap dance and an intense love/lust/hate relationship with a current showgirl lead dancer, Nomi begins her rise to stardom. But the road is not easy, and before she gets to the top she learns some hard lessons about the business, and herself.

The "Showgirls" story is not extraordinarily strong, but for its purposes it is enough. The dance scenes, however, are intense and captivating, especially if you enjoy this movie in digital sound.

Berkley starts off poorly, but rallies to turn in a sound performance. Gina Gershon shines as the aforementioned lead showgirl.

Since most scenes take place either in the dressing room or onstage, nudity is commonplace in this film. However, if you thrive on controversy and have no aversion to nudity on film, "Showgirls" may be just the ticket for you.



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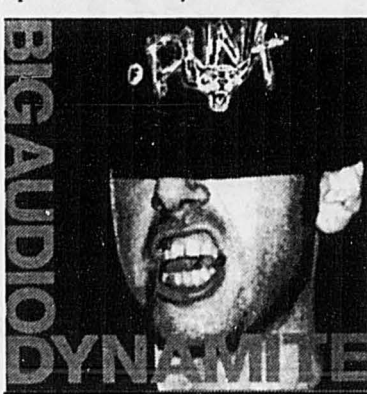
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## Seedy Review

Jon Welge  
Entertainment Editor

The newest Clash, er, oopse. Sheesh.

In some ways, the new Big Audio Dynamite (BAD) lives up to its acronym. There



**Big Audio Dynamite**  
**F-Punk**  
**Radioactive Records 1995**

that went, "brutha ticy-tic brutha ta ticy-tic brutha ticy-tic." It was a type of music one would be really into it at first, only to hate it in a month.

The Clash was current BAD lead singer and guitarist Mick Jones' previous band. Through the late 70's and early 80's, The Clash released such classics as "Train in Vein" and "Lotta People." Their music sounded delightfully like punk reggae. There were reggae and soca style time spaces and syncopation with exception to the guitar, which was creatively British, sometimes rough, but totally "feeling it."

In 1985, The Clash hit the top ten with, "Should I Stay or Should I Go?" and, "Rock the Casaba," from the "Combat Rock" album. After a falling out between Clash frontman Joe Strummer and Jones, the two creative geniuses parted and Jones formed BAD.

The original BAD sound was a mixture of Clash, punk,

disco and rap sounds. It sounded very electric. The first two albums had a less disco/rap tone, however. The mid-late eighties releases, "Relativity," and "10 Upping Street" were moderately successful. Then in the early 90's BAD produced BAD II, which was highly popular.

Although there's a growing underground Clash audience, the latest BAD release is all Jones' and seems even more electronic than normal for a BAD production. It attempts, however, a return to the old with Clash style rhythm guitar and strangely simple but honest lyrics.


The Bowie remake was okay.

With exception to one song, number two on the CD entitled, "Vitamin C," F-Punk was a bit of a disappointment. Some tracks have a "forced" feel about them, like they'd overdosed on too much Bauhaus, Ofra Haza or Ice Cube just before recording.

Bottom line?  
If you're a Clash/BAD nut, it's a decent buy.

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# Neros Rome no *Tabula Rasa*

**Chris Taylor.**  
*Entertainment Writer*

Neros Rome rocked EWU last Friday, September 22nd. The mid-day, outdoor "teaser" in front of the PUB was a preview for their indoor concert later that night in the Multipurpose Room. The four-man group (Vocalist James Angell, bass/guitarist Stewart Fritchman, Guitar/vocalist Tod Morrissey, and drummer 'Stinkin' Gogahdenture) stopped here before going home to Portland in order to begin their tour of the Western states. The concert was to promote their new "Togetherly" album.

Fritchman describes the group's music as "psychedelic alternative', kinda' heavy

... It just rocks."

It's hard to decide whether to love the music of Neros Rome, or hate it! The music itself is kind-of "Diet Metal". There is a lot of variety in the songs, which range from soft metal, to ... something you just might have never heard before. The beat changes around, and the melody doesn't just do the same thing over and over. A lot of songs start out really slow and light and get heavier and faster, then end light. They mix hypnotic unison singing with just plain yelling to move the audience- and move it they did.

Their presence and action on stage are what you would expect from a metal group- a lot of jumpin' and movin' to

their own sounds, a lot of mike grabbing ... the usual. The music (mostly guitar and drums) was great, and everyone on campus could hear it. The bass was booming, the guitars sounded awesome. But they didn't try to out-loud each other. There was a problem with the sound - the lyrics were hardly there; something was wrong with the speakers. Even some of those sitting nearby couldn't hear a thing! Sure, everyone *knew* they were singing, but the words were so drowned out, they just blended into the background music.

The music on the CD is even better. Bottom line: All in all, the music sounded good.



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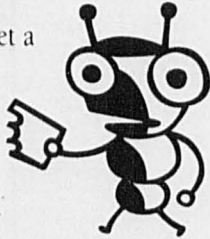
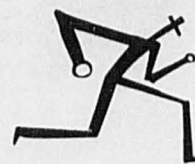
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**Tad Bewiarasa**  
*Entertainment Writer*



If you're not a *Smiths* fan, read no further.

Morrissey's new release, "Southpaw Grammer," is loaded with all the deeply touching sounds ex-Smiths Guitarist Johnny Marr and ex-Smiths Vocalist Morrissey were known for in the mid-eighties.

In the second song, Reader Meet Author, the music jumps like raindrops; it's alive and dynamic. It has nice sweet sound.

Morrissey's Guitarists Alain Whyte and Boz Boorer combine for an almost early REM feel.

-In some spots sorta Stone Rosesy.

-And theres a drum solo.

On at least two tracks, Morrissey's preachy, abused schoolboy death lyrics are just a bit too connected to his inner child. Because not all songs on the album are like that, it's still decent buy. And how many albums are good every track? Very very few.

Remember, one must like the Smiths in order to like Morrissey, otherwise T. H. A. E. (Thomas Higman's Army of Easterbunnies) will electrically shock you by altering the physical make-up of your DNA through radiowaves causing a simultaneous electrical imbalance in you when you least expect it.

Actually, I think this album is driving me nuts. I'm crazy over it. I'm going to drive down in an awful frenzy and buy buy buy it...

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# Eagles no match in Big Sky opener

Christy Missal  
Sports Writer

The Eastern Washington University Women's Volleyball Team opened up Big Sky conference action by hosting Boise State and Idaho State last Friday and Saturday nights at Reese Court. The Eags felt confident they could pick up two wins. They were disappointed both evenings.

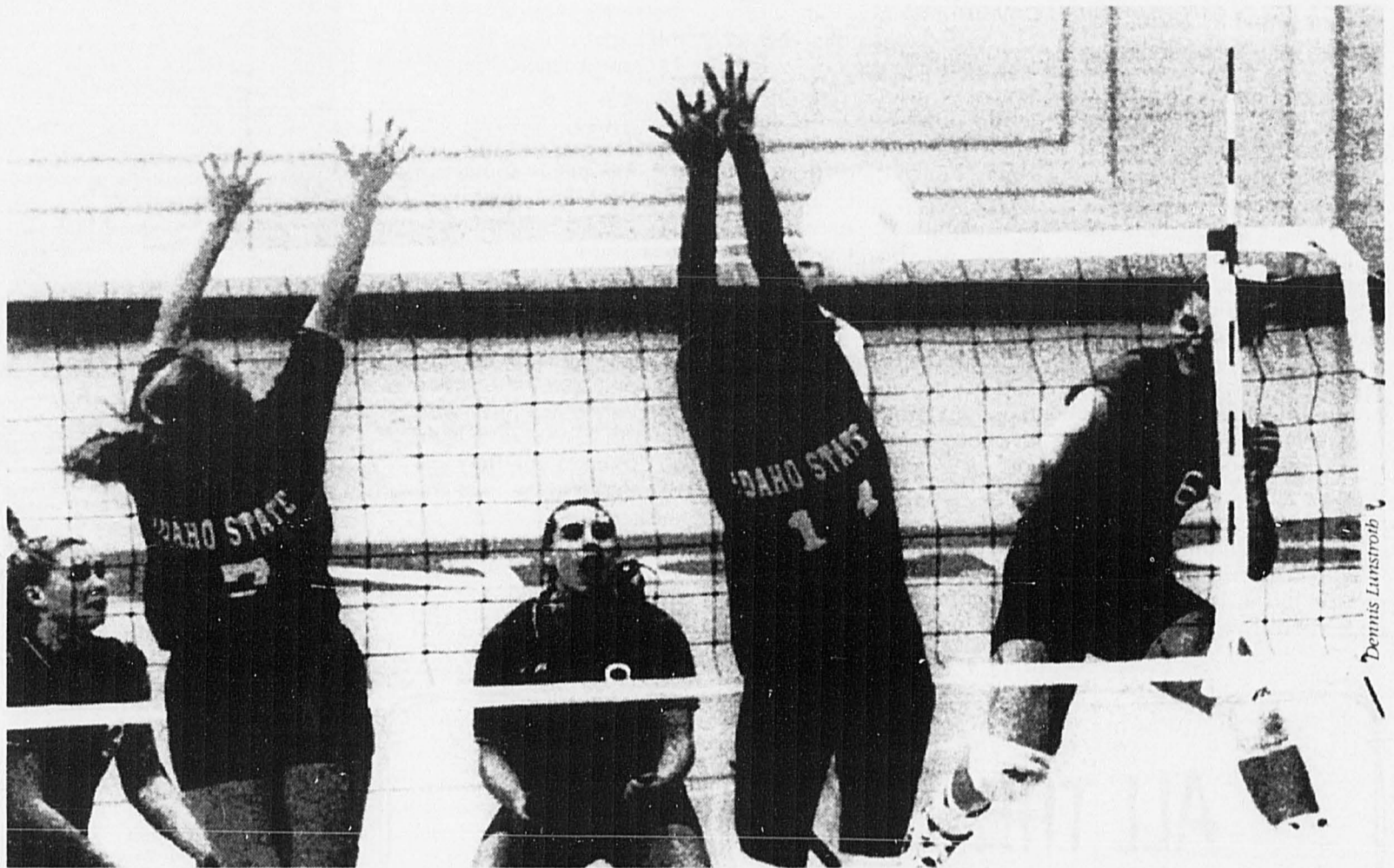
"We are disappointed, we could have beat both of these teams," said Middle Blocker Juli Carlson, after the Eags compiled a record of 0-2 in Big Sky play.

"After a tough pre-season, our team doesn't have as much winning experience as ISU," said Head Coach Pam Parks. "They didn't play like they can play, it was an entire team thing."

BSU started the weekend defeating Eastern 15-8 in game one. And EWU fell behind quickly the second game 5-10. The Eags regrouped and behind great net play from Carlson and freshman Middle Blocker Kim Extern, EWU won 15-12.

EWU quickly lost the second two games 8-15 and 5-15, and the match 1-3.

Eastern won Saturday night's first game versus Idaho State 15-10 and looked sharp. But EWU lost the second and third matches 6-



Juli Carlson slams a kill past the block attempt by Idaho State last Saturday night.

15 and 12-15. Against the wall, the Eags rallied behind seniors Stephanie McCall and Kelly Glause to come back with a 15-10 win. Unfortunately, The Eagles lost the tie-breaking fifth game 15-6.

"We played much more

like we are able to play on Saturday night," said Parks. "We should have won that match." Although the team is not satisfied with their performance this weekend, it is estimated roughly half the team has flu symptoms which

could account for poor performance.

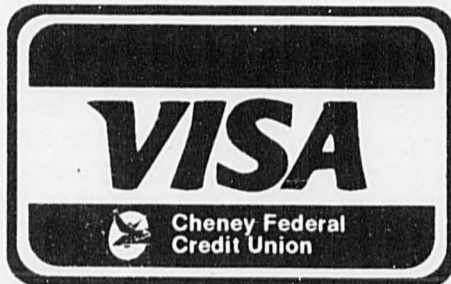
The team plans to practice hard this week. They're implementing a new defense they hope will hold off Idaho this weekend in Moscow. Idaho has a 39 game home

winning streak and looks real tough.

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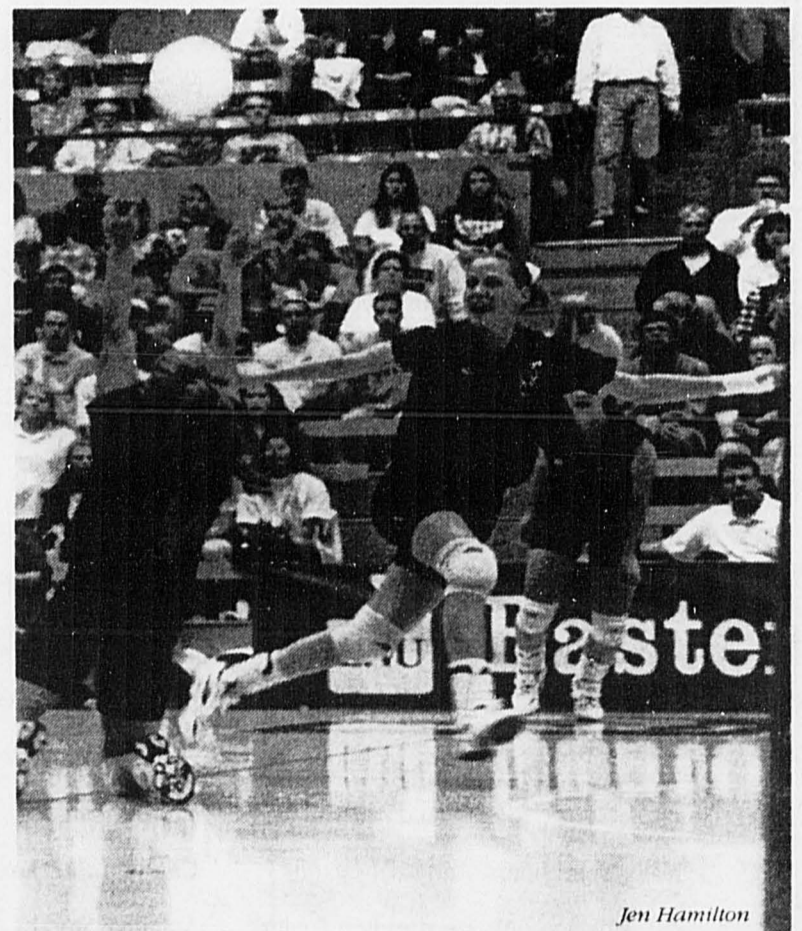


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Jamie Dotson (3) sets the ball for Kim Exner (8) during Friday's loss to Boise State.

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# Eagles suffer tough loss against Portland

By David C. Edwards  
Sports Writer

After starting the season with a 2-0 record the Eastern Washington University football team took a step in the wrong direction. Last Saturday afternoon the Eagles were defeated 14-6 by Portland State at Woodward Stadium.

With ten minutes and forty-five seconds remaining in the game defensive lineman Chris Scott literally ripped the ball from PSU's running back Steve Papin and the Eagles found themselves on Portland's twenty-five-yard line.

Down by fourteen, and with eight minutes and thirty-six seconds remaining in the game, David Lewis ran around the left end for EWU's only score. The extra point went wide left, but Lewis' touchdown ended the Eagles scoring drought of 83 minutes and 38 seconds.

On the Portland State four-yard line with fourteen seconds remaining, Eastern had an opportunity for salvation, but a fumble and a PSU recovery dashed all hopes of another Eagle victory.

Eastern could only muster a total of 209 yards in the game. Sophomore quarterback Brian Sherick was 17 of 39 for 108

yards and two interceptions.

"When you are sophomore you're going to have days like that," Coach Mike Kramer said of Sherick's performance.

After giving up 306 yards of offense through the first three quarters the Eagles defense got down and dirty, allowing PSU only 34 yards on four possessions in the fourth quarter. Sophomore Steve Mattson lead the way defensively for the Eagles with two sacks, a tackle for a loss and total of eight tackles for the game.

"Our defense was really good and we did an outstanding job of containing them. We had pressure on their quarterback all day and we didn't have any blown coverages," said Kramer.

EWU's Jesse Hardt, lead the Eagles with interceptions for 42 yards. Hardt also surpassed the century mark in career reception yardage (currently at 1,033).

Senior running back Joe Sewell had a team high 64 yards rushing on 22 carries.

This Saturday, the Eagles kick off their Big Sky Conference schedule with a trip to Ogden, Utah, to take on the 2-2 Wildcats of Weber State. Senior running back David Lewis ran all over the Wildcats last year in Cheney, racking up 127 yards on 26

carries as the Eagles defeated Weber State by the score of 24-6. With a victory in Ogden, EWU would even up the overall series mark at 7-7. The last time Weber defeated the Eagle's was in Ogden in 1991, by a score of 63-59.

Last weekend, in what probably looked like a "shootout at the O.K. Corral", Weber State defeated Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 53-43, in Ogden. Both teams combined for a total of 1281 offensive yards, 708 of which belonged to Weber State.

Wildcats quarterback Bryan Martin completed 29 of his 46 passes, for an eye popping 522 yards, five touchdowns and one interception.

Of this Saturday's clash with Weber State Kramer says, "It will be a gigantic test for our defense, particularly for our secondary."

All the Big Sky teams except Eastern combined for an average of 464.5 yards of offense this past weekend. Quarterbacks accounted for 303.3 of that average.

"The Big Sky is a quarterback conference in a class by itself judging from some of the astronomical numbers that were put up last week," said Kramer. "The team with the most steady quarterback is going to win the whole shooting match."



Dennis Linstroth

Aaron Woods (10) and Justin Guillory (28) swarm over BSU's Damon Wright in Saturday's loss.



Jesse Hardt pulls in one of his seven receptions.

## Mecklenberg, Kerr and Hovde-Miller fill coaching positions

Marcia Mecklenburg is the new women's track and field and cross country head coach. Mecklenburg comes from WSU where she was an assistant for the past nine years. Most recently she served as track and field manager of the West squad during the U.S. Olympic Festival in Denver, Colorado.

Mecklenburg takes the place of Rosalind Wallace, who left Eastern after eight seasons to take a teaching and coaching position in Atlanta, Ga.

Stan Kerr returns to EWU as an assistant track and field coach. He spent the last two years as the head coach at the NCAA Division III University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where he coached the 1995 NCAA Division III women's high jump champion. Kerr served as a graduate

assistant at Eastern from 1991-93.

Kristen Hovde-Miller, a former Washington State University standout, joins the volleyball staff. She will be responsible for coaching the outside hitters, and for marketing and administration duties. While at Washington State in 1991, Hovde-Miller helped lead the Cougars to the NCAA tournament. She was also the first player in Cougar history to receive Pac-Ten Conference Player of the Week honors.

Lee Yerty begins his first season as an assistant volleyball coach after spending the last three years as the strength and conditioning coach. Yerty served as EWU's marketing director from 1991-94. He is the current president of Event Management Inc. and co-founder and owner of Northwest All-Star Volleyball.

He replaces his wife, Carrie Couturier-Yerty, who left last spring to take a job at the University of Arizona.

Jesse Williams joined the football staff last spring, after spending the past two years at Portland State University as their defensive line coach. Last year when PSU defeated the Eagles, Williams' defensive line held EWU to 13 yards rushing, and nine quarterback sacks. Williams' position was previously held by John Zamberlin, who left Eastern to accept a job at the University of Richmond.

Rick Redden has also joined the football staff. Redden, a former EWU standout, was formerly a defensive coordinator, secondary coach, and assistant athletic director at Central Washington University.

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Carla Baker has been promoted to head trainer after Tom Embree departed for a position at the University of Oregon. Baker is in her second year as a trainer at EWU.

Andy Neubauer is the newest member of the athletic training staff. Neubauer, a Cheney High School graduate, recently served as athletic trainer for the Milwaukee Mustangs of the Arena Football League.

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# Musings of an unformed mind?

(Drummond lays a scrambled egg, then Freudian slips in it)

"There is no 'tabula rasa ..."

—Marshall Drummond *tab'u'la ra'sa*:

[Lat., erased tablet.] The mind before it receives the impressions gained from experience, esp. the unformed featureless mind in the philosophy of Locke. Webster's II.

It appears that in a recent meeting with legislators and classified staff, EWU President Marshall Drummond made a Freudian slip in his usage of the Latin term *tabula rasa*.

While attempting to assure the classified staff that there is no hidden agenda in the budget cutting process, Drummond stated, "There is no *tabula rasa*. It's an open book."

Basically, the Latin phrase means 'blank slate.' Drummond in effect told the staff that in the administration's dealings with them, *there is no blank slate*.

Did Drummond really mean to say *subrosa*, another Latin term connoting secrecy? Did he unwittingly reveal that the "process" is really not so open after all?

Or did our esteemed president simply assume that if he used a sufficiently esoteric term, the rest of us could only sit hapless and confused, mouths gaping as its true meaning sailed far above our empty little heads? After all, Rousseau used the term *tabula rasa* to describe his conception of impressionable young minds as "blank slates."

"Perhaps the verbal blunder is symptomatic of a much deeper rift between Marshall Drummond's reality and reality for most of us. (In case you're not quite sure what that would be, it's the reality that *doesn't* include a \$25,000 a year entertainment allowance and yearly "salary enhancements" to the tune of \$15,000-\$21,000).

Taken with some of the other statements made by Drummond during the course of the meeting, his pretentious (albeit erroneous) use of language may reveal a disturbing tendency toward an oblivious elitism. In attempting to convey a "love-your-job-or-leave-it" message to workers unhappy with their treatment, Drummond callously told them, "If you don't like your house, you can get a new one. If you don't like your car you can go out and get another one."

Obviously, he takes a lot for granted. Maybe Drummond and his ilk can buy and sell homes and cars on a whim, but that state of affairs hardly reflects reality for the average worker.

Some painters and plumbers might be in danger of *losing* their homes and cars if the cuts in classified staff proceed.

The Editorial Board

*Eastern's student plumbing solution...*

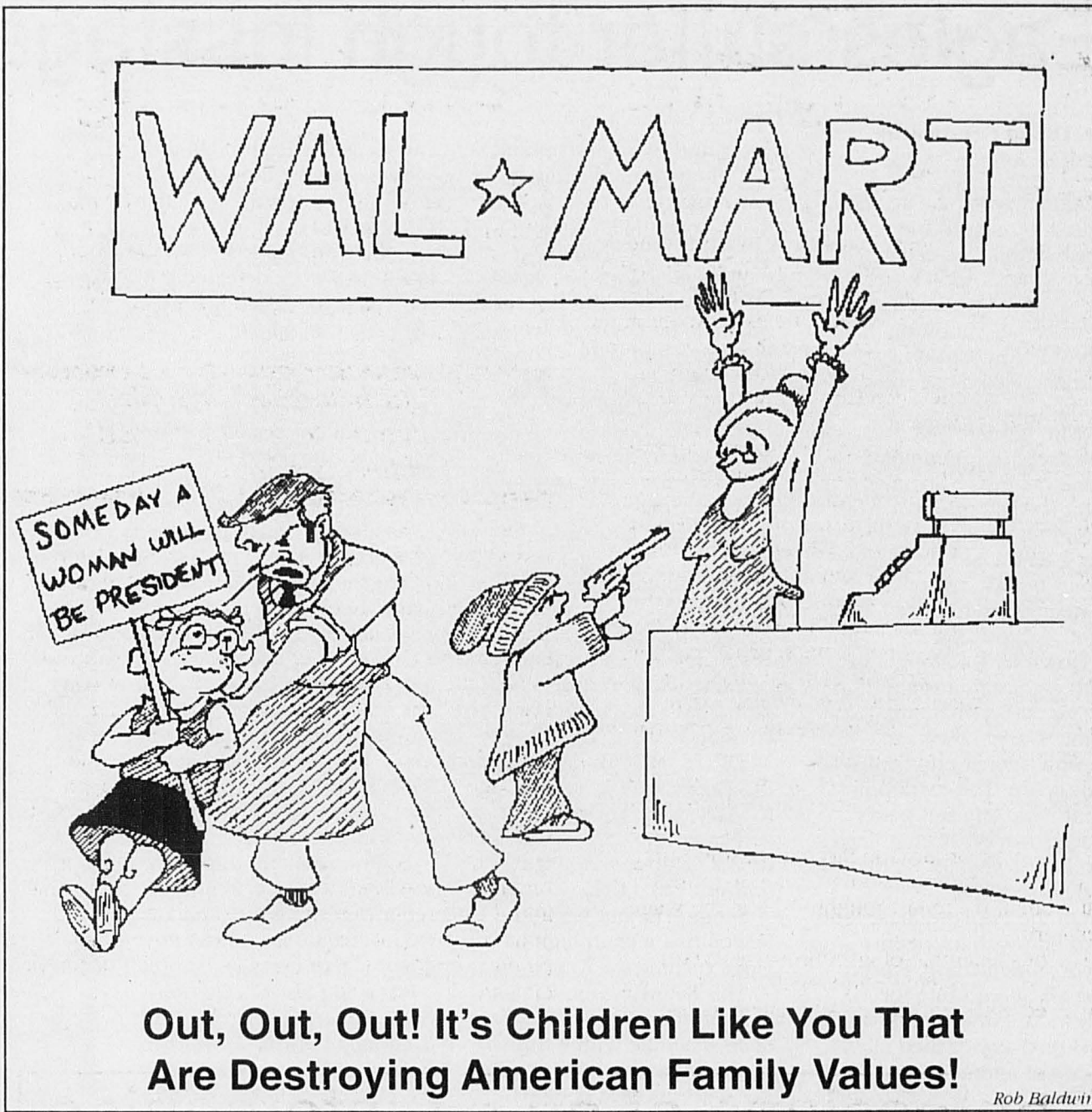


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## Do we leave health care to the bean counters?

Recent reports in the national media have highlighted a number of significant problems created by overly zealous cost-containment strategies of some managed health care companies. The reports highlighted, for example, patients denied reimbursement for emergency room treatment and new mothers who were forced to leave the hospital within 24 hours of delivery. Such reports expose the central problem with our health care system; in the rush to take steps to reduce medical costs, the system has become too focused on dollars.

Changes in our health care system have occurred so rapidly that quality control regulations and other checks and balances have not yet caught up. The resulting imbalance must be remedied if this country is to maintain its leadership in delivering quality health care.

First and foremost, we must achieve a better

balance between containing costs and assuring quality care. Without question, managed care systems were originally designed to attempt to control the skyrocketing costs of health care provided in a traditional fee-for-service system. Traditionally, no incentives existed for providers, consumers or even payers to think twice about the amount of services provided and resources consumed. This created a system vulnerable to overutilization of services, particularly in an era of increasing malpractice litigation when defensive medicine meant more tests and more treatment rather than less.

By contrast, managed care systems generally contain costs by "capitation" – charging fixed fees per patient to cover all care provided, whether a little or a lot. This, however, creates an incentive to *underutilize* services. While this system ideally is intended to maximize efficiency and eliminate unnecessary services, it has become a system vulnerable to withholding necessary care.

No doubt increased attention to costs, resource utilization and fiscal accountability is a positive step toward deflating skyrocketing health costs. Regrettably, however, the pendulum has swung too far in the direction of cost containment. There are far too many instances in which efforts to contain have overshadowed, and even sacrificed, a concern for patients receiving quality services.

Russ Newman, Ph.D., J.D.  
National Forum

### Correction

In last week's issue of the Easterner, the council report inaccurately suggested that the ASEWU may have violated Washington State Open Meeting Act.

Also, in the article "Making sense of low-cost health care options" the minimum age requirement for the Washington state Basic Health plan should have been reported as 19.

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# Attaining "the dream" still light years away

**Kathleen Warring**  
Columnist

In "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" we meet the irrepressible Quark, a Ferengi for whom, like others of his species, the ultimate goal is material wealth. Fond of spouting the "Ferengi Rules of Acquisition," Quark holds to a the bizarre notion of honor among thieves. Of course, Quark never does anything *really bad*, and he often struggles with a very "humanlike" conscience.

Not only do America's current leaders appear to lack the moral drive possessed by this fictional, alien character, they *are* endorsing something *really bad*. On July 20, the University of California's Board of Regents, in concert with Governor Pete Wilson, voted to ban Affirmative Action from state university campuses. This comes, predictably, right on the heels of the anti-immigration Proposition 187.

According to Wilson and the regents, the burgeoning of multiculturalism has given birth to a new society. It seems we are now a "kinder, gentler America." Wilson, et al., apparently believe that the struggle for civil rights is over.

Not coincidentally, the concept of "reverse discrimination" was born at the same moment as Affirmative Action.

Discrimination *does* in fact still exist in our society. For example, studies continue to indicate that women make just roughly 70% of the wages men earn.

The best example of an Affirmative Action success story is Gen. Colin Powell; his career was advanced with the help of Affirmative Action

policies. Yet the military was one of the organizations most resistant to desegregation. Affirmative Action proved a necessary and successful tool to realize the principles the service personnel were sworn to defend, and what we as a society profess to believe - that all humans are created equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights.

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Our failure as a people to live up to our professed beliefs is astounding. While pushing international economic sanctions against South Africa in an effort to end apartheid; in the midst of a war with Iraq to eject Saddam Hussein from Kuwait; or while condemning ethnic violence in Bosnia, we appear to take the moral high road. But in order to continue peddling Chicken McNuggets in Beijing, we "forgive" the Chinese government its massacre of college students. The United States conveys the message, "basically, we don't care about human rights." (Unless, of course, as Bob Dole put it, "O-I-L' is involved.")

It's the 1990s, but the fight for human rights in America is nowhere near over. It is sadly ironic that in the United States some groups condemn as human rights violations the Chinese government's punitive birth control policies while doing battle for the "right" to terminate life.

The struggle for human rights inspired by the Enlightenment gave this nation life amidst the birth pains of the Revolution, and it endured the growing pains of the Civil War and the Civil Rights era. But in our quest for survival and material gain, we Americans have lost our identity, and surrendered the "good fight" to government. Now, thanks to elected government officials like Wilson, the legacy of the Enlightenment is in its death throes, at least in California.

The Cold War is over; the Soviet threat gone, but if those in power can convince the American people that the cause of the nation's problems come from the poor, immigrants, African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and women, maybe we won't notice what a mess they're making in the national and international arena. Divide and conquer.

The creator of Star Trek, Gene Roddenberry, dreamed of a Universe based on the ideal of what America was conceived to be. In Starfleet, all creatures are accepted and promoted on the basis of ability and all have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Ironically, Federation headquarters, in Roddenberry's vision, were located in San Francisco, California. That state's governor and university regents have deferred, if not destroyed, that dream in their search for scapegoats.

Thomas Jefferson stated that educated voters were the best defense of democracy. If our learning institutions are participating in this rape of the American ideal, then what defense do we have? We are being destroyed from within, as Krushchev promised; not by communists, but by ourselves.

## Confessions of an ex-infomaniac

**Mara Parker**  
Columnist

It's 11:30 p.m. Sunday. You can't sleep. You toss and turn, maybe flip on the light to read a few pages of a romance novel, or perhaps drink some warm milk, but nothing works. You ponder the thought of watching a little television: that seems to lull you to sleep better than just about anything else. But experience has told you that late Sunday night has got to be the worst night of the week for television watching. Come to think of it, so are Saturday and Sunday afternoons and any weekday morning after 1:00. Those are the times the airwaves are taken over by infomercials. If you had cable, you could watch CNN 'round the clock or a stodgy British comedy (which have been known to work better than Somnex in some cases). But those of us who either can't afford or don't want cable are at the mercy of the greedy local station manager. He or she would rather receive a hefty sum to air an hour long infomercial than show something the viewing public would actually enjoy watching. Ratings? Who cares. They don't have to sell commercial time for Dairy Queen during a "Deal-a-Meal" infomercial. It really doesn't matter if anybody's watching. The station has already been paid.

No matter how hard infomercials try to present themselves as legitimate programs, there are certain tell tale signs which give them away.

For example, infomercials always follow one of two formats: the "casual rap session" or the "Geraldo-like" talk show format. The "casual rap session" involves a group of people, usually women, sitting around chatting about their clogged pores, limp hair for which the advertised product has a cure. The talk show format is perhaps the most annoying of the two. A nauseatingly enthusiastic host, typically a quasi-celebrity or one who has been unable to find legitimate work in a while, unveils a new miracle product or invention to a bought-and-paid-for-studio audience. The host will often introduce the inventor of the product and several devotees, all reading scripted lines in a flat monotone; obviously you don't have to know how to act to be on an infomercial.

Of course, we can't forget the outrageous claims infomercials make about their products. One such product, the "Abflex," claims that if you use the

product just three minutes a day you will have a hard, flat stomach in only six weeks. Of course, most viewers fail to read the minuscule print running along the bottom of the screen which reads: to be used in conjunction with a low fat diet plan. Hell, dieting alone may take away just as much girth as does the "Abflex." Another infomercial for an acne product called "Acne Statin" shows before and after pictures of those inflicted and cured of severe acne. These people don't have just ordinary teenage acne, their faces are covered with monstrous sores, oozing with puss. The inventor claims, with supposedly un-retouched after pictures as back-up, that if you use her product for only three months you will have a porcelain-like complexion. Perhaps, I didn't read the fine print running along the bottom of the screen. It must have read: to be used in conjunction with a sandblaster.

If you have seen one infomercial, you have seen them all. They are boring, completely lacking in credibility and all use the same shoddy techniques to sell their products. So why do we watch them? Because there is nothing else on. And maybe just a small part of us wants to be convinced that these products really do as they say—turn the fat, slim and the pock-marked, beautiful.

Since ratings are not a factor, thus turning off the television won't solve the problem, I propose we, disgruntled viewers, band together and follow a simple course of action. First, we must contact every local station manager and complain about the lack of quality late night and weekend programming. Second, no matter how convincing or desirable an infomercial product seems, we must refuse to buy it. Do whatever it takes: rip the phone from the wall, tear up your credit cards or take a cold shower. Finally, if all else fails, call your local militia. Tell them that the feds are working in conjunction with product manufacturers to brainwash the American consumer into purchasing things for which they have no use, thus boosting the economy which funds the new world order, etc., etc. All you have to do is plant the seed, the militias will take it from there. And if we are lucky, the GOP will pass a congressional mandate requiring all U.S. television stations to switch to beloved late night and weekend reruns of "Three's Company" and "Gilligan's Island" which are models of quality compared to those tacky infomercials.

## Letters to the editor

### Men are victims too

In her editorial of September 21, April Strader noted that date rape is "one of the most underreported crimes," and that working to change cultural perceptions about date rape, as the EWU Women's Center does, is "not enough." Strader wrote "What Eastern needs is a men's center ... where men are taught simply that 'No' means no, that passive behavior does not constitute consent, and that women are not responsible for men's sexual arousal. In other words, just because he's turned on does not mean she has an obligation to get him off."

I have to applaud Strader for making her first editorial so forthright and on the mark. Everything she said is absolutely on target.

Unfortunately, Strader also demonstrated a kind of myopia prevalent in this society - she looked at only one aspect of the issue. Although Strader's words were a direct bull's eye, they came from only the tip of a well-informed pen rather than a full inkwell.

It is true that men must learn that "No" means no and passivity is not consent. However, this applies not only when heterosexual men approach women; but also when homosexual and bisexual men and women approach people of the same sex.

Women too must learn that "No" means no. They must, of course, first learn that they can say "No" to sexual advances and expect to be heard. But there are also some women who need to learn that when they are told "No," either by a man or by another woman, they must respect that, just as they would expect their own "No" to be respected.

This is not just a heterosexual issue. This is not simply a matter of male perpetrators and female victims, though this is indeed the case in the majority of reported cases. Women also perpetrate; men are also victims; and rapists, molesters and the victims are often of the same sex.

Note what I said above; women are the victims of men in most reported cases. But this may or may not in fact be the case. Even as society has harbored the misconception that "nice girls don't get raped," it has also harbored the misconception that "nice boys never get raped" by other men or by women. And it has harbored the total misconception that women are either too nice or too weak to ever consider being sexually aggressive. We all know better.

David W. Trotter

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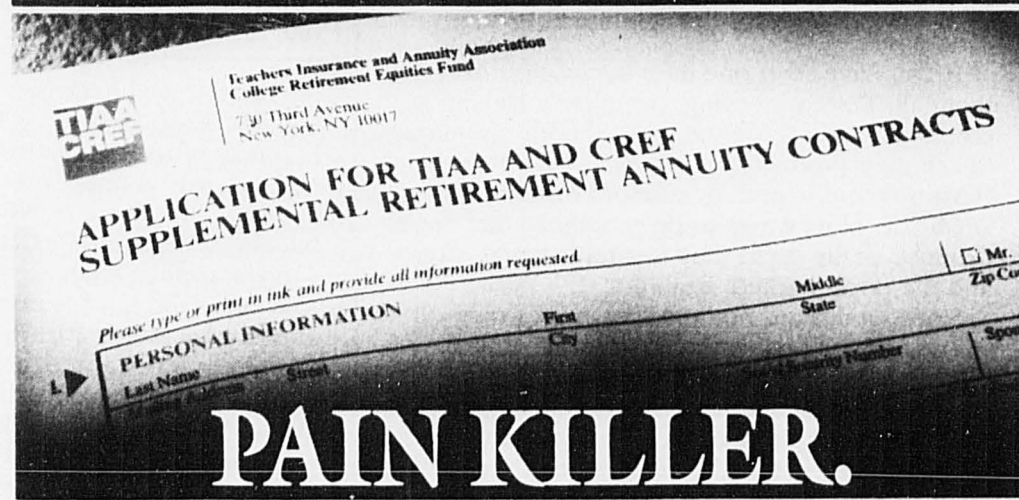
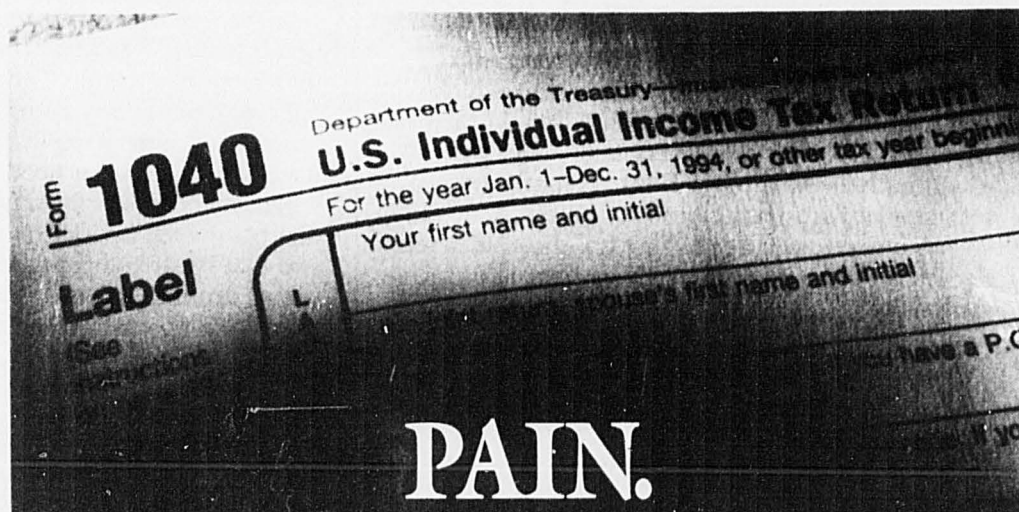
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more than happy to have you in the process at their meetings."

With that Drummond closed the conference and quickly exited the luncheon hall.

The legislators attending the meeting were members of the Senate Higher Education Committee. They were there to hear presentations from the administration about the university's access issues, the vision statement the university is developing, student life issues, and governance policies.

Campus Police Officer John Scott was present at the meeting, seated in the back near the workers.

Ron Sperber, EWU director of public safety, said Scott was there at the request of the administration because there was an individual present that had caused problems in the past. Sperber declined to identify the person or what incident had led to the administration's concern.

But Ken Dolan, executive assistant to President Drummond, said Wednesday that he instituted a policy of having police officers present at all official functions back in the mid '80's.

"It's routine," said Dolan, emphasizing that the officer was not there because of the workers.

Contradicting Dolan was Rick Nesbitt, a former Easterner news editor who indicated he attended over one hundred board meetings between 1989 and 1992.

"I never saw a campus police officer at any of those meetings," Nesbitt said.