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Cover: A sculpture by EWU's Tom Askman makes a dramatic impact against Seattle's night sky.

Art and the Superhero

Art is not a treasure in the past or an importation from another land, but part of the present life of all living and creating peoples.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. President

Eastern Washington University is privileged to have faculty in its Art Department who understand the need for art and beauty in our lives. One of them, Tom Askman, has created many pieces of public art – art located in outdoor public spaces that reflects the surrounding environment and can challenge assumptions.

Featured in this issue of *Perspective* is some of his significant artwork located throughout the Puget Sound area, once again illustrating Eastern's meaningful presence in the region where 15,500 of our alumni live and work.

But first, a few words about some other Eagle superheroes.

What does it take to be a superhero? Colorful spandex? A cape? A mask?

In communities all around us, there are true superheroes – social workers, artists like Tom Askman, volunteers and others – working to make a difference and stretching boundaries. Read about some of them in these pages of *Perspective*.

Eastern's Homecoming theme this year honors the superhero in each of us. Please join your fellow Eastern alumni and friends for Superhero Homecoming 2004 on Saturday, October 30, in Cheney! (Capes optional.)