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Frats and sororities

Some would say that

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New philanthropy program implements dropboxes where donations of any size can be made to contribute to EWU's General Scholarship fund

By Kristin Heise
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Donations from the “Round It Up for Scholarship” project will contribute to the EWU General Scholarship fund.

“Round It Up for Scholarship” is a project created to help students who are under financial constraints. Any donations are greatly appreciated by the students and the university. This project is one of the ways the council is looking into student and more financial difficulties.

Most scholarships are funded by the generosity of donors. With increasing state budget cuts leading to financial difficulties. Most scholarships are funded by the generosity of donors. Employees and students face more and more state budget cuts leading to financial difficulties.

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By Kristie Hsin

Eastern’s Office of Information Technology is requesting the help of faculty members in test-driving two or three learning management programs that could replace Blackboard.

The process will kick off during the first few weeks of February. Participants will be given an evaluation version of the system and are asked to review each program by participating in testing, creating online discussions and creating online tests.

Faculty involved will provide input and opinions on each of the systems. Executive decisions will be made by the university’s Academic Systems Advisory Committee.

The university’s current learning management system, Blackboard 8.0, will soon reach the end of its subscription and a new learning management system will be placed in. Possible new systems include Moodle, Blackboard 9.0, Sakai, and Canvas.

“We are participating in this process because we are considering a software purchase where the vendor responds to our request,” said Dave Dean, assistant professor of music education.

A list of dates showing the timelines for testing new technology and choosing a new software.

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**OPINION**

_**Letter to the Editor**_

_Online contributor_  

*Photos by Nikki Livingston*

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**Martin Luther King Day kickstarts Black History Month**

By Kurt Olson  

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God bless you, Arizona. You can't save your unconstitutional, socially regressive laws from socially regressive walls. They will be the last thing you see before you die.

I got a ticket, it's no big deal. I was just slow. I might even get a discount for taking an online course.

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**Letter to the Editor**

New levy in the ballot in need of votes to fund area schools

By Carrie Hubert  

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**In the Classroom**

When in Arizona, don’t do what Arizonans do

By Asa Olson  

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I’m not sure who he is as reverend today as he was during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Had King been alive today, he'd be right at home in Tucson Park, right outside New York, with New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg.

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**In the Classroom**

Do you think the recent drug bust in Cheney tarnishes the reputation of fraternities and sororities?

By Asa Olson  

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I don’t think they make us look any worse than they are. Who knows, maybe they’re worse than they look.

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**In the Classroom**

What do you think about the media that surrounds us?

By Asa Olson  

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I kinda feel that with any organization we have to continue partying ourselves into oblivion.

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**Letter to the Editor**

I have a pretty damn good outlook on them already.

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Across the country in 82 days

Two Eastern students dealt with road rash and broken bones while biking from Oregon to Washington, D.C.

By Desireé Hood
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“Two Eastern students dealt with road rash and broken bones while biking from Oregon to Washington, D.C.”

They pedaled into Washington state after pedaling across Wyoming, Utah and Idaho, and faced a multitude of challenges along the way. They were hit by a car, got their bike stolen, and were even fortunate enough to be invited to join Wood on his trip with the other guys in the U.S.

As far as dealing with fatigue, the most important step for Wood and Maxfield was to pedal ahead. “We’d pedal like crazy on the Katy Trail, dropping 500 miles from the Colorado state line to the Missouri state line,” Wood said. “I sat there and cried, ‘I can’t believe we’re still doing this.’”

Tyler Maxfield, an avid cyclist at the University of Washington, was invited to join Wood on the trip. They had known each other since childhood and were excited to ride together.

“Wood and Maxfield were developing a plan to see the United States, and after discussing the idea, they decided to take the Katy Trail from Seaside, Ore. to Washington, D.C. by bicycle,” Wood said.

He planned to meet the other cyclists at the border. “What he did not plan for was getting run over by a car,” Wood said.

Wood and Maxfield were pedaling across Wyoming with a group of cyclists they met on the road. “They were about five miles from the Colorado border when Wood decided to pedal ahead,” Wood said.

Wood was traveling quickly across the flat-terraced plains of Wyoming, but Maxfield was tired of the cubicle and was glad to do some-thing about that,” Maxfield said.

For both riders, the most memorable part of the trip was the scenery around them and the great people they met. “I cannot emphasize enough how wonderful everyone we met was,” Wood said.

Wood has six siblings and was glad to do something to make his family proud. Future plans for Wood could include a trip through Europe to visit his brother in Italy. But that trip will be motorized. “I want to see more and I want to do less work,” Wood said. Possible Vespa trip or motorbike in his future? Only Wood knows.
Communities strive to build cohesion

By Desireé Hood

Since LEGO began in 1932, millions have used, played with, or built something out of Legos. They have built things both large and small, from people, flower pots, airplanes and cars. Jack them up, the airplanes did not fly and the cars did not move.

Children have been building with Legos as part of the FIRST LEGO League since 1992. They construct for speed and practicality because they are making autonomous robots that can maneuver through a competition table.

Once this is completed, the teams can enter a regional tournament in their area. Spokane held two regional tournaments and the Top Cit- es, Wash., held a third. Those who made it to come to Eastern for the FIRST LEGO League Eastern Wash- ington State Competition. At the FIRST LEGO League state competition, the teams were given 210 minutes and thirty seconds to program their robot to maneuver on the competition table and collect or move the different components. The judges also watched the presentations from the teams, and the robots on different criteria and gave awards for best card values.

The league was founded by Dean Karnas, founder of FIRST, and Kjeld Kristiansen, current owner of the LEGO Group. The FIRST LEGO League is a robotic competition for children ages nine to twelve. Cullen, karanis and Kristiansen formed the league to encourage children to be con- cerned about science.

Every September, the league gives out a challenge that includes a problem that is happening in the world. This year’s challenge theme was “Food Waste.” Themes from previous

FIRST LEGO League builds bright futures

By Nicole Livingston

Once a week, Lauren Campbell stands in front of a room filled with students in a dorm that is painted with the name of the company they are in charge of doing rounds inside of.

They start at the eighth floor and go all the way down to the first to check for anything that may happen down on the lower levels, as well as any safety hazards. These rounds are an important part of many duties that a Community Advisor (CA) is charged with.

“Your in the building, you’re expected to work,” said Campbell. “It’s a live-in job.”

Marvin Hall is home to Living Learning Communities (LLC), a type of dormitory that makes up part of Com- puting and Engineering Science, mathematics, and leadership training.

This LLC is for students who are part of a special community. “Its definitely a really good place to start,” said Kevin William-Laws, who is a resident of the Leadership LLC. “Everyone’s always there, always willing to help you out. We’re like family.”

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Police Beat

Jan. 16
Agency assist 1:30 p.m.
EWS officers were called to assist with a report of domestic violence at Eagle Point. The altercation was between a student and a non-student whose verbal only and no arrests were made.

Jan. 18
Marijuana violation 9 p.m.
A 16-year-old and an 18-year-old were caught with marijuana while visiting friends in Morrison Hall. The minor was released to his parents, and the 18-year-old was cited and released after confessions, scales, and marijuana in his possession.

Jan. 21
Fighting 10 p.m.
On Jan. 20, EWS/Decker Hall reported two female students fighting. The altercation was between the two officers arrived, and witnesses were not cooperative. No arrests were made.

History of Eastern in Pictures

Photo courtesy of EWU Libraries, Archives and Special Collections

Commemoration, 1977. A group of Eastern students gather in their caps and gowns for graduation.

The Best of..."Spokane! Spokane!"

1. Which is the best venue to watch a Spokane Chiefs game? (suggested)
- Spokane Arena
- Toyota Center
- McCarthey Athletic Center
- Riverfront Tents

2. Which is the best place to play sports in the Spokane area?
- anything for the Easterners!
- Cowles Stadium
- University Recreation Center
- Whitworth University

3. Which is the best place to date in the Spokane area?
- Riverfront Park
- River Park Square
- Riverfront Street
- Riverfront Center

4. Which is the best general restaurant in the Spokane area?
- Deep Dish Pizza
- Nevada Gold
- Huckleberry's
- Andy's

5. Which is the best restaurant in the Spokane area?
- Rosa's Pizza
- South Perry Pizza
- Granite City
- Pizza Shack

6. Which is the best pizza in the Spokane area?
- Maui Brewing Pizza
- Ashley's Pizza
- Eagle's Pub
- Yellowstone Pizza

7. Which is the best Mexican restaurant in the Spokane area?
- El Pinto
- Nacho Mama's
- El Rincon Tapatio
- El Corazon

8. Which is the best mall in the Spokane area?
- Northtown Mall
- River Park Square
- North Idaho Mall
- Riverfront Center

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Corrections for Issue 12, Jan. 18:

Last week’s information about the Chinese Zodiac was according to librarian.

Place a classified ad!
Call The Easterner’s advertising department at 359-7010 for more information.
Athletic Training Club hosts Resolution Film Lab

By Libby Campbell

The idea of running through dark, bitter cold, and near-freezing temperatures probably doesn’t sound very appealing to many people, but Eastern Washington University’s Athletic Training Club member Heather Gähl says it’s exactly that which got her interested in the sport of ultramarathon running. “Many people thought there would probably be snow,” she said, “and we thought that could add to the adventure.”

The club will host its first winter event, the Resolution Run 2012, on Saturday. Organizers designed this race to help runners embrace the New Year’s training goals.

Gähl says there has been a spike in participants in the UW Team Invitational. “This year we plan on doing two runs and hope to have our second race in the spring,” said Bevan, a co-organizer of the club. The 5K run the club hosts will be a road race, and the Resolution Run will be a very different sort of challenge. This will be the first time the club has had to deal with the conditions of the race.

The first race will be held on Saturday. “The race course will be very difficult to fulfill during the winter months,” said Bevan. “We do our best to make the course as safe as possible.”

They strive to get in 20 miles in waves in layers and wear good gear,” Bevan said.

The quarter 3 LLCO will be open for all students interested in physical education, general science, or health. This LLC is for students interested in being a PE teacher or school counselor.

The film program focuses on the importance of screenwriting in the filmmaking process. The film lab will be open for all students interested in learning the narrative aspect of filmmaking. The lab will be open for seniors and juniors on the film building, for all students interested in filmmaking.

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**Upcoming Sports**

**at Kamloops, British Columbia**

- VS. Thompson Rivers
- VS. Washington State
- VS. Northern Arizona

**Women’s Basketball**

- AT Bozeman, Mont.
- IN UW Team invite

**Men’s Basketball**

- Track and Field
- Men’s Hockey

**Men’s Hockey**

- VS. Whitworth
- AT Whitworth

**Men’s Hockey**

- VS. Montana
- AT Montana

**Men’s Hockey**

- JAN. 26
- AT 10 a.m.
- AT 6 p.m.

**Men’s Hockey**

- FEB. 2
- AT 8 p.m.

**Men’s Hockey**

- FEB. 4
- AT 6 p.m.

**Women’s Basketball**

- AT 10 a.m.
- AT 5:30 p.m.

**Women’s Basketball**

- JAN. 25
- AT 10 a.m.
- AT 8 p.m.

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By Kyle Franko

After Michelle Coombs launched the javelin over 163 feet in her senior year, the 2009 Big Sky Championship as a freshman seemed limitless. As a student athlete, Coombs expected to be successful. She was, because we didn’t know what else. Going into her senior year, it was kind of scary being successful. It felt like throwing her elbow.

Coombs was front and center because we didn’t know what was going to happen.

Three visits to the doc-
tor later, Coombs finally discovered what had de-
veloped over time. It was a spon-
tileous microfracture of the ulnar collateral ligament. It wasn’t the end, but it was a step. She was unsure if she ever hoped to throw that far again.

After surgery, Coombs’s arm was in a cast and eventually a brace. Upon returning to school, Coombs and Shannon winded up in the Student Sports Athletic Trainer, spent the first couple of weeks trying to increase in flexibility in the elbow. Initially, it was as stiff as a board.

Every day he would just force my arm down so much here,” Coombs said. “I remem-
ber that sometimes the brace was the painful part.

Coombs said she had to go there for like two hours a day for the first four months at least.

Coombs said.

The surgical pro-
cedure, which replaced the torn ligament in the elbow, she had a ton of hope from her doctors. “The Tommy John surgery,” recovery time of 12 to 18 months.

“Where I found out I had a torn ligament in the elbow, I was blown away,” Coombs said. “But thank goodness I did. I knew I could be up and going. Last game when I was out, I was blown away.”

As a kid, Coombs said. “I think the competition was the reason why I’m here.”

I've been practicing for the javelin for years now, the ultra-competitive atmosphere that was lacking in the training room.

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Russell also serves as a big influence on the team, and that her cal-
cular contributions during game time, they also realize her char-
der and resolve. According to Schuller, Russell is the team’s best
defender.

She's really quick,” Ojeda said. “She's got that speed and she's got that ability to get us going on defense a lot. She gets steals and goes and lays those in. She's been hurting for a long time, and I think this year she's doing a little better.”

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Russell rebounding from injury

By Josh Franklin

For senior basketball player Breanna Russell, last season did not go as planned. She was able to play during the preseason, but over time a season-ending stress fracture and bone spur forced her to the sidelines.

Russell had to make sure to not lose hope, Russell said. “I was done.”

Although Russell’s injury
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The Vikings pillaged Eagles in overtime

By Fedor Gaponenko

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Men's ranked fifth in Big Sky

The Eagles dropped the Vikings this time in a 94-88 overtime loss to the Portland State Vikings.

In a game that featured eight lead changes and 14 ties, it was fitting to see it go into overtime.

With a one point lead and under a minute left in regulation, the Eagles forward Tremayne Johnson made a tough basket with the foul, but missed on the free throw. Thus ending the three-point-play and put the Eagles up by four.

The Vikings got the rebound and ran out on a fast break finding guard Lassef McMullin for the corner three-pointer.

The Eagle point guard Colin Crollman entered half a second late and in an attempt to block the shot, missed off the glass. McMullin nailed the equalizer.

“If we make that free throw we’re up by four and it doesn’t happen that way,” Jon Hayford said. “The only thing that could’ve hurt us was a three and we couldn’t have glossed over that because we fouled them too.”

Specialty for a team to lose a game for a yellow felony, McMullin missed the go-ahead free throw as the Vikings six seconds to try and break the game.

Johnson had a chance to get the win on the last shot, but was blocked into overtime.

“Fortunately he missed that one,” Hayford said remembering the throw miss. “We got the matchup we wanted [on Johnson’s final shot] but we just couldn’t finish.”

In overtime, the Vikings kept the Eagles playing catch-up. With a three point deficit and just over thirty seconds left in the game the Eagles drew up a play for forward Collin Chiverton to get a 3-point lead.

The play was executed to perfection as Chiverton has around a couple of screens and caught the ball for a wide open baseline 3-pointer.

Stash to the agony of the fans, there was plenty of time for the Vikings to take the final lead.

After dribbling around the perimeter for precious seconds ticked off the clock, Viking guard Charles Odum attacked the middle and pulled up for a shot, which gently hit the front rim and found its way through the net, giving the Eagles the lead.

The Eagles didn’t have a great shooting night, finishing with 40 percent from the field, but made up for it by shooting 70 total free throws compared to 50 for the Vikings.

The Vikings had fewer attempts from the field than the Eagles but made up for it with free throws.

There was a huge free throw discrepancy with the Vikings getting to the line 43 times compared to the Eagles with 24.

Neither team shot their free throws particularly well, the Eagles made 58.3 percent. The loss brings Easton’s overall season record to 1-7.

The Eagles will next play the Montana Grizzlies, Jan. 26 at 7:05 p.m. at Re- en Court.

Athletes break personal records, qualifying for championships

By Kyle Franko

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Qualifying for the Big Sky Conference Championships is just the beginning for the EWU track throwers. It simply means they have been invited to the party.

Men’s track throwers Rory Anderson, Zach Nielsen, Jon Buchanan and Jordan Arakawa have all qualified for the indoor conference championships in Flagstaff, Ariz. Feb. 24 and 25.

However, the qualification marks do not mean the athletes can coast for the next month.

With four meets left until the conference championships, each athlete is working to improve his technique and build toward a successful finish.

All four throwers are currently seeded in the Big Sky Conference in shot put with Anderson holding the best toss of 52-2 1/2.

He is also sixth in the weight throw with a distance of 55-1 1/4 and hopes to improve both marks.

“I’m nowhere near where I want to be,” Buchanan said. “I’ve got a ways to go.”

Anderson, a junior who finished sixth in the shot put in last year’s indoor championships, currently leads the Big Sky after setting a personal record in the shot put of 52-4 1/4 at the UW Indoor Pre- view in Seattle on Jan. 14.

I just finally figured out how to get my footwork down,” Anderson said. “I had a whole bunch of family there supporting me, so it made it easier to throw.”

Anderson was not the only Eagle thrower to set a personal record in Seattle. Junior Zach Nielsen also set a personal best with a mark of 50-11 1/4 in the weight throw, the second best distance in the Big Sky conference.

“There’s always going to be room to improve, but this early in the season I’m pretty happy to have gotten a PR [personal record] at the last meet,” Nielsen said. “[But] I’m putting in more work if this is where I stop.

Arakawa, a sophomore who has the least experience in the group, is third in the Big Sky conference in the weight throw with a distance of 53-11 1/4 at the UW Indoor Preview.

Last year was my first year doing the weight,” Arakawa said. “This is a good year, … a technique year.”

All four throwers, participating in either the weight throw or shot put, have put themselves in positions to compete for Big Sky throwing championships.

Women’s head coach Marcia Mckegnon, who coaches the throwers, sees their improvement resulting from their commitment to the sport.

“They’re motivated … and they’ve got a great attitude,” Mckegnon said. “They’re very coach-able, and it’s a lot of fun working with them. They listen to what you have to say and they’ve got positive attitudes. They don’t carry or bring in baggage from school. When they come to work out, they are there to work out and to get the job done.”

It is a group of throwers dedicated to the process of getting better every day, and according to Mckegnon, it is a close-knit crew. “Even though only one can win, they’re behind each other all the way.”

The four throwers are friends off and on the track, but each athlete has individual strengths and personalities.

The men’s head coach Stan Kerr said, “Jordan Arakawa just hustles [and] works really hard in practice.”