Foreword

This project is the direct descendant of a brief chronology of the university prepared in the early 1980’s for the Office of the Centennial. The concept is much older, drawing on historical data gathered by J. Orin Oliphant and Ceylon Samuel Kingston between the 1920’s and 1940’s. In the late 1940’s and early 1950’s brief chronologies were used by the public relations office at Eastern Washington College of Education. None of these were available when work began on a historical chronology for the university centennial in 1980. The centennial chronology was drawn largely from catalogs and other university publications. Like earlier chronologies, it was produced as a typescript. One copy of the original typescript was held by the University Archives, which annotated it over the next ten years. After converting the chronology and a roster of presidents to computer files, updated editions have been produced periodically. Additional collections of data have been created, often in response to requests for information about a specific office or topic.

In 2002 the University Archives received a request for information about the people for whom campus facilities are named. This resulted in another computer data file being created. It was decided to develop a compendium of historical information about the university which would include the various electronic files of historical information which are being maintained by the University Archives.

The University Archives intends to update the Compendium periodically. Suggestions for additions or corrections are always welcome. Please contact me at (509) 359-2475, or electronically at: cmutschler@mail.ewu.edu

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Chronological History

1880

Sep. 17. General J. W. Sprague, Construction Superintendent for the Northern Pacific Railroad ordered the name of the townsite formerly called 'Billings' to be changed to Cheney. The town was named for Benjamin P. Cheney, of Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Cheney was a Director of the Northern Pacific Railroad, which had located its route through the town site.

1881

Mr. Cheney agreed to donate $10,000.00 to construct a teacher’s academy at Cheney, Washington Territory.

Sep. 24. The Benjamin P. Cheney Academy was incorporated by Reverend G. H. Atkinson, Daniel F. Percival, and General John W. Sprague. Percival was a banker in the new town of Cheney, and Sprague was the Construction Superintendent for the NP railroad. Articles of Incorporation filed with Spokane County Auditor on October 1. [J.O.O., Academy, p.109.]

Nov. The Cheney Academy building was under construction. It was a two-story frame structure, located on the site now occupied by Showalter Hall.


1882

Apr. 3. The Benjamin P. Cheney Academy opened. Daniel H. Felch was the Principal, Augusta Bunker the 'Princetress.' The Academy operated on a twelve week term including classes which would now be considered grade school work. Academy employed by Cheney School directors as the public school until 1887. [J.O.O., Academy, p.114.]

1883

Sep. Mr. Cheney toured the completed Northern Pacific Railroad. The party stopped briefly at Cheney. Mr. Cheney indicated that he was pleased with what he had seen of the town. [Portland Oregonian, Sep. 18, 1883.]

Nov. Daniel H. Felch resigned as Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy.

Dec. Reverend F. V. Hoyt was appointed to serve as the second Principal of the Cheney Academy.

Annual tuition for the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy was listed in the United States Commissioner of Education's Report as being $30.00 per year.
1884

Apr. James W. Dow of Spangle, Washington became the third Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. The staff consisted of the Principal and two teachers, Miss Augusta Bunker and Mrs. J. A. C. Merriman.

1885

Aug. The tuition structure was changed, with specific tuition charged for course work in different areas. The new tuition structure was: Primary Course: $6.50 per term, Common English: $9.50 per term, High English: $10.50 per term, and Languages $2.00 extra per term.

1886

New tuition schedule placed in effect. Rates of tuition per term for the courses offered: Primary Course: $5.00, Intermediate Course: $7.00, Common and Higher English: $9.00 and Languages $2.00 extra.

Sep. Mortimer M. Carraker became the 4th Principal of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. At that time enrollment at the Academy was approximately 200 students.

1887

The Town of Cheney decided to build and operate its own public school independent of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy. This appears to have been initially housed in the old County Courthouse, vacated by the move of the County Seat to Spokane in 1886. William J. Sutton was made head of the Cheney Public School.

1888

Jun. 15 The first class graduated from the B.P. Cheney Academy. There were four graduates: Mary Allison, Allie Dale, Mary DeBron, and Ralph Hendricks.

1889

Spring Mortimer M. Carraker resigned as Principal of the Cheney Academy. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 113.]

Sep. B.G. Cheney became the 5th Principal of the Cheney Academy. Competition with the Cheney Public School was hurting the Academy. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 113]

Nov. 11 Washington became a state. Plans for a state Normal School at Cheney began to be formulated.

1890
Jan. 6 Last term of B.P. Cheney Academy opened.

Jan. The Board of Directors of the Benjamin P. Cheney Academy offered the building and grounds to the State of Washington to house a State Normal School.

Mar. 22 The first Normal School in the state was located at Cheney by an act of the State Legislature.

Aug. 18. Trustees formally accepted the building and grounds. [J.O.O., Academy, p. 115.]

Oct. 13 The State Normal School opened in Cheney, with W. Gillette as its first Principal. There were two other instructors at the time: Mr. W. C. Stone, and Miss Mattie C. Hammond.

1891

Jun. Work began on an addition to the original Academy building to provide more room for the Normal School. During the summer of 1891 a 40-foot by 60 foot two story frame addition to the original building, also a two-story frame structure, was under construction.

Aug. 27 Before the addition was completed the entire building burned to the ground. The Cheney Public School building was offered as a temporary home for the Normal School, but this offer was not accepted.

Sep. 2 Normal School moved into the Pomeroy Building, a brick structure on First Street in downtown Cheney rented to permit operations to continue until a new building could be constructed.

Tuition at the Normal School: Prep Tuition: $10.00 per term, Academic Tuition: $15.00 per term, $3.00 library deposit required of all students.

1892

Jan. Training Department established at the Normal School. This was the forerunner of the current campus school.

Jan. W. W. Gillette resigns as Principal of the Normal school, William J. Sutton is appointed as Principal.

Jun. 17 The first class graduated from the State Normal School at Cheney. There were three graduates: Kate D. Brace, Grace M. Nichols, and Elizabeth O. (Hamblen) Shaw.

1893

Mar. Legislature passed an Appropriation Bill for the Normal School, which provided $60,000.00 for a new building, and $25,000.00 for maintaining and operating the school. The appropriation bill was vetoed by Governor John H. McGraw.
Apr. The voters in Cheney approved a $19,000.00 bond issue to permit construction of a new school building to be shared with the Normal School.

Jul. Construction began on the new Cheney School building.

Sep. 20 The building was completed, and the Normal School opened on this date in the new building. The building was a two-story structure made of brick, with a full basement.

Tuition was set as follows: In state: Free and Incidental Fee of $5.00 was charged all students, plus a $5.00 Library Deposit.

1894

Spring Commencement exercises were held for the class graduating from the Normal School.

1895

Mar. The State Legislature again passed an appropriation bill for the State Normal School, including $60,000.00 for the construction of a new Normal School building. Governor McGraw signed the bill.

Spring Construction of the Normal School building began.

Fall Discord between the City of Cheney and the State Normal School developed following financial problems of the contractor working on the building. The contractor was not making immediate payments to many Cheney workmen, and they were unhappy over the lack of wages. Relations between the city and the school were strained at this time, and got worse in the following year.

1896

Feb. 14 A petition asking the dismissal of Mr. Reeves, a mathematics teacher at the Normal School, was circulated in Cheney. According to the petition, Mr. Reeves was unsatisfactory and "inefficient." The Normal School stood behind its teacher. Relations with the city of Cheney continued to be strained.

Feb. 19 "Pink Pamphlets" distributed in Cheney alleged that the trustees of the Normal School had acted unwisely by awarding the contract to the wrong party. Principal Sutton was also attacked as being incompetent.

Jun. Contractor Nickalls failed to complete the building, so the Board of Trustees assumed the contract and completed the building.

Jun. Following the completion of the building, the graduation exercises for the Class of 1896 were held in the new building.
Sep. Classes open in the new Normal School building. The building was of brick construction, with a full basement, two floors, and an attic. It had a tower over the front entrance.

1897

Feb. 1 W. J. Sutton gave the Board of Trustees his resignation as Principal of the Normal School, to be effective immediately.

Feb. 6 Mr. W. C. Stone was made acting Principal.

Feb. 10 Mr. J. J. Rippetoe was made the Principal of the Normal School.

Mar. 23 The Normal School's $25,000.00 appropriation, passed by the Legislature was vetoed by Governor John Rogers.

Jun. At the end of the spring term, the Normal School was closed.

1898

[Summer] Plans for the re-opening the Normal School were formulated. It had been closed for a year at this time.

Sep. The Normal School re-opened. W. B. Turner was made the 4th Principal of the institution.

Tuition was free, but all students were charged an "incidental fee" of $15.00 semi-annually. During the 1898-99 school year the Cheney Normal School was charging a $15.00 per semester tuition, and contributions of goods and services by the citizens of Cheney made it possible for the school to remain open.

1899

Jan. Cheney citizens actively lobbied in the State Legislature for passage of an appropriation bill to keep the Cheney Normal School open.

Feb. 24 An appropriation bill for the Cheney Normal School was passed by the Legislature.

Jun. 22 Commencement at Cheney Normal. Six Normal Diplomas and thirty Elementary Certificates awarded.

During the 1899-1900 year tuition was free, but an entry fee of $10.00 was assessed of all students, $5.00 of which was to support the library.

During the 1899-1900 year the Normal School established its first football team in the fall of 1899.

1900
Jul. Mr. W. B. Turner resigned as Principal. Mr. J. H. Miller was appointed as the 5th Principal of Cheney Normal.

1901

Fall Ceylon S. Kingston joined the faculty of the Cheney State Normal School. Mr. Kingston was formerly principal of the South Spokane High School. He taught history and English.

1902

Feb. 2 Following a dispute with the Board of Trustees over the quality of teaching and the location of the Board Meetings which culminated in a request by Principal Miller for the dismissal of two members of the Board. The Board dismissed Principal J. H. Miller, appointed C. S. Kingston Acting Principal.

[Spring] Lewis B. Alger was named Principal to replace J. H. Miller.


Glee Club formed.

1903

Apr. Board of Trustees decided to increase the faculty at the Normal School, and to complete the upper floor of the building. They also decided to landscape the grounds and start a museum.

May The first Annual was published, called the Green and white. The athletics listed in the annual included Baseball, Football, and girl's Basketball.

Aug. Principal Alger resigned; Harry M. Shafer became Principal of the Cheney State Normal School.

The attic of the Normal School building was remodeled. The roof was raised so that this became a third floor.

Sep. Manual and Physical training was offered for the first time. This was the forerunner of both Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

Tuition was established as being free for state residents, but $20.00 per year plus library fee for out of state students. The library fee for all students was assessed at $5.00 per year.

1904

May 13 "Ye Old Folks Concert" was held at the Normal Auditorium by the Normal School students. This was one of the first musical events at the school.
Jun. The Rhododendron came out for the first time. This was an annual, a predecessor to the Kinnikinick.

[Sep.] Henry E, Smith was hired as the first Athletic Director in the history of the Normal School.

**1905**

Jan. A Normal School Current Fund for the use and support of the Normal Schools in the state was created by the Legislature.

[Fall] Kindergarten was added to the Training School operations.

The Board of Education defined "credit" as being one hour of work for one semester equaling one credit.

[Fall] Boy's Basketball became a part of the athletic program at the Cheney State Normal School.

**1906**

Apr. 28 Cheney Normal hosts its first Interscholastic Track Meet. Davenport, Medical Lake, and the Cheney Normal met.

Nov. 22 A play called "A Pair of Spectacles" was performed at Cheney Normal. [this may been the first play presented at Eastern]

**1907**

[Spring] The Legislature appropriated $65,000.00 for the construction of a training school building at Cheney State Normal.

[Spring] The Legislature appropriated money for the construction of a heating plant at the Cheney Normal School, getting the coal and dust out of the main building itself.

[Spring] Construction of the Training School building and the Normal Heating Plant commenced in the spring of 1907.

Planning began for a new athletic field to be located northeast of the main building.

Two city blocks on the northwest side of the campus were purchased to permit future expansion.

Extension work at state normal schools was authorized by the State Board of Education.

A list of electives permissible in normal schools was issued by the State Board of Education.
[Sep.] The first academic departmentalization at the Normal School occurred. Art, Professional (Education), Biology and Agriculture, English, Foreign Languages, History and Social Science, Manual Training, Mathematics, Music, Physical Science, and Physical Training departments were organized.

**1908**

Spring Harry Shafer resigned as Cheney Normal Principal.

Summer The Training School building was completed.

Summer The Heating Plant was completed.

Summer Hiram Calvin Sampson was appointed as Principal of the school.

Sep. 1 The Rural Department was organized. A rural training school was opened on the Washington Water Power Company's interurban line three miles east of Cheney.

Sep. The new three story Training School opened, and the new Heating Plant came on line. The Heating Plant was equipped to provide heat for all existing buildings. The old boilers were removed from the basement of the main building.

Total land occupied by Cheney State Normal was 13 acres.

**1909**

Jun. The State Legislature abolished tuition for all students. All students were required to pay a $5.00 library fee.

Jun. The Alumni Association voted to aid a student loan fund started by the faculty for needy students. The Student Loan Fund became a reality, supported by faculty, alumni and students.

Sep. The Professional Department was reclassified as the Department of Education and Psychology.

Sep. Domestic Arts for Women, formerly a part of Manual Training, was organized as a new department.

Noah D. Showalter was made the head of the Rural Department.

The state Certification Law was amended and advanced courses of two and three years were instituted at the Normal School.

**1910**

Jun. The Rhododendron ceased publication.

Sep. Following a Board of Education decision made in February of 1910, the Normal School began to get out of the high school teaching field gradually, and began to emphasize higher education in its curriculum.

1911

Jan. Noah David Showalter was installed as the 9th Principal of the Normal School.

Sep. The Department of Education and Psychology was renamed the Department of Education, psychology classes were then offered as part of the Education Department.

Sep. High School work was offered only to those students from places without high schools.

Dec. Volume 1, Number 1 of the Kinnikinick came out. This was a publication in a magazine format produced by the printing class in the Manual Training Department. Eventually, the Kinnikinick evolved into the school annual.

1912

Jan. George E. Craig was named to head the Rural Department.

Apr. 24 In the early hours of the morning, the main building of the Normal School burned to the ground, destroying all of the school's records, the library, and teaching materials in the building. The Training School and Heating Plant were unharmed.

Summer Summer session was held in the Training School building.

Sep. The fall term opened with the Normal School holding its classes in the Training School building, and the Training School was operated in the Cheney Public School building which had been used from 1893 through 1896 by the Normal School after the 1891 fire which destroyed the former Benjamin P. Cheney Academy building.

Sep. The Department of Biology and Agriculture was split into two departments - Biology and Agriculture.

Sep. The Department of Oral Expression was created. (Speech)

Nov. The Kinnikinick was again being printed at the Normal School. Several previous issues had been printed outside the school following the destruction of the press in the April 24, 1912 fire.

1913
Feb. 4 An appropriation bill for the rebuilding of the Cheney State Normal School passed the Legislature.

Feb. 14 Governor Ernest Lister vetoed the Cheney Normal appropriation bill.

Mar. 11 The Legislature passed a $300,000.00 appropriation bill for Cheney Normal over Lister's veto.

Spring Planning for a new Normal School building began.

1914

Jun. 27 The cornerstone of the Administration Building (now Showalter Hall) was laid.

[Sep.] Physical Training was renamed Health Education.

Planning for a girl's dormitory began.

Noah D. Showalter became the first President of the Normal School, as the title was changed from Principal to President.

1915

Apr. 23 Following an appropriation by the Legislature, a contract was let for the construction of a Manual Arts (industrial arts) Building. Alloway and George of Spokane were awarded the contract.

May 22 The Administration Building was dedicated.

May 27 The Administration Building was formally accepted by the Board of Trustees.

Jun. 17 A contract was let to Cheatham and Sons for Monroe Hall, the first dormitory to be built on campus.

Jun. The "Herculean Pillars" on the walk to the front (south) entrance of the Administration Building were constructed of granite from the old Cheney Normal Building. The project was financed by the Alumni Association.

Sep. The Manual Arts building was completed, and classes moved into it.

[Sep.] The Department of Oral Expression was renamed Expression.

During the fall of 1915 the Associated Students Organization was formed, the beginning of student government at Eastern.

1916
Feb. 4 Monroe Hall formally opened. It had actually been in use since the start of the term. It had a dining room seating 200, and room and board was $4.00 per week, plus $.75 per month for laundry. The building was a women's dormitory. It was named for Mrs. Mary Monroe, who was Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time.

Jun. A plaster statue of Sacajawea was donated to the school by the Class of 1916. The statue was placed on display in the Administration Building.

[Sep.] The Department of Geography was created.

Oct. 3 The first issue of the State Normal School Journal came out. This was a weekly student newspaper. The Kinnikinick became a quarterly, rather than monthly publication after the Journal was introduced. The Journal was the first real newspaper to be published here - the Kinnikinick was really a magazine format although at first it was called a paper.

1917

Mar. Military training began for male students who volunteered for it. J. W. Hungate directed drill twice a week.

Summer The Alumni began raising money for a pipe organ for the auditorium. The project was soon shelved for the duration of the war.

The heating plant equipment was improved at a cost of $16,5000.00.

The Legislature made several important changes: It gave Normal School a monopoly on training elementary teachers; but did not permit them to train high school teachers; it made provisions for more three and four year courses at Normal Schools; and it removed the Normals from the high school field altogether.

The first correspondence and extension courses were approved and offered.

[Fall] No high school work was offered at Cheney State Normal.

1918

May 17 Cheney Normal purchased a block of land fronting on 5th Street, extending to F Street for future expansion of the campus.

May The first Three-Year Diploma from the Cheney State Normal School was awarded to Anna Quigley.

Jun. The State Board of Education authorized Cheney State Normal to change from a semester calendar to a quarter academic calendar.
Oct. 1 A Student Army Training Corps (SATC) group was organized at Cheney Normal under direction of Julian E. Buchanan. Cheney had the only SATC group at a normal school in the western USA.

During 1918 there were numerous Red Cross fund drives.

1919

During 1919 the Legislature appropriated $75,000.00 for the construction of a second women's dormitory. Work commenced on Senior Hall.

The Cheney State Normal School was accredited for the first time.

1920

Jul 9 Senior Hall was formally opened following its completion.

A Student's Activity Fee of $4.00 per year was assessed to cover athletics, lectures, the Journal and other student activities. A lab fee of $1.00 was assessed for all lab courses, like manual arts and science.

A four-year course was organized, in accord with the legislative act of 1917 permitting it.

The CSNS campus totaled 20 acres.

[Fall] Courses were grouped into six academic groups called departments: Applied Sciences & Arts, Education; Language & Literature, Music & Dramatic Art, Science & Social Sciences. These really were more like academic divisions than departments in the modern sense.

Room and board for all dorms was set at $6.00 per week.

During the 1919-1920 school years, the Associated Students was formed officially, after several years of discussion. This was the successor to the informal Associated Students Organization created in 1915.

1921

Jun. The first CSNS four-year diploma was awarded to Hazel Tormey.

The Normal School Hospital was built north of the Manual Arts Building as an infirmary and first aid center.

The pipe organ fund, halted by World War I, was re-started.

1922
Sep. A study revealed the need for a men's dormitory, so a bond sales campaign was launched to provide funds for one.

Following the sale of the bonds, work commenced on Sutton Hall, the first men's dormitory at the Cheney Normal School.

1923

Jan. The normal schools in Washington State attempted to gain legislation, which would permit them to grant degrees and become Teacher's Colleges.

Feb. Senate Bill 201, the "Degree Bill," which would have allowed normal schools to grant a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education was sent to the Rules Committee, where it died in March.

May 5 The Joint Boards of Trustees of the Normal Schools met and decided to grant four-year degrees.

[May] Governor Hart referred the decision of the Joint Board to the State Attorney General, who ruled against the granting of degrees by the normal schools of the state.

[Jun.] The Kinnikinick became the school annual, starting with the issue for the class of 1923.

Aug. The Arrow first came out. This was an annual for the summer graduating class.

Sep. 21 Sutton Hall was dedicated by Senator W. J. Sutton, for whom it was named.

Sep. 28 The pipe organ in the auditorium was dedicated. It had been financed largely by donations from students and alumni.

1924

Mar. The Associated Students wrote and approved a new constitution.

[Sep.] The Physical Science Department became the Department of Physics.

The departments of Agriculture and Biology were merged to form the Department of Agriculture & Biological Sciences.

H. E. "Pop" Holmquist, the journalism instructor, became the faculty advisor for the State Normal School Journal.

[The EWU Archives does not have catalogs for the years 1921/22 - 1923/24. The following first appears in 1924/25 issue catalogs: an Academic Divisional organization. cm]

The Divisional organizations had broad areas of study called "Departments," and within those were "Divisions" which are more closely resembling modern day departments than the
departments set up by this organization. The Departments were: Applied Sciences and Arts, Education, History and Social Science, Language and Literature, Music, Science and Mathematics, Teacher Training, and Extension.

1925

Spring A second attempt at gaining the passage of a "Degree Bill" for the Normal Schools passed, only to be vetoed by Governor Roland Hartley.

Room and Board rates: $25.00 per month, plus $.50 per month for magazines in the lounges of the dorms.

1926

Apr. 30 Noah D. Showalter gave the Board of Trustees his resignation, to become effective September 1, 1926. Showalter went on to become State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Jun. Tuition: Free, a fee of $5.00 assessed in the fall term, and $8.00 in the spring term for student activities.

Sep. 1 Richard T. Hargreaves became the Second President of the Normal School, following the resignation of N. D. Showalter.

[Sep.] The Department of Expression became the Division of Speech.

1927

[Sep.] Room and Board: $27 per month in women's dorms and $26.00 per month in Sutton for the men.

The Board of Trustees began planning for a central dining facility called a commons, to get food service out of the dormitories.

An athletic field was completed at a cost of $5,000.00.

1928

Jan. 12 The Board of Trustees employed an architect to draw up plans for the Commons.

Mar. The State Normal School Journal reported that the Commons would be built between Monroe Hall and the Manual Arts Building, and be ready for use in the fall.

[Fall] Despite the words of assurance, the Commons failed to materialize, though the school was ready to issue $250,000.00 worth of bonds for their construction. It appears no actual construction was ever begun.
[Sep.] The Division of Health Sciences became the Division of Health and Physical Education.

[Sep.] Library Science courses were added to the Division of History & Social Sciences.

1929

Mar. 27 Governor Roland Hartley again vetoed a Normal School Degree Bill. At the same time he vetoed a $38,000.00 appropriation for the new boilers at the Cheney Normal Heating Plant.

[Fall] The President's Home was completed, and President Hargreaves and family moved in.

The State Normal School Journal shortened its name to the Journal.

[Sep.] Fees were listed as $7.00 per quarter, plus $2.50 for the annual in the spring. Supplies and books were expected to cost approximately $10.00 per quarter.

1930

[Sep.] A new room and board schedule became effective: $6.75 per week for the dormitories.

1931

[Sep.] The Division of Biology was created from Biology and Agriculture.

1932

An annex was added to the Industrial Arts Building (formerly called Manual Arts) at a cost of $13,686.00.

Feb. The depression was felt at Cheney State Normal just as elsewhere, and salary cuts were instituted so that the greatest number of people could be kept on the payroll. Those earning under $2,100 per year did not take a pay cut, those earning between $2,100 and $2,500 per year received a 5% cut. Those earning between $2,600 and $3,600 per year were given a 7.5% cut, and those earning $3,600 or more per year were took a 10% cut in pay.

Sep. Dormitory rates were reduced to $6.25 per week from $6.75 per week.

1933

Feb. Senate Bill 122 passed both houses, and was signed by Governor Clarence D. Martin. It gave the Normal Schools the right to grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Education. It required a total of 192.15 credits to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Education.

The Manual Arts Department was formally re-named the Department of Industrial Arts.
1934

Mar. 7 The Cheney State Normal School was fully accredited by the American Association of Teacher Colleges as a four-year teacher college.

[Sep.] The Division of Foreign Languages became Modern Languages.

The Division of History was created in the Department of History and Social Science.

The Physics Department became the Department of Physical Sciences.

1935

Planning for a new Training School began.

Dec. A contract was let for a new training school building. The total cost was to be $284,000.00, of which $95,209.00 was to be a PWA grant.

1936

Mar. 13 Work commenced on the new training school, to be named Martin Hall in honor of Governor Clarence D. Martin.

1937

Mar. 3 Governor Clarence D. Martin signed the bill designating the Normal Schools as Colleges of Education. The school at Cheney became Eastern Washington College of Education.

Apr. 6 Martin Hall opened. The training school function was re-named as the Laboratory School. The old Training School building was temporarily used for office, and storage space.

Aug. 11 Former President of the CSNS, Noah D. Showalter died in Seattle.

Sep. The rate for Room and Board in the dorms was raised back to $6.50 per week.

1938

Jan. 12 The Board of Trustees announced plans to build a new library, using a $123,477.30 PWA grant.

Sep. Fees rose to $7.00 per quarter, plus $2.00 for health services and the library. Music and laboratory classes had fees which were in addition to the basic fees.

1939
Mar. 4 President Richard Hargreaves died.

[Sep.] Secretarial Science classes added to the curriculum.

Oct. 9 Ralph E. Tieje, head of the EWCE English Department, was installed as the new President of Eastern Washington College of Education.

Work continued on the new library building.

1940

Jan. The new library building was completed and ready for occupation.

Jun. 4 The library was officially dedicated as Hargreaves Hall. At the same time, the Administration Building was dedicated as Showalter Hall.

[Sep.] A Journalism program was added to the English Division.

$3,423.81 was spent to construct a new greenhouse northeast of the Industrial Arts building.

[About where the northwest corner of Tawanka Commons is today - cm]

Winter The old Training School Building was demolished after it had been condemned as a fire hazard. Since the completion of Martin Hall in 1937, the old building had been used for office space and storage.

1941

[Sep.] Division of Economics and Business created.

[Sep.] Secretarial Science classes were merged into the Economics and Business category.

Dec. The United States entered World War II. Male enrollment began dropping as men enlisted in the military.

1942

Sep. A re-definition of the academic organization was made. Divisions were defined as broad areas of study at this time, and Departments were defined as specific areas of study within those broad areas. This academic structure was used until 1971.

Sep. The Department of Political Science was formed.

Sep. The Department of Sociology was formed.

1943
Sep. The Athletic Council recommended the discontinuance of Football until the end of the war, owing to a shortage of potential players.

Sep. New room & board schedule: Dormitory rental by the term, rather than by the week. $86.10 for fall, $80.85 for winter, and $78.75 for spring terms.

Total campus of EWCE totaled 40 acres.

1944

Sep. The Library Science program was re-named Librarianship, and moved from the History & Social Science Division to the Language and Literature Division.

Sep. The English Department added a Philosophy program.

1945

Spring President Tieje announced his resignation.

Sep. Walter W. Isle became President at the start of the 1945/46 school year.

Dec. The school obtained a number of house trailers to use as temporary housing on campus, expecting a large number of men to be attending school with GI educational benefits. "Trailerville" was set up to provide housing for married ex-servicemen who were enrolled at EWCE.

1946

Spring "Trailerville" was completed in the area between the Industrial Arts building and Monroe Hall, with a capacity of 70 families. The trailers rented for $15.00 per month, with heat and lights supplied by the college.

Spring Football training resumed.

To cope with the influx of students following World War II, a number of temporary buildings were installed on the campus. These were buildings which were purchased elsewhere, and moved to the EWCE campus. The college obtained several in Spokane, and several in Vancouver, Washington, which were moved to the campus. In 1946 the following temporary buildings were moved to the campus, erected and placed in service: Hudson Hall, a dormitory housing 386 men, came from Vancouver. An addition to the infirmary came from Spokane, as did the Music Annex, and the Showalter Annex. All of these were frame structures.

Sep. The Department of Geography became the Department of Geography and Geology.

1947
Spring A "Degree Bill" passed by the Legislature gave the colleges of education permission to grant degrees in fields other than education, making EWCE into a real liberal arts college. The curriculum showed an increase in course offerings following the passage of this bill. The granting of the Master of Arts in Education was permitted, opening the way for future MA programs in other areas.

Sep. Minimum fees at EWCE were $18.00 per quarter, and dorm fees $1.25 per day.

Sep. The Teacher Training operations were merged into the Department of Education, and ceased operating as a separate division.

A Student Union Building was opened. Ratcliffe Hall was a frame structure, which was a former residence, remodeled for the new use as a Union Building. This was the first Student Union at the college.

Sep. The college acquired a large building at Farragut Naval Station in Idaho, which was moved to the EWCE campus. The former drill hall became the EWCE Field House.

Sep. A new athletic field was constructed to the west of the original EWCE athletic field, which by this time had buildings on it.

1948

Apr. A contract was let for the construction of the Music wing of a planned fine arts complex, Rowles Hall.

Sep. Minimum fees at EWCE: $20.00 per quarter.

Sep. The Department of Speech became the Department of Speech and Drama.

Oct. 30 The Field House was completed and dedicated. The facility included a swimming pool in the south end, a large area for physical education activities, and a basketball court.

1949

Aug. 2 EWCE began selling $700,000.00 worth of bonds for the construction of a new women's dormitory.

Sep. Room and board was set at $1.50 per day.

1950


Spring Hjalmar H."Pop" Holmquist retired. He had headed the Journalism program, and served as faculty advisor to the Journal.
Apr. The school opened its campus radio station, KEWC in 1950, and began to develop a broadcasting department [Radio-TV].

May 11 President Harry S. Truman's train stops in Cheney on his way east. The President of the United States drove through Cheney and around the EWCE campus in a convertible before driving into Spokane, where he spoke, and re-joined the train.

Sep. EWCE minimum fees: $29.25 per quarter.

New room and board schedule: Sutton (men), Monroe, and Senior (women): $140.00 per quarter for a single, $132.00 per quarter for a double, and $125.00 per quarter for three per room.
Hudson Hall (men): $158.00 per quarter per single.

1951

Jan. 10 President Walter W. Isle died of a heart attack.

Spring The Journal ceased publication. The new student newspaper, the Easterner began publication immediately.

Residence and extension credit courses offered for the first time at Fairchild Air Force Base.

Apr. 11 The first issue of the Easterner was issued.

Summer Monroe Hall was closed for repairs.

Sep. Monroe Hall reopened as a men's dorm.

Sep. The new women's dorm opened, but was un-named. [Anderson Hall - cm]

[Sep.] Otis W. Freeman, Professor of Geography and Geology, was made President of EWCE. He had been acting in the position following the death of President Isle.

Sep. The Department of Modern Languages became Foreign Languages.

Sep. Librarianship was discontinued. [Until 1958 - cm]

A Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) began operation at EWCE. The unit was called the Division of Military Science and Tactics in the academic organization of the college.

1952

Sep. The Division of Health and Physical Education became the Division of Health, P. E. and Recreation and Athletic (HPERA).

Sep. The Department of Mathematics became Mathematics and Physics.
Sep. The Department of Chemistry was created.

During 1952 the underground utility system was expanded.

1953

The Reese matter - see Cecil Dryden, Light for an Empire for full accounting, pp. 261-277, and the MA thesis by Vincent M. Thur, "Scandal at Eastern Washington College of Education: The Reese Affair of 1953 and 1954," 1990, EWU. The controversies lead to the resignation of President Freeman and some faculty members. Reese entered the Master's program at EWCE, and was listed in the Faculty listing in the catalog as possessing an MA which had not yet been granted when the 1953/54 catalog came out, causing a controversy among the faculty, and eventually a vote of "no confidence" in the administration by the students. The controversy resulted in the dismissal of some of the faculty members who had been particularly vocal in the matter, eventually most were rehired.

Jun. 12 President Otis W. Freeman tendered his resignation to the Board of Trustees, feeling that a change of administration would be in the best interest of the school.

Jul. 5 The Board of Trustees accepts President Freeman's resignation.

Aug. 6 Raymond W. Mosher was appointed to a one-year term as Interim President of EWCE while a Presidential search was conducted.

Sep. Basic fee rates: $33.00 per quarter for undergraduates, $34.00 per quarter for graduate students.

Sep. The Department of Economics and Business was reorganized as the Department of Economics.

1954

Mar. 31 Dr. Donald S. Patterson was chosen by the Board of Trustees to be the next president.

Jul. 15 Dr. Patterson assumed the duties of President of EWCE, succeeding Dr. Mosher, the interim President.

1955

May Work commenced on a new Student Union Building, to be named Isle Hall, in honor of President Walter W. Isle.

[Spring] The new women's dormitory was officially named Louise Anderson Hall, commonly called "L.A. Hall."

Sep. The new basic fee per quarter was set at $38.00.
Sep. The Department of Athletics was first listed in the College Catalog.

Oct. 14 President Patterson's inauguration ceremony was held, coinciding with the 65th anniversary of the founding of the college as the Cheney Academy.

**1956**

Sep. 24 Isle Hall, the new Student Union and College Bookstore, opened for business.

Sep. Dormitory fees ran from $165.00 per quarter for a room in Hudson Hall (men) to $190.00 per quarter for a single in L. A. Hall (women). Double occupancy in L. A. was $170.00 per term.

Oct. Cadet Hall, the ROTC building, was completed and placed in service.

**1957**

The heating plant was modernized at a cost of $181,600.00.

Married Student Court was constructed, at a cost of $230,000.00.

**1958**

Aug. Work commenced on a new building for the laboratory school functions. The Campus School was built on land west of Martin Hall, the laboratory school built in 1937. The new Campus School would cost an estimated $41,950.00 for real estate, plus $363,754.00 for the structure.

Sep. Basic fees were raised to $43.50 per quarter.

Sep. Library Science classes were re-introduced, as a part of the Division of Languages and Literature.

**1959**

Sep. The new Campus School was completed and opened for use. Martin Hall was made available for college classes after the lab school functions were moved. The Campus School (Robert Reid Lab School) is a one-story brick and concrete structure connected with Martin Hall by a Breezeway.

Sep. The basic fee was raised again, to $45.00 per quarter.

Sep. Following remodeling, Hudson Hall opened in the fall as two dormitories: Hudson Hall, which was still housing for men, and Garry Hall, which had a number of apartments for married couples to help ease the need for married student housing. According to Allen Ogden, who was the manager of Garry Hall, there were seven apartments for married couples in Garry Hall, in
addition to rooms for unmarried Students. Garry Hall was the eastern end of the building, and Hudson Hall was considered to be the west end of the building.

1960

Sep. The Department of Business was created.

Fall Work began on a two story brick and concrete building to house the various sciences.

The Tawanka service organization, which had been created in 1926, ceased operations. The local chapter of the Spurs service organization took over from there. Tawanka was a women's organization, the name being derived from an Indian phrase meaning "to help."

Oct. 24 A new Harold Balzs statue of Sacajawea was dedicated in Showalter Hall. Crafted from copper and brass over an iron frame, the new statue was a replacement for the much battered plaster statue given by the class of 1916. The funds to purchase the art were raised, and the statue created in almost exactly a year, starting in the fall of 1959.

1961


Sep. Tuition was officially charged, along with fees, for the first time in over half a century. Tuition and fees for in state residents was set at $67.50 per quarter. Out of state tuition and fees were $97.50 per quarter.

Construction on the Science Building continued throughout the year.

1962


May The contract for Tawanka Commons was awarded. At long last a central dining facility was to become a reality.

Sep. The Department of Speech and Drama was reorganized as the Department of Drama, Speech and Radio-Television.

Oct. 26 The Science Building, completed in the fall, was dedicated. The building itself had been completed in June and was ready to use at the start of the fall term.

1963
May "Greeks" admitted to the EWSC campus. Fraternities were permitted to make affiliations with national Greek organizations.

Sep. The Department of Psychology was created.

Sep. The Department of Business and Economics became the Department of Economics.

Sep. The Department of Education became strictly education oriented following the creation of an independent department of Psychology.

Sep. The Social Work Program was added to the Division of History and Social Science. Undergraduate work was done in the Department of Sociology.

1964

Jan. The new men's dorm [Pearce Hall] was opened. Garry and Hudson Halls were closed.

Mar. 30 Tawanka Commons was opened.

Spring Hudson and Garry Halls were demolished, at a cost of $11,350.00.

Spring Plans for a new women's dorm [Dryden Hall] were announced.

Jul. 27 Mrs. Ruth Cheney Streeter, granddaughter of Benjamin P. Cheney, visited the EWSC campus.

Summer Construction of Dryden Hall commenced.

Oct. Plans for two additional dormitories and a new Student Union Building are announced.

Dec. The Board of Trustees announced plans for a new library.

1965

Jan. The EWSC campus totaled 114 acres.

Apr. 22 The contract for Dressler Hall, the second tower dormitory, was let. The expected cost of the building was $1,743,000.00.

The Holter House Apartments for graduate students were built.

Construction commenced on the following buildings: John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, Student Union Building additions, new dormitory for women, and Dressler Hall, a men's dorm.

Sep. Tuition and fees for in state students went up to $88.00.
Sep. Library Science was moved from the Division of Languages and Literature to the Department of Education.

Sep. The Department of Physical Education was split into two departments: Men's P. E. and Women's P. E.

Sep. The Department of Radio-Television was created, independent of Speech and Drama, which also split up.

Sep. The Department of Speech and Speech Correction was created.

Sep. The Department of Drama was created.

1966

Spring Dressler Hall was completed and opened for use.

Sep. The Department of Marketing and Management was created.

Sep. The Department of Business became the Department of Business Education and Office Administration.

Sep. The Department of Mathematics and Physics was split into the departments of Mathematics and Physics.

Planning for a new classroom building [Patterson Hall] began.

Construction of Cheney Hall, for Industrial Arts, began.

1967

To meet the need for more married student housing, construction of the Anna Maria Apartments began.

Fall John F. Kennedy Library opened. Hargreaves Hall was remodeled for use by the department of Home Economics and for other use. Dr. Emerson C. Shuck became President of EWSC, following the resignation of Dr. Patterson.

Fall An addition to Martin Hall was completed. This three story brick and concrete addition was used primarily for classroom and office space for the Department of Education. (First called Martin Addition, this wing was re-named Williamson Hall in 1979.)

Fall Cheney Hall was completed. This became the Industrial Arts building, and all Industrial Arts classes were moved out of the old building, which was used as a maintenance building, housing the carpenter and paint shops.
1968

Spring Monroe Hall was closed as a dormitory. The space was re-assigned for office and classroom purposes. Offices for Campus Safety were located on the first floor.

Spring The Anna Maria Apartments were completed. The apartment complex is located across Washington Street from the Warehouse.

The high-rise dormitory, Streeter Hall, was completed, located west of Dryden Hall. Initially this was a women's dorm, but it became co-educational within a few years.

1969

Bids were awarded for the construction of the Pence Union Building, or PUB, and work began. The building is named for Omer O. Pence.

Bids were awarded for Patterson Hall; work began on the first half of the building.

Work began on the music building, part of a relocated fine arts complex.

Work began on a new heating plant and utility tunnels to connect it with the rest of the campus. It was named for Paul Rozell, former Engineer at the College Heating Plant.

The Maintenance Shop was moved into the old Manual Arts building vacated by Industrial Arts following the completion of Cheney Hall.

Sep. The Department of Geography and Geology split into two departments, Geography and Geology.

1970

The first part of multi-phase Physical Education complex was constructed, a concrete building designed to house the classrooms and offices of the P. E. department.

The Pence Union Building was completed.

Morrison Hall was completed.

The Music Building was completed, and the Music Department moved out of Rowles Hall.

Rozell Heating Plant completed, and went on line.

The first part of Patterson Hall was completed.
The old infirmary was demolished. EWSC made arrangements with the Cheney Health Center for student health services, rendering the infirmary building surplus. As it was considered to be temporary, it was deemed unusable.

The Music Annex and Ratcliffe Hall were razed to make way for Kingston Hall.

The new Speech Building was completed.

The Red Barn, built in 1884, was used by EWSC for storage.

The Showalter Annex was closed and raised.

The Surbeck Service Building was built to provide warehouse facilities, and a shop for automotive and grounds equipment.

May 5 In a response to the shootings at Kent State University the day before, a group of between 250 and 300 students marched on the ROTC department, demanding the termination of the ROTC program. The protestors were addressed by Col. Andy Pribnow, and after brief scuffles, the crowd disbursed.

Sep. The Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Park Administration was formed by the merger of Men's and Women's P. E. and the Parks and Recreation courses.

Sep. The Department of Accounting and Finance became Accounting and Quantitative Analysis.

1971

Physical Education requirement dropped.

Degree requirements for Baccalauriate degrees set at 180 credits, a reduction from the previous 192 credits.

The Radio-Television Building constructed, a part of the new fine arts complex.

Dental Hygiene Program moved into Rowles Hall.

The Art Building and Drama Building, (University Theatre) were constructed and occupied.

Kingston Hall was completed, housing the departments which became the School of Business. The Indian Education Center opened next to it, across the street, in the former St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

The second phase of Patterson Hall was completed. The first portion had been in use since 1970.

Sep. The Divisional Grouping of Academic Departments was discontinued.
Sep. The Department of Psychology split into the departments of Applied Psychology and Psychology.

Sep. Senior Hall was closed as a dormitory; the space was re-assigned for offices.

Sep. Sutton Hall was closed as a college dorm, but was made available to a housing cooperative for veterans attending school.

Sep. The Department of Communications Studies was created.

Sep. The Department of Sociology became Sociology and Anthropology.

The second phase of the Physical Education complex was built, and an activities building of poured concrete which matched the first building.

College/University regrouping took place to replace the old divisional academic structure. The College of Letters and Sciences, School of Fine Arts, School of Human Learning and Development, School of Business, Division of Health Sciences, Division of General and Special Studies created. Academic departments in various disciplines were grouped within these administrative units.

1972

Feb. 4. Agreement reached to allow persons who had earned an AA degree from the state community colleges to enter EWSC with junior class standing and complete general requirements (GUR's).

Mar. A Lynwood, Washington firm was awarded a $280,162.00 contract to landscape the campus.

Mar. The Board of Trustees raised in-state undergraduate tuition to $165.00 per quarter.

Apr. 25. Governor Daniel J. Evans dedicates Kingston Hall. The building, housing the School of Business, was named in honor of Ceylon Samuel Kingston, who served as a member of the faculty and an administrator for over fifty years.

Fall Enrollment was 6,775.

1973

The “Y” grade for deferred grading of work was instituted for 600 and 601 courses.

Summer. The Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the school mascot. Although a majority of the students and alumni polled voted to retain the "Savage" mascot, the Trustees voted to discontinue its use, feeling that it was demeaning to American Indians. The new mascot chosen was the Eagle.
Oct. A proposal was made to allow the sale of beer in the student union building. Ultimately, the proposal was denied.

1974

Work began on Phase III of the Physical Education complex, the Special Events Pavilion.

Master of Social Work degree authorized.

Sep. The Mathematics Department became the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

1975

The Special Events Pavilion was completed. It also is of poured concrete construction.

The Master of Business Administration degree was authorized.

The Turnbull Laboratory for Environmental Studies was built and placed in Service on a site south of Cheney on the Turnbull Wildlife Refuge. It is an earth-shelter type building housing laboratory facilities.

Sep. The Department of Political Science changed its name to Department of Government.

Sep. The Department of Foreign Languages changed its name to Modern Languages and Literature's.

1976

Summer The Seattle Seahawks professional football team held its first summer camp at EWSC.

[Fall] Women's Studies and the EWSC Women's Center were established in Monroe Hall. Patricia Coontz, professor of Humanities, was the first Director of Women's Studies.

Dec. 10 Emerson Shuck announces his resignation as President of EWSC.

1977

Jan. H. George Frederickson becomes President of EWSC.

Spring Demolition of the old Field house began.

Apr. 25 The old Field house burned to the ground, destroying the contractor's equipment, and damaging Cadet Hall, and the Drama, and Radio-TV buildings and automobiles parked on Washington Street.
A poured concrete field house was built during 1977. It was named for Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe. Thorpe, a native of Pennsylvania, had no affiliation with Eastern.

Fall Eastern Washington State College became Eastern Washington University at the start of the 1977/78 school year. The Academic Departments were grouped into Schools and Colleges at that time.

The United States Bureau of Mines and the Geology Department opened a joint Research Center in a frame building next to the Indian Education Center. This building was formerly a private residence.

A new grading system went into effect fall quarter. Letter grades were replaced by a 4.0 decimal grading system.

1978

Jan. 28 Plans for the Aquatic Building placed on hold until money can be appropriated by the Legislature. A new Aquatic building needed to replace the pool and facilities destroyed in the fieldhouse fire.

Feb. 6 Associated Students of EWU (ASEWU) votes to explore feasibility of obtaining a liquor license for a tavern in the student union building.

Jun. 9 Senator Warren Magnuson was commencement speaker.

The Master of Urban and Regional Planning was authorized.

State funding supported classes on the 011 account were approved for Spokane in the leased space at the Bon Marche.

1979

The Red Barn was renovated and became the home of Campus Security and the Visitor's Center for the University.

Feb. The Martin Addition, the wing containing the Education Department, was re-named. The original portion of Martin Hall retained its name. The decision to re-name the education wing for Obed J. Williamson was to honor Dr. Williamson, who had been Chairman of the Education Department in the 1930's and 1940's.

Summer. University employees were allowed to enroll in up to 8 hours of course work.

Credit by examination was discontinued, being replaced by credit through evaluation.

1980
Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree authorized.

Jan. The Big Sky Athletic Conference informed President Frederickson that it was considering EWU for membership in the conference. This would move EWU from small-time intercollegiate leagues to the NCAA.

Feb. Faculty and students began designing an honors program for incoming freshmen.

Mar. The Governor signed a "Students Rights" bill into law, giving students a legal basis for a role in the decision making process concerning the use of Services & Activities Fees.

Mar. Eastern's baseball team became the first EWU team to compete in an NCAA Division I league, part of a move toward major league intercollegiate sports participation.

May 1 The Associated Students proposed a $2,300,000.00 addition to the Pence Union Building, but the Board of Trustees turned the plan down.

May 18 Mt. St. Helens, near Longview, Washington, erupted. The ash from this eruption fell in sufficient quantities to halt all normal life as far east as the Montana - Idaho Border. In Cheney approximately 5/8 of an inch fell. For the next week EWU was closed. A massive clean up campaign followed, with the EWU staff, students, and even some hired high school students working 12 hour days to get the ash off the roofs, drives, and walks around campus. The pace slowed down to eight-hour days after approximately two weeks, but the ash clean up went on for the rest of the summer, and a mask or respirator was standard equipment for much of the summer. By September the ash was not very visible on campus. Despite the problems caused by the eruption, Eastern maintained its normal academic calendar through Spring Quarter.

Fall The Veteran's Housing in Sutton Hall was closed. The building was no longer meeting safety codes for dormitory purposes. Plans were made to remodel the building for office space to be temporarily used by the departments in Martin Hall while that building underwent remodeling.

Sep.27 The basketball court in the Special Events Pavilion was dedicated as Reese Court, in honor of Coach William B. "Red" Reese.

Oct. Plans were made to take Louise Anderson Hall out of the dormitory system, and make it into a Convention and Conference Center, to be called the Regional Center for Continuing Education. A student protest resulted in a compromise: part of the building was used as a dormitory, but the rest of the building was used for conference housing and office space.

The construction of the Aquatics building began.

Fall The Department of Geography merged with Anthropology to form Geography and Anthropology.
The Department of Sociology was formed when Anthropology left it to merge with Geography.

The University Honors Program began operations in the Fall Quarter of 1980.

1981

Jan. The Aquatics Building was completed a month ahead of schedule. This completed the athletics and physical education complex.

Jan. Martin Hall was closed for remodeling. It was gutted, and the overhaul progressed.

Jan 4. Kennedy Library logged onto the SCOLIS network for the first time. The library joined the Spokane County Automated Library Information System, a cooperative inter-library consortium. Advantages were the ability to search for material held by all the libraries in a single data base, and to borrow materials from any member institution. Uniform circulation possible with the computerized circulation system.

Feb. The library added the MEDLINE on-line data base search for health service publications since 1965. The service was the only one of its kind available to the public in the Spokane area at the time.


Mar. Construction began on a Faculty Lounge on the second floor of the Pence Union Building (PUB). The lounge included a kitchen and portable bar.


Apr. A cable TV news program, "Eastern View" was created and aired on the Cheney Cable network.

Sep. A day care service was offered by EWU for the first time for students. The university and the ASEWU paid half the monthly cost and the student parent the other half of the monthly cost of the day care service. The service was implemented on a contract agreement between EWU and the Cheney Day Care Center.

Sep. New General University Requirements (GUR) in catalog. Students entering in the fall would need to comply with the new GUR’s.

Oct. School of Business accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Oct. Campus statistics of note at the start of the year: Enrollment at EWU - 8,500. Campus consisted of 51 buildings on 315 acres of land.
Oct. Proposal to boost the KEWC radio station from 10 watts to 58,000 watts, making it the most powerful FM station in a four state area.

Oct. The parking lot east of Tawanka Commons was closed, and replaced with a grassy mall.


Oct. A greenhouse was constructed near the Red Barn.

1982

Feb. The EWU Nursery School was closed due to budget cuts. The nursery school had been associated with programs in Applied Psychology, Home Economics, and Speech Pathology, in addition to serving the needs of students with small children.

Apr. A new ceremonial mace was received, as part of the university's centennial celebrations.

Apr. The Mary Shields Wilson medallion was created. The Wilson medal was to be awarded to graduating seniors demonstrating outstanding academic achievement. The award is named for a former Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Apr. 14 An official Centennial observation was held on April 14th. Former President Gerald R. Ford was the guest speaker, U.S. Representative Thomas S. Foley of Spokane also addressed the Convocation.

May Former United Nations Secretary Kurt Waldheim was selected as the Commencement Speaker for 1982. After speaking, Waldheim planted a tree on the grassy mall between Patterson and Monroe Halls.

Sep. Athletic Department changes took place following budget cuts in the summer. Men's golf, swimming, soccer, and wrestling coaches were discontinued. Competition in Women's softball and swimming were also discontinued.

Sep. Tuition and fee policy changes became effective. (1) A minimum of 2 credits must be taken per quarter. (2) A surcharge was added for all courses in excess of 18 credits per quarter. (3) Non resident students pay non-resident rates even when attending part-time.

Oct. The proposal to increase the broadcasting power of KEWC appeared to be stalled "indefinitely" because of the tight finances.

Oct. President H. George Frederickson obtained approval from the Board of Trustees to obtain property in Spokane to replace the leased space in the Bon Marche Building following the expiration of the lease in September, 1983.
Nov. 3 President Frederickson announced that EWU had located a building in Spokane, which would meet its needs. The former Farm Credit Bank Building was purchased by the EWU Foundation, a non-profit organization separate from the university for $3,750,000.00.

1983

Washington Student Lobby (WSL) founded. The Associated Students agreed to help fund this by contributing one dollar per student enrolled at EWU.

Feb. Originally EWU had planned to begin holding classes in the Spokane Center in Spring Quarter, 1983. This was delayed until classroom space and added fire escapes were completed.

Apr. 28 The EWU Spokane Center was officially opened for use. The four-story structure contained 33 classrooms and space for 800 students.

May The annual Mayfest was canceled, owing to increasing problems with vandalism, under-age consumption, and excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages. The cost of cleaning up after the 1982 Mayfest had been $2,000.00.

Jun. The Board of Trustees approved a $3,300,000.00 remodeling project for the Pence Union Building. A controversy developed over the Board's desire to include remodeling of the book store as part of the project.

Sep. Student photo identification cards issued to all students as a standard practice.

Sep. The university ended free student health care and 24-hour emergency care in Cheney when the contract with Cheney Medical Associates expired.

Sep. Plans to expand and remodel the Pence Union building were shelved. The original estimated cost of the project was $2,600,000.00, but the lowest bid received was $3,400,000.00.

Dec. An attempt to revive the Pence Union Building expansion was made by the Associated Students, who developed a revised plan, which cut $171,000 from the cost.

1984

Jan. Funding for the purchase of the Spokane Center (former Farm Credit Bank Building) by the university was written into the supplemental budget by the state House of Representatives. The measure passed, but included restrictions placed on the university. The overall enrollment was set at 7,000, and EWU was to delay remodeling work on Sutton Hall so that the money could be used to cover the cost of purchasing the Spokane Center.

Feb. Construction of a new Computer Center between Tawanka Commons and Martin Hall was under way. The addition to the Manual Arts Building was demolished, and the old manual Arts Building gutted. A new addition was then constructed on the east and north of the original building.
Mar. The Council for Post-Secondary Education canceled the EWU Industrial Education program for a master of Education degree, claiming that it had low enrollment, and duplicated a similar program at Washington State University.

Apr. The EWU home football games were moved from Cheney's Woodward Field to Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane to accommodate demands made by the Big Sky Conference. The move was part of EWU's work to gain admission to the Big Sky Conference.

May Discussions on the future of higher education in Spokane were conducted by the Spokane Chamber of Commerce. One of the suggested options was the merger of EWU into WSU, and the creation of a large Spokane branch campus for WSU.

May The Big Sky Athletic Conference formally invited EWU to petition it for membership in their Division I Conference.

May Ceremonies honoring Eastern's alumni who died in military service were held. A bronze tablet with their names was installed on the second floor of Showalter Hall.

Jun. Clare Booth Luce was the featured Commencement speaker. Mrs. Luce has been U.S. Ambassador to Italy, a Member of Congress, and an award-winning journalist.

Oct. The State Higher Education Coordinating Committee held hearings on the proposal to merge EWU into WSU. The students, faculty, staff, administrators and trustees voiced unilateral opposition to the proposal.

Dec. The Higher Education Coordinating Committee recommended the merger of the WSU and EWU governing Boards, but the retention of separate identities by both institutions.

1985


Feb. The University Archives received a $40,000.00 grant to inventory and describe records of the City of Spokane held by the Eastern Regional Branch of the Washington State Archives.

May The Temporary University Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics formally recommended that EWU continue its pursuit of membership in the Big Sky Conference. The Board of Trustees accepted the report, despite the opposition of the Academic Senate, which went on record as opposing the plan.

May The presidents of the Big Sky Conference rejected EWU’s application for membership.

Fall. First EWU football game televised.

Fall The EWU Higher Education Center was re-named “the Spokane Center”.

Eastern became a participant in the Tri Cities University Center at Richland, Washington.

Oct. The university began the removal of asbestos in six campus buildings and the underground utility tunnels.

Nov. A faculty referendum on the administration of President Frederickson resulted in a vote of "No Confidence" in President Frederickson, and the recommendation that he be asked to resign. Frustration over intercollegiate athletics and the merit pay plan mandated by the Board of Trustees helped fuel faculty hostility toward Frederickson.

Nov. The State Legislature approved a $1,500,000 energy conservation project to make buildings on campus more energy efficient.

Nov. The Board of Trustees voted to close the Reid laboratory school. The Board agreed to operate the school for the 1985/86 year, then close it. The Board felt that the training school concept was no longer common in educational theory, and the lab school was an expensive anachronism. A parent-faculty group began meeting with administrators to seek alternative ways of funding the school.

Nov. First meeting of the Spokane Joint Center for Higher Education Board. The Board was created to end the "turf wars" between EWU and WSU and to oversee orderly development of state higher education to serve Spokane. The board consisted of two members from EWU, two from WSU, one from the Community Colleges, and two appointed by the Governor.

Nov. EWU 2000 Committee began meeting to chart the future of the university.

Dec. The Board of Trustees renewed Dr. Frederickson's appointment as President of EWU.

1986

Jan. The Academic Senate passed a resolution calling for an annual campus-wide evaluation of the university president.

Feb. Controversy over intercollegiate athletics continued to be a problem. The EWU chapter of the Association for Higher Education (AHE) filed a lawsuit against the state, alleging that the Board of Trustees had allowed the university to shift funds from academic budgets to fund intercollegiate athletics, in violation of shared governance guidelines.

Feb. A resolution to the Reid Lab School funding problem was reached. An agreement between EWU and the Cheney School District allowed the school to remain in operation, with joint funding from both parties.

Spring The first use of credit cards for payment of university fees and tuition. The cashier began accepting Visa and Master Card as well as cash and checks.
Apr. The Board of Trustees approved the purchase of $225,000.00 of satellite transmitter equipment for use by the EWU Satellite Telecommunications Project. The project was intended to transmit advanced courses to rural high schools, and provide in-service training for teachers in the field, and training programs for private businesses.

Apr. The university faculty approved a foreign language requirement for degrees awarded by Eastern. The requirement was to be implemented with the incoming Freshman class of 1987. Successful completion of two years of a foreign language in high school, or a single year in college became a requirement for graduation.

Apr. The School of Business announced the beginning of the Institute for International Business Development. A cooperative agreement was made with the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade in China to serve as a sister institute.

May. The Big Sky Conference gave EWU a formal invitation to join the conference as an affiliate member in wrestling for the 1986-87 season.

May 29. President H. George Frederickson announced his resignation as President, to become effective in August, 1987. Dr. Frederickson announced that he was leaving to accept an endowed professorship of Public Administration at the University of Kansas.

Sep. The Telecommunication Satellite program began operation, transmitting to thirteen rural high school districts on a daily basis. Production work was handled jointly by the Instructional Media Center (IMC) and the Radio-TV Department.

Sep. The Harold Balazs statue of Sacajawea was moved from the Rotunda to the rose garden in front of the President’s House.

Oct. The Physical Therapy Department moved from the basement of the Spokane Center to the Paulsen building in Spokane.

1987

Jan. EWU was admitted to full membership in the Big Sky Athletic Conference.

Jan. The Associated Students announced that a two-year attempt to revive a student annual had been unsuccessful. The 1986 Aquila had not reached production, and only 300 sales had been made. Attempts to sell subscriptions to a 1987 edition had been even less successful.

Feb. The Counseling Program of the Applied Psychology Department was accredited, making it the only accredited program of its kind in Washington State.

Apr. Dr. Alexander F. Schilt, Chancellor of the University of Houston, Downtown, was selected to succeed H. George Frederickson as President of EWU.
Apr. The Higher Education Coordinating Board decided to make EWU the preferred provider in Spokane for upper division undergraduate and masters degree programs which are offered by EWU; Washington State University was made the preferred provider of engineering, research, and doctoral programs.

Sep. Alexander Schilt assumed the presidency of Eastern Washington University. President Schilt moved into a house in Spokane, which had been purchased by the EWU Foundation, and did not live in the President's House on campus.

Sep. The upgrading of the KEWU (formerly KEWC) radio station resulted in an increase to 10,000 watts of broadcasting power, and a fully automated compact disc studio, one of the first in the U.S.

Nov. The Mountain West Athletic Conference (women's sports) was merged into the Big Sky Conference, bringing all EWU intercollegiate sports into the Big Sky Conference.

1988

Feb. The Academic Senate mandated an increase from 4 credits to 5 credits for General University Requirement (GUR) courses.

Mar. The first ever U.S. - Soviet high school student teleconference was broadcast live from EWU to students in seven western states and the USSR.

May A campus wide recycling program was initiated at the university.

Sep. Work began on an $18,700,000.00 renovation project for the Science building.

Oct. Eight buildings on the EWU campus were designated smoke free buildings, meaning that smoking would no longer be permitted in them. These were: Kennedy Library, the Red Barn, Music Building, P.E. Activities and P.E. Classroom buildings, Cheney Hall, Hargreaves Hall, and the Spokane Center.

Oct. The Washington State Legislature approved the development of a joint facility to be known as the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute (SIRTI) at the Riverpoint site (former GN/S&IE/Milwaukee freight yard east of Division street, between Trent and the Spokane River). The facility to be shared by Eastern WSU, Gonzaga, the Community Colleges of Spokane.

1989

Jan Kennedy Library reorganized. The new ELIS on-line catalog was intended to replace the card catalog as the standard access point to the collection. ELIS is linked to the Washington State University Library, allowing EWU patrons to search the WSU catalog as well as EWU holdings. EWU ceases being a participant in SCOLIS. Periodicals were moved from the top floor to the main floor.
Jan. A student protest march from the Pence Union building to Showalter Hall was held to protest the shortage of photocopy machines, the use of student moneys to fund intercollegiate athletics, and other concerns.

Feb. 9 For the first time since the Mount St. Helens eruption, Eastern closed its doors. Severe cold and winds caused the closure of Interstate 90 west of Spokane and the closure of the university as well.

Mar. The library officially brought ELIS on line. One of the features of ELIS was ready access to the WSU library holdings database, allowing patrons to search for materials at the WSU libraries.

May President Mikahail Gorbachev of the United Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) approved a sister university agreement between Kalinin State University in the USSR and EWU.

May The School of Business was re-accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business following a two-year probationary period.

Jun. 9 The former President's House at Eastern was re-named Alumni House, and was converted into office space for Alumni, the Foundation, and other functions.

Sep. Alexander Schilt resigns the Presidency to return to the University of Houston.

Oct. Board of Trustees appoints Vice President/Provost for Academic Affairs, Beatrice D. "Del" Felder, to serve as Acting President to serve the rest of Schilt's term, ending on July 31, 1990.

Nov. EWU planning for classroom space in Spokane to supplement or replace the space in the Spokane Center. Planning for classroom space in or near the Riverpoint site selected for SIRTI is given priority.

Nov. 7 Vice President for Student Services, Keetjie Ramo, resigns to accept a position in Olympia. Search for a replacement begun.

1990

Jan. Director of the Summer Session, Robert Herold, reports on changes to the EWU summer program caused by the elimination of state funding for the summer session. All summer programs will go on self-support, i.e. tuition must cover the entire cost of providing the course. Estimates for summer session tuition for 1990 are $51.00 per credit for undergraduates and $82.00 per credit for graduates.

Mar. 23 Intercollegiate Athletics status. After 18 months of study, the Trustees decide that EWU will remain in NCAA Division I, Big Sky Conference. The decision is made to accept all of the recommendations regarding the athletic program except for the one requiring adherence to generally approved principles for sound fiscal accounting.
Apr. Acting President Beatrice D. "Del" Felder resigns to become Vice Chancellor at the University of Houston.

May Basketball Coach Robert Hofman resigned after an investigation into the operation of EWU's Basketball program began.

Jul. Marshall E. "Mark" Drummond became acting Executive Vice President. The Trustees decided not to name an interim President.

Sep. 20 A new child care center was opened by EWU in the Wren Pierson Building in Cheney.

Sep. Elson Floyd became Vice President for Student Services, replacing Keetjie Ramo.

Sep. The smoking lounge in the Pence Union Building was closed, as the university began eliminating smoking in all state buildings to comply with Washington's indoor clean air law.

Oct. 26 Trustees name Marshall E. "Mark" Drummond President of EWU.

Nov. Fall enrollment was 8,402.

Nov. Planning for expansion of the library continues. A $31,300,000.00 addition to the library is proposed.

Nov. Cheney-Medical Lake Cable TV company discontinues is arrangement with EWU to broadcast Channel 22, the Radio-Television Department channel.

1991

Apr. Geology Department and U.S. Geological Survey Spokane Field Office enter agreement for joint use of facilities. The U.S.G.S. will make its Spokane laboratory facilities available to EWU students, in return for permission to use lab equipment at EWU.

Apr. 18 Fire in Dressler Hall. An unwatched coffee pot caused a fire which damaged several rooms on the 9th floor of Dressler Hall. No injuries reported.

May The Kurt Waldheim plaque was removed from the Austrian Pine planted by Waldheim in 1982 when he was Commencement Speaker. The University Administration felt that commemorating the visit was inappropriate after the extent of Waldheim's involvement in Nazi activities during World War II became common knowledge in the early 1990's.

May 9 The university hired Spokane City Manager Terry Novak as Vice President for Business & Finance.

1992
Sep. Student Health Care program commenced, the first time student health care has been offered since 1983 when the Student Health Care contact with the Cheney Medical Center was canceled.

Sep. Board of Trustees approves $7,500,000.00 housing project for the campus. Planning commenced for new housing for non-traditional students, mostly single parents.

Nov. 10 A reception was held in Monroe Hall for officers of the National Association for Chicano Studies (NACS) in honor of the decision to place the NACS national office at EWU. Dr. Carlos Maldonado, Director of the Chicano Education program, is also a director of the NACS.

1993

Jan. 4 Classes canceled on Monday, January 4 account severe weather conditions. Deep snow and high winds caused the closure of the campus, as well as Interstate 90. It was the first closure of the campus since the eruption of Mount St. Helens in 1980.

Jan Representative Ken Jacobsen, a Seattle area legislator, introduces a bill in the Washington State Legislature to re-name EWU "Spokane State University."

Jan. The Board of Trustees awards a contract for the construction of the new housing project to the north of the Red Barn. The 75-unit project will be tailored for single parents.

Feb. The Cooperative Academic Library Service (CALS) a joint EWU - WSU library in Spokane opens in the Peyton Building, serving the students of both institutions.

Mar. The sculpture "Branchville," by Robert Lobe, is installed on the mall during the last week of March.

Apr. Representative Ken Jacobsen's bill to rename EWU dies in the State Legislature.

Apr. Executive Vice President Elson Floyd resigns his post at Eastern to become Executive Director of the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board on July 1, 1993.

May Tuition for the 1993/94 school year is set. Undergraduate tuition $657.00 per quarter.


Oct. Fall Quarter enrollment is 8,431.

1994

Mar. 1 Demolition of Rowles Hall commenced to allow for expansion of the Pence Union Building.
May Construction of the addition to the Pence Union Building began. Work tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Jul. 1 Patricia Kelly starts her tenure as Dean of Libraries.

1995

May 12 Tawanka Commons thought to have served its last meal and closed the food service function. The building to be used for office space for the next few years. Expanded Pence Union Building opened.

May 16 All campus food services handled by facilities in the remodeled and expanded Pence Union Building. The major food service, Baldy's, opened on the second floor of the PUB addition.

May The State Legislature appropriates funds which enable the Eastern Washington University and Washington State University Libraries to purchase and install an integrated library system allowing all users access to the holdings of both university libraries.

May The Legislature also appropriates funds for the expansion and remodel of Kennedy Library. Construction work begins in the summer.

May Renovation and remodeling of Sutton Hall under way. Entire building gutted, and a new steel frame installed in the brick shell.

Jun. Work begun on an addition to the Kennedy Library.

Sep. The EWU Libraries brings up GRIFFIN, the EWU/WSU online catalog, and a CD-ROM network called Pandora thereby providing students, faculty and community users with a variety of bibliographic and full-text databases.

Sep. ASEWU president Justin Franke ran, unsuccessfully, for a seat on the Cheney city council.

Sep. 28. The campus pre-school in Martin Hall was closed. Concerned students and faculty began planning to lobby for a new pre-school and child care facility on campus.

Nov. 16 President Emeritus Emerson C. Shuck died.

1996

Jan. 2 All downtown Spokane business classes moved from the Higher Ed Center to the Riverpoint campus effective the start of Winter Quarter.

Jan. Faculty vote “No” to proposal for block scheduling of classes.

Feb. EWU offered a contract to students guaranteeing graduation in four years.
Mar. Code Blue safety system operational on campus.

Mar. Students claim that petitions for a new campus child care facility were being stolen.

Apr. ASEWU Council rejects student petition to reinstate child care funding.

May The Assistant Attorney General, Maureen McGuire, advised university administrators that the elimination of the child care subsidy program by the ASEWU could possibly leave the university liable.

Jun. Plans to close Pearce Hall effective September, 1995 announced. Closure due to declining enrollment, lower demand for dorm rooms.

Sept The College of Business and Public Administration completes its move from the Cheney campus to the Riverpoint 1 Building in Spokane. Classes begin on September 23rd.

Sep. Other colleges and universities in Washington state report enrollment increases, EWU reports continuing declining enrollment.

Oct. 3. U. S. Representative George Nethercutt spent the morning at EWU. He attended a Government class, and ate lunch at the student cafeteria, Baldy’s.

Nov. 11 Lisa Brown, EWU professor of Economics, elected to Washington State Senate.

Dec. 5. President Marshall (“Mark”) Drummond nominated to be head of the Washington State Department of Ecology. [Was never confirmed – cvm]

Dec. Discussion of Liberal Arts Enrichment reform in Academic Senate and on campus.

1997

Jan. 2 Sutton Hall re-opened as the home of Student Services. Remodeling preserved historic facade, but completely changed interior.

Jan. Construction of new Library addition not complete in time to begin move into building over the Winter break.

Jan. The Washington State Student Lobby and the ASEWU called for a student member to be added to the Board of Trustees.

Feb. 3 The Academic Senate voted to approve the Liberal Arts Enrichment proposal.

Feb. 10 Libraries staff and contract movers began moving the library collections into the new addition of Kennedy Library.

Mar. 6 Seattle Seahawks announced plans to return their summer training camp to EWU.
Mar. During spring break the Harold Balazs statue of Sacajawea was stolen from the rose garden in front of the former President’s House. The theft was not reported in the Easterner until the May 1, 1997 issue.

Jun. New EWU ID cars to be issued in the fall. The EAGLE CARD to have chip to allow “coin-op” function electronically, a multi-purpose ID, meal card, and key card for staff.


Oct. Construction of new central mall began in the area between the library, Patterson Hall, the PUB, and Tawanka Commons. The Robert Lobe sculpture “Branchville” was removed.

Oct. Low enrollment results in faculty reduction in College of Letters and Social Sciences.

Nov. EWU are the Big Sky Conference champions in football.

Dec. 2 Washington State Senator James West calls for legislation to merge Eastern Washington University into Washington State University. Under the terms of Senator West’s bill, WSU would assume responsibility for higher education offerings in Spokane.

1998

Jan. 8 Board of Trustees responds to Senator West’s merger proposal.

Feb. 12 State Higher Education Coordinating Board moves to end “turf wars” in Spokane. The HECB recommends EWU focus on existing programs, and make its primary campus in Cheney its priority.

Feb. 18 President Marshall E. Drummond accelerates his resignation from the presidency, making it effective immediately. Neil Zimmerman, acting Vice President and Provost was named Acting President by the Board of Trustees.

Apr. Governor Gary Locke signs (with partial veto) Substitute Senate Bill 6655, which transfers primary responsibility for graduate course offerings in Spokane to WSU, but permits EWU to remain an independent entity.

May 1 The Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Stephen Jordan as President of Eastern Washington University.

Jun. Central mall landscaping and brick pavers completed in time for commencement.

Jul. 1 Stephen Jordan assumed duties as President of Eastern Washington University. The Jordan’s moved into the President’s House on the Cheney campus. They were the first family to live in it since the Fredericksons.
Sep. Architectural and Engineering Services works up plans for the re-modeling of Monroe Hall to make it suitable for office and classroom use. The building has been used as office space since it was removed from service as a dormitory.

Sep. Governor Gary Locke named Aaron Gutierrez the first EWU student member of the EWU Board of Trustees.

Oct. 2 The re-modeled and expanded John F. Kennedy Memorial Library was re-dedicated in a ceremony held outside on the new central mall. President Jordan and Dean Kelley then formally opened the building, and hosted a reception for the campus and community.

1999

May Melisa Dybbro appointed as the second EWU student member of the Board of Trustees.

May 6 President Jordan asks for a 3% increase in tuition.

Sep. Louise Anderson Hall placed back in service as a dormitory after 18 year hiatus. Students moved into their rooms at the start of the term, but construction was not complete in the lounges and some public areas until later in the quarter.

Sep. Demolition work began on Monroe Hall, in preparation for complete remodeling and expansion of the building for use as classrooms and offices.

Sep. A mandatory $35.00 technology fee was instituted at the start of the fall quarter. the fee will pay for improved computing and internet services for students.

Dec. 7 Cheney's municipal Christmas tree was cut down by a group of students, which resulted in strained relations between the University and the City.

2000

Jan. 6 Paul Wulff named as new Head Football coach at Eastern.

Feb. 3 EWU child care center opened in the former receiving warehouse at the corner of 7th and Washington streets. The facility was designed to accommodate 97 children, who could be between the ages of six weeks and ten years.

Feb. 18 Former president H. George Frederickson spoke at the EWU Riverpoint campus in Spokane. He was invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the founding of EWU’s Master of Public Administration program.

Feb. 24 EWU announced that it was considering the sale or trade of its downtown Spokane Center as part of a plan to consolidate all Spokane operations at the Riverpoint campus.

Mar. The BOT approved a 3.6% increase in tuition for the 2000 / 2001 academic year.
Feb. Dr. Peter Dual was hired as Provost for Academic Affairs, replacing Niel Zimmerman.

Apr. 27 The Integrated Studies requirement for Baccalaureate degrees was abolished, ending the experiment begun as Liberal Arts Enrichment in 1997.

Jun. 10 Washington Governor Gary Locke was the commencement speaker.

Sep. 21 The former Jore School, a one-room school house, was moved to campus from its original site near Newport, Washington. The school will become the Cheney Normal School Heritage Center, to promote learning, and honor the university's history of training teachers for work in the rural schools of eastern Washington.

Sep. EWU student Michael Johnson ran for the Washington State House of Representatives. [Unsuccessfully – cvm]

Sep. Record enrollment at EWU, 8,597.

Oct. 12 Pathways to Progress started, to foster economic growth in Cheney, and greater EWU – community cooperation. Ruth Kinnie Jordan (Mrs. Jordan) was one of the leaders of the project.

Oct 19 EWU Union Building used as the Associated Press western headquarters for tallying election results in 10 western states.

Oct. All dormitories full, and enrollment increasing caused the university to consider building a new dorm.

Oct. Faculty and administration express differing concerns about proposed faculty contract.

Nov. President Jordan discusses feasibility of a doctoral program at EWU, thinks it is three to five years away from happening.

2001

Jan. 8 Eastern was included in the new publication The 201 Best Colleges of the Real World for 2001-2002. Eastern was the only public college or university in Washington State to be included.

Feb. Eastern’s first Black fraternity, Beta Phi Pi, began operating during Black History Month.

Feb. 21 The Easterner developed a new look with its on-line edition.

Mar. 1 Dolores “Dee” Tremewan Martin began her duties as Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration.

Apr. The 1916 plaster stature of Sacajawea was installed in the Showalter Hall lobby following repair and restoration. The statue was a gift from the class of 1916.

Apr. On-line registration offered using EAGLENET. Students able to access information and make changes to their schedules on-line, rather than standing in line at Sutton Hall.

Apr. Governor Locke signed the bill allowing EWU to offer a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

May A major in Environmental Science was approved.


Jun. 16 United States Senator Patty Murry was the commencement speaker.

Jul. 29 The Seattle Seahawks professional football team started a three week training camp at EWU.

Sep. Pathways to Progress announces joint plan to link EWU campus to downtown Cheney with sidewalks that blend with campus walks made of pavers.

Oct. 18 Lech Walesa, past president of Solidarity and of Poland, was the inaugural speaker of the Presidential Lecture Series.

Oct. Enrollment up to 9,029.

Oct. Army ROTC celebrates 50 years on EWU campus.

Nov. 1 Cyber Café opens in the PUB. Although not serving food, this computer lab allows students to bring food with them.

Dec. 6 Barb Richie became first Director of the Division of University Relations.

2002

Jan. 10 Plans for a new residence hall and apartment building at Second and F, on the site of the old Ratcliffe Ford dealership are announced. Demolition begins by the end of the month.

Jan. 31 The ASEWU announces that it will begin to study block scheduling, along with the study being undertaken by the Academic Senate.

Feb. 7 Two EWU faculty members, Roberta Pierce (Mathematics) and James Edmonds (Music) were killed in a tragic auto collision near Four Lakes.

Mar. 14 Robert Brewster, the owner of the dorm project at Second and F announces that the building will be named Brewster Hall to honor his grandmother, Dorothy Brewster.
Apr. 11 Estimated tuition for 2002 / 2003 to be $3,379 per quarter.

Apr. The Senior Class gift to the university to be revived.

May The Washington State Archives breaks ground for a new building, just north of the Anna Maria Apartments, on the west side of Washington Street. The state also plans to place a crime lab to the west of the State Archives building.

May Dr. Peter Dual resigns from his position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Brian Levin-Stenkevitch assumes duties as acting Provost.

Sep. Brewster Hall opened for use, although much work remained to be completed.

Sep. The first class in the Ph.D. in Physical Therapy program began.

Sep. Governor Locke toured the EWU campus.

Sep. 26 A 14% increase intuition, to $3,357 was approved by the Trustees.

Oct. 17 EAGLE FLEX program instituted, allowing students to use their flex account on their Eagle Card to make purchases at participating Cheney businesses.

Nov. 5 The PUB multi-purpose room was used by Associated Press as the AP Western Election phone center, to collate data on the election returns for distribution to the news media.

Nov. Telephoned bomb threats received at about 11:30 AM cleared the campus.

Nov. The Cheney City Council decided to allow the placement of parking meters on streets around the campus to help regulate parking. Installation of meters on Washington and Elm streets was scheduled for the quarter break in December, to be completed by the start of Winter quarter, 2003.

Dec. 31 The campus Post Office in Pence Union Building closed. The number of box rentals had dropped to about 143 of 800, resulting in a loss of about $20,000 per year.

2003

Jan. 2 Parking meters went into service on Washington and Elm streets near the campus.

Jan. Work speeded up on remodeling Tawanka Commons to close in lower floor area of both wings, and to revise roof and exterior cladding to make the building more harmonious with the other campus buildings.

Jan. 29 Senator George Mitchell spoke on peace in the Middle East and US foreign policy. He was the second Presidential Speaker.
Mar. Expansion of heating plant nears half-way point, new boilers added to carry the added load of new buildings on campus, and fully occupied residence halls. The new boilers were successfully test-fired before the end of the month.

Apr. Skate boarding on campus was a problem. Metal brackets were placed on some surfaces to discourage the practice of grinding the board along the edge of walls, benches, and similar structures.

Apr. The American Indian Studies Program celebrated 35 years of operation.

Apr. An anonymous gift of $1,000,000 was received to pay for a new press box at Woodward Field. Work scheduled to be complete by the 2004 football season.

Apr. For the third year in a row, EWU was named one of the “Great Colleges for the Real World.”

Jun. The EWU – Washington State University joint library online catalog was separated.

Sep. Eastern Washington University’s on-line library catalog included the option to search SUMMIT, a combined listing of the holdings of four year college and university libraries in Oregon and Washington.

Sep. Agreement between ASEWU and Spokane Transit allows EWU students, faculty, staff to use their EWU ID as a bus pass during the academic year.

Sep. Remodeling of Tawanka Commons nears completion. Food service re-opened for the start of the academic year. Office space in lower floor nearing completion. New brick cladding harmonizes with other campus buildings.

Sep. Board of Trustees plans to reduce staffing by 41 positions to conform with reduced state funding for EWU.


Oct. 9 Fall enrollment hit an all time high of 9,178.

Nov. 13 EWU opens an infant and toddler center in Colville as part of its Stevens County Early Head Start program.

Nov. Work begun on state Forensic lab (crime lab) building on EWU campus.

2004

Jan. 15 Enrollment up at EWU, including among minority members.
Feb. 6 A bomb threat, made by anonymous notes posted on the PUB and at the Presidents’ House closed the university for a day. All classes were cancelled.

Mar. 11 The Eagles won the Men’s Basketball championship for the Big Sky Conference.

Mar. 13 David McCullough was the third Presidential Speaker, speaking on the presidency.

Apr. 19 Demolition of the old press box at Woodward Field began.

Apr. 29 The Board of Trustees chose to end the contract with the United Faculty of Eastern when the contract expires in June, 2004. The UFE announced that it was accelerating its drive to obtain official recognition as the bargaining agent for the faculty.

May 20 The Higher Education Coordinating Board approved EWU offering a BS in Electronic Engineering. Planning for admitting the first class in the fall of 2005 was under way.


Sep. A new Press Box was opened at Woodward Field at the start of the Fall Quarter.

Oct. 20 The ASEWU announce proposal for a new recreation center across Elm Street from the Pence Union Building. Married Student Court would be razed to make way for the new facility.

Nov. 19 EWU faculty vote to have the union, the United Faculty of Eastern, serve as their sole bargaining agent in negotiations with the university. The vote was 336 for, and 46 opposed to the measure.

2005

Jan. 5 EWU and Gonzaga University announce a dual degree program, joining the EWU School of Social Work and the Gonzaga Law School. Graduates of the four-year program may receive both a law degree from GU and Master of Social Work from EWU.

Feb – Apr. The Churchill Matter. An invitation was extended to University of Colorado Ethnic Studies professor Ward Churchill to speak in the spring became controversial by February 4. Churchill’s inflammatory rhetoric was the cause of much of the dispute. His right to free speech was defended by some, including the Faculty Senate, while the administration cited concerns about public safety as their primary reason for canceling his invitation. The Native American Students Association stood by Churchill, paid his expenses, and had him speak to an Indian Studies class during its scheduled class on April 5. Churchill then spoke on the mall in front of the library for twelve minutes.

Apr. 6 President Stephen Jordan selected as president of Metro State College, Denver, Colorado. Vice President and Provost Brian Levin-Stankevitch was made Acting President by the Board of Trustees, effective at the time of President Jordan’s departure.
Jun. 11 Eastern awarded its first Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees at Commencement. Stephen Jordan left campus to begin his duties at Metro State College in Denver, Colorado, and Brian Levin-Stankevitch assumed responsibility for the daily administration of the university.

**Roster of Presidents at EWU**

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