2nd Floor Open House
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, 11 am–2 pm
2nd Floor Monroe Hall
Food, hourly door prizes, and for students with children, a drawing for tickets to Mobius Science Center & Children’s Museum. There will be networking and socializing. Find out why students like to come to the Women’s Studies Center, Africana Studies and Chicano Education Lounges. What is available for students with children? Come in, eat, meet the staff and fellow students, and learn about some interesting classes. Oh! And did we mention the buttons? Free buttons and other giveaways.

Implications for Happiness
Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, 12 – 12:50 pm
207 Monroe Hall
The past two decades have witnessed a proliferation of research on personal happiness. One national survey called The Happiness Initiative identified domains of happiness such as material well being, time balance, social support, government, and work experience. This survey was administered to the EWU and broader Cheney community in spring of 2013. Senior psychology majors, Kenzie Bush and Benjamin Lister, compare the perspectives of students, faculty, staff, and Cheney community residents with national survey results, and discuss the future implications for increasing personal happiness.

Gaye Adegbalola—Two Concerts and a Lecture
Civil Rights, Voting Rights, Gay Rights and the Blues
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, 3-4 pm
Monroe 207
EWU Campus Concert
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, 4 pm
Showalter Auditorium
Riverpoint Campus Concert
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, time to be announced
Phase 1 Auditorium
During Gaye Adegbalola’s teaching career, she moonlighted as a musician. By maintaining the blues legacy, she now sees herself as a contemporary member of a class of traveling poets, musicians, and storytellers who maintain a tradition of oral history in parts of West Africa – keeping the history alive, delivering messages of empowerment, ministering to the heartbroken, and finding joy in the mundane. As a founding member of Saffire – the Uppity Blues Women, she became a full-time performer. (Saffire ended in November, 2009, after making music together for 25 years.) Ms. Adegbalola delivers unifying messages and social insight in a fun, wickedly witty, irreverent and big way. Ms. Adegbalola composes, sings, plays acoustic guitar, slide guitar, and harmonic. These presentations are cosponsored by EWU Pride Center, Eagle Entertainment, SAIL, and EWU Women’s Studies Center.

Human Trafficking: Going Under the Belly of the Beast
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, 12 –1:30 pm
207 Monroe Hall
Patrick Atkinson, founder of the Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons [ITEMP] and the God’s Child Project explores slavery in today’s world, what human trafficking is and is not, and looks at looks at trafficking from a historical perspective through the ever-changing dynamics of contemporary times. Atkinson discusses how human trafficking victims are selected both internationally and from within Washington state and the U.S. His talk ends with a discussion of practical steps audience members can take to combat human trafficking. Atkinson has been a trainer for the FBI on human trafficking.

Your Body Talks
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, 3–4:30 pm
JFK Auditorium
Amber Kryzs’ keynote, Your Body Talks, turns the focus internally as she teaches students how to focus on the important relationship of all—the relationship with self. Along with this important relationship comes greater respect for the body and simultaneously, a greater desire to take good care of it. Sponsored by Student Activities Involvement & Leadership [SAIL] and Women’s Studies Center. For more information, contact Katie Del Monte at leadership@ewu.edu.

From Body Hater to Body Celebrator
Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, 7-8 pm
JFK Auditorium
Join Amber Kryzs founder of bodyhearter as she inspires audience members to start living now. Too many of us get caught up in the “When…Thens.” You know: “When I lose 10 pounds, then I’ll wear my skinny jeans.” “When my skin clears up, then I’ll talk to that guy.” “When I make more money, then I’ll take a vacation.” Kryzs blamed her body for the acting jobs she didn’t land or the guys that didn’t call. She comforted herself with food and punished herself with exercise. She describes herself as a mess – all because of a “when/then.” While living her dream as an actress in a Broadway show, she was completely miserable because she believed having a better body – a perfect body – would make her happier and more successful. In this inspiring and humorous keynote, Kryzs shares her personal story of how she won her own “perfect body game.” Cosponsored by SAIL, Eagle Entertainment, and EWU Women’s Studies Center. For more information, contact Katie Del Monte at leadership@ewu.edu.

Conversations that Matter—Beauty and the Body: From Fairy Tales to Cultural Embodiments of Gender and Sexuality
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, 12-1 pm
205 Monroe
Beauty at the start of the 21st century remains a stronghold in shaping cultural norms about sex, gender, and the body. Throughout early childhood socialization and psychological/physiological development, youth encounter dominate conceptions of beauty that continue to influence life experiences of adulthood and aging. Jessica Willis, PhD. Women’s and Gender Studies discusses notions of cultural beauty and how they operate with extraordinary symbolic power providing scripts, rituals and roles tied to the social gendering of love and the body. Limited to 25 attendees. Free lunch is included. Reservations required through OrgSync. Select OrgSync>events and look for SAIL. Cosponsored by SAIL and Women’s and Gender Studies. For more information, contact Katie Del Monte at leadership@ewu.edu.

Protest Songs That Changed History
Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, 12:12-50 pm
JFK Library Atrium
Local children’s author Claire Rudolf Murphy will give a presentation on her new book My Country Tis of Thee: How One Song Reveals the History of Civil Rights. Her slide talk will feature protest movements and events from American history set against the background of this iconic song with verses recorded by the EWU choir, directed by Kristina Ploeger. Verses focus on the colonists breaking away from England, the abolitionists against slavery, women fighting for the right to vote, Native American rights, and Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech among others. Prizes include a copy of the book.

Contemporary Issues in Feminist Research: English, Tourism, and Communities in Nicaragua: Some Concerns
Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, 12 –12:50 pm
207 Monroe Hall
As tourism grows faster in Nicaragua than in any other country, so does the learning of English by those eager to communicate with a significant group of tourists. However, tourism is driven by power differences and assumptions about “the Other”, which usually disadvantages the tourists. Gina Petrie, PhD, Modern Languages & Literatures, discusses how the Nicaraguans view the growing use of English for tourism among them.
2014-2015 Scholarships and Scholarship Winners

Students are highly encouraged to apply for scholarships for which they are eligible. Acquiring a scholarship now is much easier than paying back loans later. And they look good on your résumé.

Women’s and gender studies major, Jessica Rogers, was awarded a $1000 Women’s and Gender Studies scholarship.

H.O.M.E. [Helping Ourselves Means Education] awarded $900 scholarships to Carina Velaquez-Cruz, Josie Dumas, Vera Parks, Megan Rodriguez, Charlotte Tomevi, and Courtney Sollars. Applications for $600 winter and spring 2015 awards will be available to pick up Oct. 1, 2014 and will be due Nov. 13, 2014. Applications for the $900, 2015-2016 scholarship will be available to pick up in Monroe 207 on Jan. 6, 2015.

EWU students Carina Velaquez-Cruz and Lee Andrea Whitecraft are two of the winners of the Vivian Winston Women Helping Women scholarships for 2014-2015. The third winner is Ariana Brown-Harris from SCC. Women Helping Women awards $6000 per year for scholarships divided among the recipients. Mark your calendar to come to Monroe 207 in late January to pick up your application. Applicants must be women students with daycare expenses. Graduate students are eligible.

Rural American Scholarship Fund awarded 16 EWU students scholarships of $3,000 each for the 2014-2015 academic year. The application for this award will be available at the EWU Women’s Studies Center and online in November and is usually due March 1. If you have any connection with living in rural America, had a break between high school and college, and will be 23 by September 2015, applying for this scholarship is a must.

Attention Student Parents

Each year, the H.O.M.E. student organization coordinates a program that provides holiday gifts for children of EWU students. Student parents are invited to pick up holiday Giving Tree applications in 207 Monroe. Applications must be returned by Nov. 1 at noon. The University community is invited to pick up gift tags for the children of EWU students at the PUB Wednesday, and Thursday, Nov. 12 and 13.

H.O.M.E. is the Home For Your No-Longer—Needed Textbooks

If you are moving to another building, downsizing your on-campus textbook library, or retiring, please consider donating your text books that are too good to throw away, but no longer needed, to H.O.M.E. 359.4237, 207 Monroe Hall. H.O.M.E. is a student organization that provides resources and support to student parents. The textbooks are used as a fundraiser that helps both EWU student parents and encourages reading literacy for families throughout the country.

Student Organizations

H.O.M.E. [Helping Ourselves Means Education]: is a student program dedicated to assisting student parents achieve a college degree. H.O.M.E. provides information, networking opportunities, scholarships that assist with childcare, advocacy, a holiday giving tree, and activities for student parents and their children. H.O.M.E. has an office in 207 Monroe Hall or you can contact us at home@ewu.edu. To see the H.O.M.E. blog go to: ewuhomegroup.blogspot.com.

Eagle Pride is a student group for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) students and their allies. It’s a great place to make friends, promote acceptance and inclusion, participate in activities, and plan events. Meetings and weekly socials are held in the Pride Center, Showalter 105. For more information contact Sandy Williams in the Pride Center at 509-359-7870 or pride@ewu.edu.

VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood is a nationwide program for pro-choice college students. VOX keeps students up-to-date on current threats to reproductive health and rights, helps them mobilize support for reproductive freedom, and helps them get involved and stay involved with the pro-choice movement. For more information, contact voxews@gmail.com.

Scary Feminists!: Are you interested in social justice? Do gender/feminist politics strike your fancy? Are you looking for an open, accepting environment where you can voice your opinions, concerns, politics, etc.? Then check out EWU’s very own Scary Feminists! For more information, contact Sally Winkle at swinkle@ewu.edu.

Want to learn more about the Activist-in-Residence program and other EWU projects that support the goals of the Strategic Plan? Come to the reception at the Strategic Planning Conference on Friday, October 3, 4-7 pm in the PUB MPR. Seek out the Women’s and Gender Studies and Women’s Studies Center poster, which describes our Activist-in-Residence Program.

Veterans Dismissed in Military Sexual Assault Case

Last month, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against a group of veterans that had sued the U.S. military for alleged acts of sexual assault while the veterans were on active duty. In the LAF-supported case, Klay v. Panetta, the plaintiffs said that U.S. military officials tolerated sexual predators in their ranks and antagonized service members who reported rape, sexual assault, and harassment. The plaintiffs argued that this culture of sexual assault violated their constitutional rights. In 2013, a U.S. District Court granted the defendants’ motion to dismiss the case, saying that the plaintiffs’ injuries were incident to their military service and that the court was prevented by legal precedent from ruling on a military matter. The plaintiffs appealed to the D.C. Circuit. Following court arguments held in February, the circuit court affirmed the district court’s dismissal of the case. The plaintiffs and their advocates are deciding how to proceed.

American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund, August 2014

Another Supreme Court Decision Relevant to Women

The Court’s most important cases from this past term was the the Burwell v. Hobby Lobby decision, which will allow some corporations to restrict their employees’ contraceptive insurance coverage.

Title VII Turns 50

July 2, 2014, marked the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of gender or race, among other protected classes.

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Lactation Rooms on Campus

No one wants to eat in a bathroom. In the past our breastfeeding mothers have had to use unsanitary, cramped bathrooms to breastfeed or pump. We think they deserve better! We now have two rooms on campus designated for pumping and breastfeeding.

One is located on the lower floor PUB near the Eagle Express Market and across from the MPR [get the code to open the door at Customer Service in the bookstore or in PUB 212]. The other is on 2nd Floor Showalter—to the right of the doors into the auditorium.

There is a usable but less comfortable space—a bench, a sink and a lockable door—on the 3rd floor of Patterson, north side west end of the building [signage indicates a family restroom].