



A New Flock of Eagles

Eastern welcomed its second-largest freshman class ever this fall. Just over 1,500 freshmen came to campus.

Here, members of the class of 2012 are pictured taking part in the Pass Through the Pillars tradition, which is based on the decades-old practice of Eastern students arriving by train in downtown Cheney, walking up what is now College Avenue, then “passing through the pillars” to start their studies at Eastern.

Eastern’s Own Ice Cream

Congratulations to Sandy Cobb and Cole Clark, winners of the Eastern ice cream contest. Cobb, a 2000 graduate of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, submitted the winning name – Swoop Goop – while Clark, a sixth-grade student at Cheney Middle School, created the flavor of EWU’s exclusive ice cream. Both received gift certificates to the Alumni Gear Store for their efforts. Swoop Goop is a cake batter ice cream with mini chocolate chips, cherry pieces and a hint of caramel flavoring. Fred and Gail Pollard, owners of the deli and ice cream shop, Cheney Delights, took Clark’s ingredients and Cobb’s name and created a wonderful concoction that is sure to please even the staunchest of ice cream critics! Get your Swoop Goop today at Cheney Delights in downtown Cheney.



Fred Pollard

Rec Center Gets Green Award

Eastern Washington University’s new Recreation Center has been awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification for its environmentally friendly construction. The LEED program is sponsored by the U.S. Green Building Council, the nation’s leading advocate of sustainable design.

The LEED green building rating system awards points for satisfying specified green building criteria. Special attention is given to water savings, energy efficiency, natural lighting, low maintenance landscaping and other environmentally sensitive products and designs. The only higher rating than gold is platinum.

“This is a tremendous honor because EWU has already implemented many of these building practices on previous projects,” said Troy Bester of Eastern’s Construction and Planning Services. “These construction practices are not a new thing for the University, as we are very mindful of using resources wisely.”

Eastern opened its new multi-purpose Recreation Center in May. Environmentally-friendly bathrooms, lighting and landscaping are just some of the “green” features of the building. With a fitness facility, indoor running track, gymnasium, ice rink, climbing wall, covered parking and a new dining facility, the center is the premier hub for health-related activities on campus. The \$26.3 million project is a partnership between the University and students.



A Sporting Event for the Mind

Continuing its leadership role in addressing the critical need for graduates in engineering and the sciences, Eastern Washington University hosted the inaugural FirstLEGO League competition for this region in December. The event took place inside EWU's state-of-the-art Computing and Engineering Building.

This inspiring international program was created by FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and the LEGO Group.

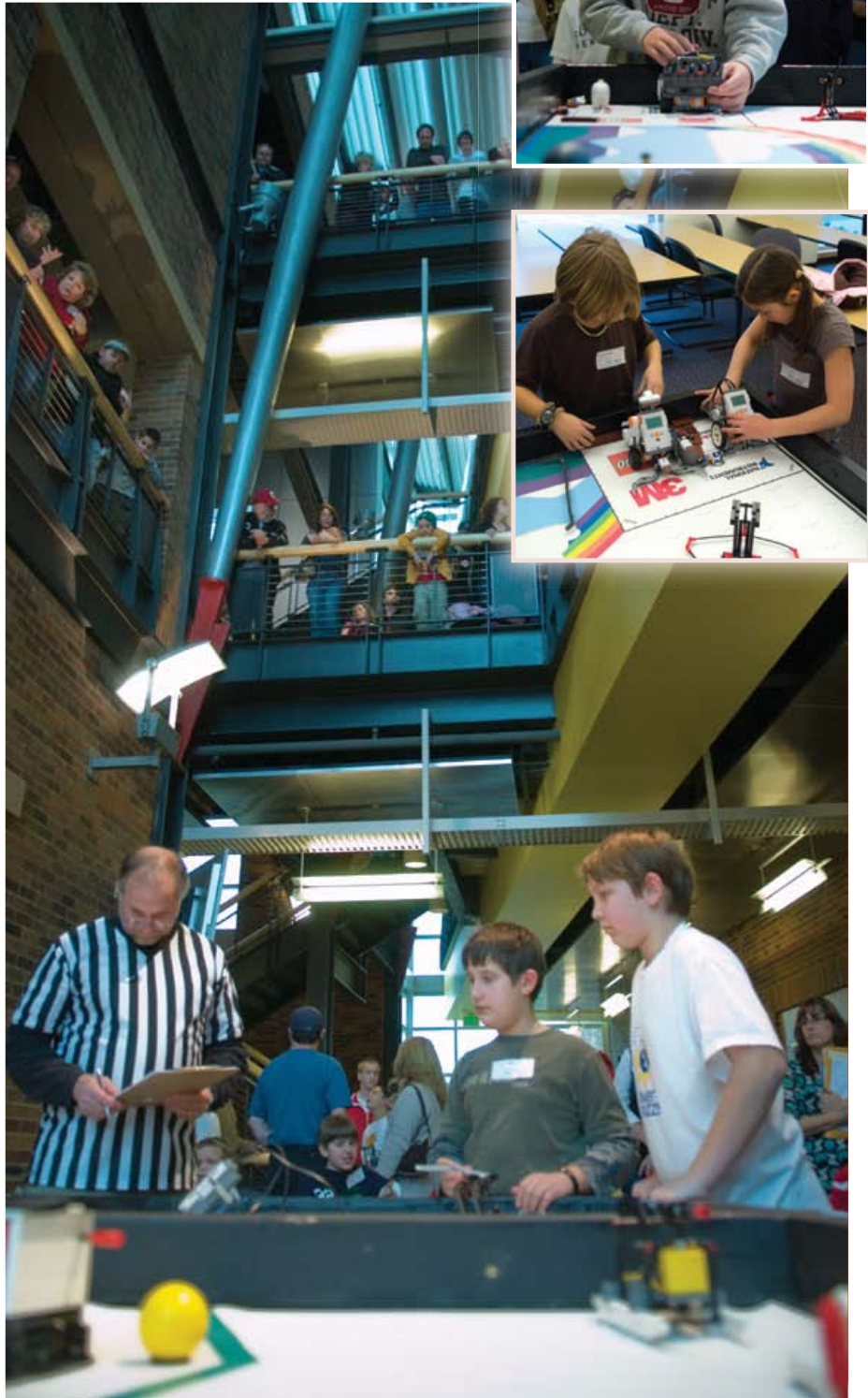
Under the vision of President Rodolfo Arévalo, EWU is preparing to embark on PROJECT STEaM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The University will lead the way in facilitating programs and providing infrastructure that support the sciences.

One such program is FirstLEGO League (FLL), which challenges 9-14 year-olds from area schools to utilize research, engineering and problem-solving skills in a competition to address a current world problem. This year's theme was "climate connections."

Fifteen teams made up of some 120 students gave formal presentations addressing their topic, but the highlight of the day was a robotics exercise designed to reward strategic thinking. The robots – made from LEGO technology – were programmed to perform a series of two-and-half minute missions on a game board, including constructing levees and insulating houses. Teams earned points based on their various missions. The day also included demonstrations from students in the EWU Engineering Program.

"What makes this competition so amazing is the work of volunteer coaches and mentors who are committed to providing challenging, exciting and creative experiences for students in science and engineering," said Lorna Kropp, a coach and mentor for a team from Discovery School in Spokane.

EWU not only plans to annually host this event, but also work to secure investments in science and engineering scholarships as well as equipment support for the University.



Clickable EWU Seating Charts Now Available at TicketsWest

The Eastern Washington University Athletics Department has become TicketsWest's first Inland Northwest client to have clickable seating charts for its basketball and volleyball contests. In the near future, this feature will also allow fans to see views from each seating location.

"This achievement culminates a joint effort of EWU athletics and TicketsWest," athletics director Bill Chaves said. "Both entities have been working together to improve our ability to ease the purchasing process for our fans."

No other professional athletics team or collegiate athletics department located in the Inland Northwest and associated with TicketsWest provides this feature. The feature is now available for those purchasing men's basketball tickets and will be added to women's basketball, volleyball and football contests shortly.

"Offering fans an opportunity to see where they are sitting will help us offer the most engaging experience for our ticket purchasers," Ticket Manager Troy Kirby said.

Jack Lucas '77, president of TicketsWest, stated, "We are excited to bring this type of technology to EWU athletics and look forward to our continued business partnership. This technology will provide the customer with a unique ticket-buying experience."

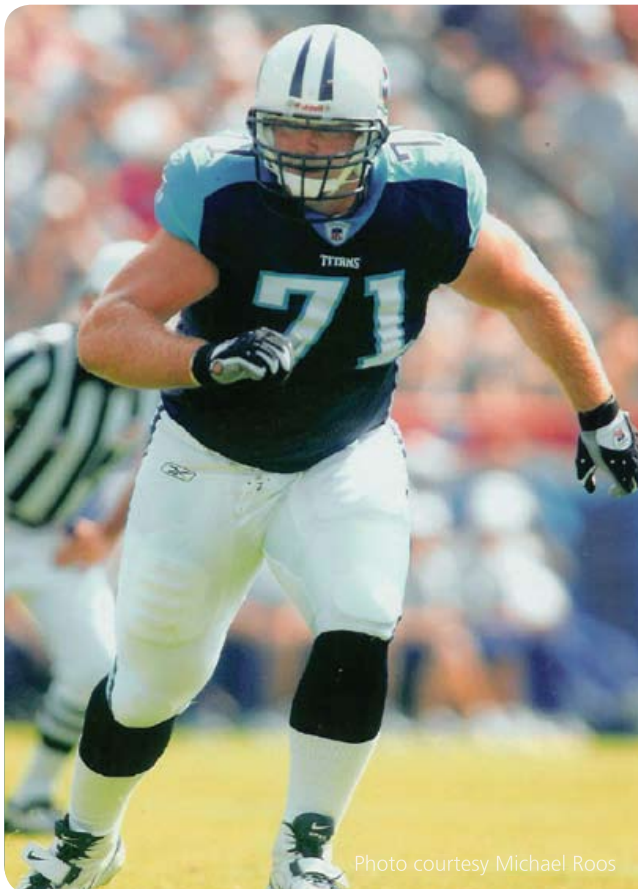
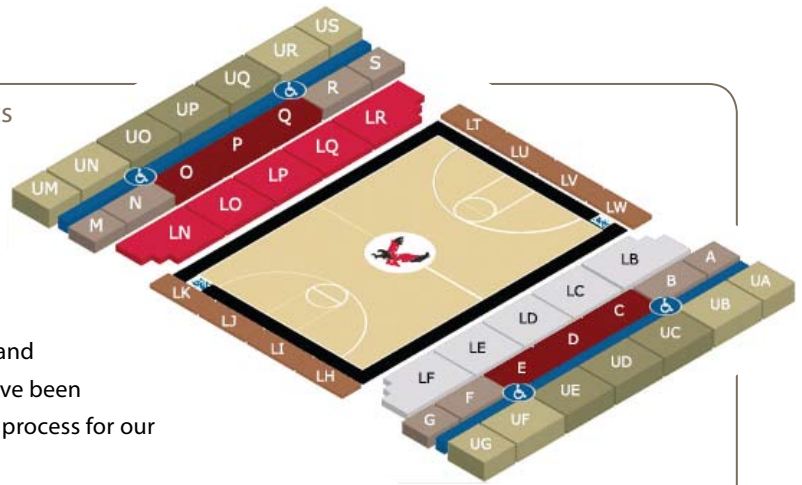


Photo courtesy Michael Roos

Michael Roos Selected for Pro Bowl

Former Eastern Washington University offensive tackle Michael Roos is the first-ever Eagle to be selected to the Pro Bowl. Roos and five of his Tennessee Titans teammates were rewarded for owning the NFL's best record at 13-3 by being named to the 2009 Pro Bowl. The game will be played at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Sunday, Feb. 8, and televised by NBC.

Roos will be making his first Pro Bowl appearance after giving up only one sack all season.

Among the many former Eagles who have played in the NFL, none have ever been invited to the Pro Bowl. However, Kurt Schulz (Buffalo Bills) was an alternate in 2001, and both he and Ed Simmons (Washington Redskins) earned all-division accolades during their 10- and 11-year NFL careers, respectively.

Roos has started every game in four seasons as a Titan after earning NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America honors and Lineman of the Year accolades as an Eagle senior in 2004. A second-round pick out of EWU in 2005, he has started 62 consecutive regular season games at tackle for the Titans.

Kydd Named Big Sky Coach of the Year

In his first year as the head coach of the Eastern Washington University volleyball team, Miles Kydd has been named the Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year. He was selected by his fellow conference coaches after leading the Eagles to the league's regular-season title as well as a berth in the conference's championship match.

Eastern Washington went 18-11 overall and 12-4 in Big Sky play this year to claim the team's first regular-season crown since 2004. The Eagles also played in the league's championship match for the eighth time in the past nine years. Eastern finished 2008 on a strong note, claiming wins in 12 of its last 14 contests.

Kydd, who had served as assistant coach for the Eagles the previous four years, was selected in January 2008 as the program's fifth head coach since Eastern joined the NCAA Division I ranks in 1983.



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Eagles Football Player Receives Rare Honor

Record-breaking national sacks leader Greg Peach had to pinch himself to make sure he wasn't dreaming.

The Eastern Washington University senior was honored Dec. 18, 2008, by The Sports Network as the recipient of the Buck Buchanan Award, which is given to the top defensive player in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

"It's a very prestigious award, and I would have never thought coming in here that I could receive it," said Peach, who led FCS with 18 sacks in the 2008 season. "It's an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime, honor."

Weighing just 205 pounds when he arrived on the EWU campus in Cheney, Wash., back in 2005, Peach finished his career with 35.5 sacks to set school records for both single season and career sacks. He finished his career as a two-time FCS All-American and now stands a stout 6-foot-3, 235 pounds and hopes to continue his career in the professional ranks.

"It's hard for me to see myself as the top defensive player," admitted the 2005 graduate of Evergreen, Wash., High School. "Fortunately there were other people that thought that, and it's great that I won. It's a great compliment. But I have a lot of work to do to get to the next level, and I'm going to keep working to get better."

