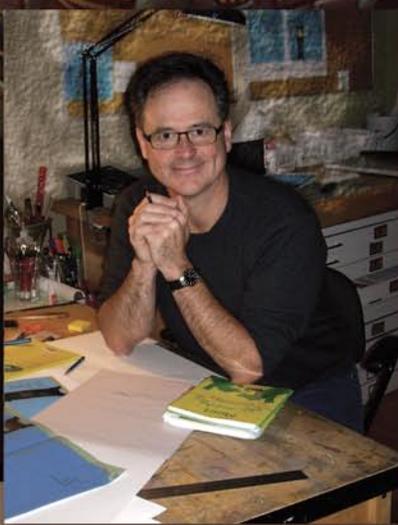


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President's message



Greetings Alumni,

This issue of “The Mountaineer” magazine focuses on the international experiences of our alumni and students and how those experiences have enriched their lives and helped them make a difference in the lives of others.

A significant part of EOU’s commitment to providing high-quality education is making sure students have opportunities to participate in activities that will help prepare them for success. International exchanges are an ideal way for students to gain a broader understanding of themselves and the world and more doors are opening every day through our international and study abroad programs.

Our cover is dedicated to Keith Baker, ‘76, a children’s book author and illustrator. His career has led him around the world as he shares his talent for drawing and storytelling with children.

Another alum featured in this issue is ‘06 graduate Armida Hernandez. She is the first person in her family to earn a college degree and although the road has been hard, the mother of five is now a successful teacher in a bilingual charter school.

We hope you enjoy reading these and the other stories in the following pages and will be inspired to look for opportunities to experience the cultural diversity of the world we live in.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Khosrow Fatemi".

Khosrow Fatemi
President, Eastern Oregon University

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art by Keith Baker.

Inset: Baker at his studio in Seattle.

In brief

U.S. Bank awards grant to high school outreach program

The Eastern Oregon University Foundation received a \$5,000 grant from the U.S. Bancorp Foundation in Nov. 2006 to help fund the continuing efforts of EOU's Office of High School Initiatives.

The outreach program helps prepare teens in schools throughout eastern Oregon for postsecondary education by delivering college-level courses at their individual high schools, on the EOU campus and through distance education.

"The work of the Office of High School Initiatives is very important to our community. I applaud their efforts to support and encourage our young people in eastern Oregon so that

more high school graduates will realize the benefits of higher education," said Todd Gorham, vice president and eastern Oregon district manager for U.S. Bank.

For more information about the program visit www.eou.edu/ohsi/.



From left, Tim Seydel, associate vice president for University Advancement, Gloria Chastain, La Grande's U.S. Bank branch manager, Khosrow Fatemi, EOU president, Curtis Greenfield, EOU's director of major gifts, and Todd Gorham, vice president and U.S. Bank Eastern Oregon district manager.

International Student Association celebrates 20th anniversary

When a community comes together to celebrate diverse cultures in an evening rich with traditional song, dance and international cuisine, it is sure to be none other than the International Dinner and Show.

Presented every February by members of the International Student Association there was even more to look forward to this year as the club celebrated its 20th anniversary at EOU.

"We want to reach out to the community by sharing the best of each culture, but we want to show that we are also all one people," said Doctor Ayeliya, ISA president.

The students shared their cultures through language, dance, food, clothing and crafts. At the dinner a recipe book full of favorite international dishes was also available for purchase.

"We are here because of education and this is our way to give something back," Ayeliya said.



Members of the Navigators Club at EOU perform a traditional dance for the International Dinner and Show in McKenzie Theatre.

There are approximately 90 international students from 31 different countries currently attending EOU. Ayeliya, a junior this year, is from Ghana.

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Calendar raises hunger awareness, one month at a time

Each page turned in a special calendar this year will not only signify the start of a new month, but also a growing awareness of the problems of hunger and food insecurity.

The 2007 calendar is a product of EOU's Haven from Hunger project and features the artwork of students in K-12 schools in La Grande.

Spearheaded by Bill Grigsby, assistant professor of sociology, and the students in his upper-division social welfare class, the calendar was designed by EOU senior Desarae Nawras. Artwork was selected from approximately 50 entries and then reviewed by a panel of judges.

"We had a lot of really outstanding art," Nawras said. "The kids really took a lot of time on this."

The principals and teachers at La Grande High School, La Grande Middle School and Central Elementary School agreed to participate in the project, which aims to integrate awareness of hunger and household food insecurity into the schools' curriculum. A drawing contest generated the artwork for the calendar.

"For us the calendar not only helps to raise awareness of the problems of hunger and food insecurity in the community, it also helps us establish relationships with area schools and businesses," Grigsby said.

"The enriched curriculum is about food awareness and appreciation through art. We want to work with schools to elevate the profile of these issues," he said.

A Civic Solutions grant from Campus Compact of Oregon provided major funding for the production of the calendar. All proceeds from sales will help build the sustainability of the project.

"I'd like to see this become an event that children and teachers from all the schools in the valley will be excited about and look forward to every year, and one that local businesses and the community are willing to support," Grigsby said.



Laura Hancock/University Advancement

Desarae Nawras designed the 2007 Haven from Hunger calendar. Nawras is a senior studying sociology at EOU.

Nawras became involved because she wanted to help out in the community.

"It was a good experience. I'd do it again," the sociology major said. Nawras is from St. Helens, Ore.

IT donates computers to students, families in need

The Information Technology department at Eastern Oregon University is helping to place computers with people – people who may have never had access to a computer in their homes before.

Working with the nonprofit Northeast Oregon Housing Authority, the IT department donated 12 of the best working surplus computers to be given to EOU distance education students. The computers were made available to registered students, or those who intended to register at EOU who are also involved with the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

"We're giving students a leg-up and keeping them connected to EOU," said Steve Clements, equipment systems specialist.

All 12 computers came equipped with Microsoft Windows '98 operating systems and all the necessary accessories were included.

"We are pleased to assist the Northeast Oregon Housing Authority in placing technology into the hands of deserving citizens," said Paul Rowan, IT director. "These refurbished personal computers allow EOU distance education students and others who are homebound the ability to better their lives through all that technology can provide."

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program supports and promotes the completion of a college degree. Program coordinator Donna Brownlee knows that owning a computer is a must for every distance education student to succeed.

"Many of the people in our program are low-income and when they make the decision to go to school, buying a computer is a major expense. Once enrolled they become largely dependent on financial aid and if we can give them a computer it helps save them some money," Brownlee said.

Priority for placement of the computers is given to students first, but Brownlee said they consider others who are housebound or elderly and wish to communicate with their families via e-mail. Families with school-age children are also eligible.

"We might give one computer to a family of five, but all five will benefit from that one computer," Brownlee said.

Touches of whimsy brighten children's playroom

Students in Jessica Plattner's Design I art class at EOU have started a tradition of putting their artistic skills to work in the community creating colorful murals.

Some of the murals are large, some are small, but all have positive impact. Last fall the students added an extra measure of cheer to the children's playroom at Shelter from the Storm, an organization that provides support services to victims of domestic violence. Before dipping into their paint, Plattner's students visited Shelter from the Storm to learn more about the organization's mission and role in the community.

"The students listened specifically for broad themes related to the Shelter's work with children such as protection, healing, safety, imagination, nature and fun," Plattner said. "Next, the students worked in groups to come up with proposals for the mural."



Laura Hancock/University Advancement

EOU junior Yoshimi Kishimoto adds the finishing touches to the fish pond on the wall by the door of the children's playroom at Shelter from the Storm.

Staff members at Shelter from the Storm and other volunteers joined Cory Peeke, assistant professor of art at EOU, in reviewing the proposals. Students presented small, painted mock-ups of their designs as examples and addressed the specific themes conveyed through the imagery.

Once the final design was chosen the class

worked together to bring the concept to life on the playroom walls. The scene came together in a panoramic landscape depicting the four seasons. Butterflies and leaves drift lazily while several frogs and fish chase after bugs. Birds take wing from the branches of a large tree in the corner reaching all the way to the ceiling.

"Some elements are painted directly onto the walls, such as the rolling hills that surround the whole room," Plattner said. "Other elements are cut out of plywood and applied to the wall like the falling leaves, snowflakes and birds."

It was hard to reach a decision on which design to choose, said Chris Martin, sexual assault advocate at Shelter from the Storm.

"We all loved the tree, so that was really the deciding factor," she said. "We are all really excited about it."

Adventures from the Emerald Isle

Kathryn Williams is a junior at EOU and is spending a semester abroad at the National University of Ireland, Galway. She is one of seven students who maintain blogs to stay connected with EOU. The Oregon City native is majoring in agriculture business management. Williams shares details about her adventures in the Emerald Isle via e-mail from NUI Galway.

Q: Why did you want to study abroad?

Williams: "I wanted to study abroad to be somewhere that I was out of my element. I wanted to see how other parts of the world live and experience a culture other than my own."

Q: Why did you choose Ireland?

Williams: "Because I have always heard amazing stories about the culture from my

grandmother and from anyone who had visited there. I choose NUI Galway because my grandmother grew up in a house about 10 minutes from the campus."

Q: How do you hope this experience will enhance your studies?

Williams: "I wanted to get an international perspective on business and since so much of the Irish economy over the years has been supported by agriculture, references are always made."

Q: Is this the first time you have ever been out of the United States?

Williams: "Yes, this is the first time that I have ever been out of the U.S. and I now have the traveling bug!"

Q: What are your plans after you graduate



Submitted photo

"So far, the most exciting experience that I have had was seeing the Cliffs of Moher. They are a magnificent display of nature and pictures can't do them justice," Kathryn Williams said of her trip to see the cliffs in County Clare, Ireland.

from EOU?

Williams: "After I graduate I plan to attend graduate school at either Oregon State University or Texas A&M and study agricultural market and information economics."

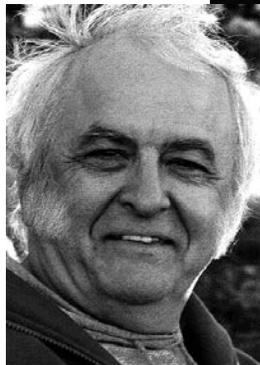
To read Williams' blog go to <http://bogs.cha-tuniversity.com/eou/> and click on her photo.

Author George Venn discovers an unlikely friendship

The anticipated “Soldier to Advocate: C.E.S. Wood’s 1877 Legacy,” by George Venn, retired professor emeritus at Eastern Oregon University, hit bookshelves in October.

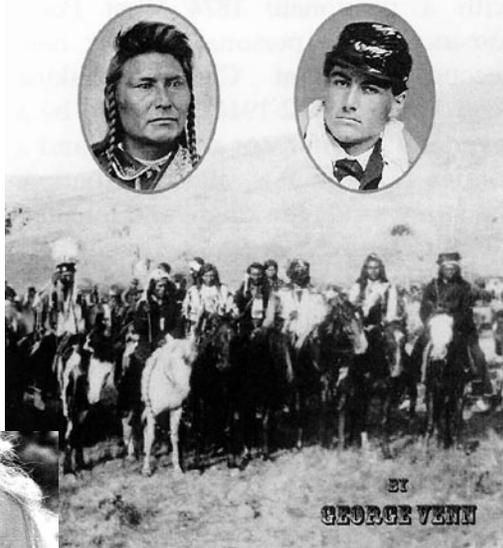
In his latest work, Venn pieces together the life story of Charles E.S. Wood, a Pennsylvania native and West Point graduate who fought in the Nez Perce War of 1877. From more than 90 different historical sources and Woods’ own early inspiration as a writer and artist comes the story of his appointment with the Army at Vancouver Barracks, his adventures exploring the Northwest Coast and the his eyewitness account of the surrender of Nez Perce Chief Joseph.

The Army officer and Chief Joseph developed an unlikely friendship reflected in Wood’s prose and poetry in which he initially defends both Chief Joseph and his commander, General Oliver Otis Howard, but later opposes Gen. Howard. Complete with 18 of Wood’s original pen and ink drawings of the Nez Perce and their many battles with U.S. soldiers, Venn also included in the book 40 additional 19th century images and 11 unpublished original photos documenting the legacy of friendship and respect established between Wood, Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce.



SOLDIER TO ADVOCATE: C.E.S. WOOD'S 1877 LEGACY

A SOLDIER'S UNPUBLISHED DIARY, DRAWINGS, POETRY,
AND LETTERS OF ALASKA AND THE NEZ PERCE CONFLICT



Submitted photos

George Venn's latest book documents a remarkable friendship between Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce and U.S. Army Lt. C.E.S. Wood. The volume includes 18 of Wood's original drawings, the only eyewitness images of the Nez Perce War.

“George Venn’s work is a superb contribution to our knowledge of the Nez Perce War, particularly as it respects judgments about Charles E.S.

Wood as a historian, participant, and literary influence,” stated historian Jerome A. Greene in a review. Greene is the author of “Nez Perce Summer, 1877: The U.S. Army and the Ne-Me-Poo Crisis.”

With 15 edited collections to his name, Venn has authored four other books including, “West of Paradise,” which secured him a spot as an Oregon Book Award finalist, and “Marking the Magic Circle,” chosen by the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission as one of the best 100 books to be published in Oregon in two centuries.

Venn grew up in the northwest and has lived in the La Grande area since 1970. He attended Albertson College and the University of Montana, where he first read the story of the betrayed non-treaty Nez Perce. He has spent the past 11 years researching Wood’s life. Venn retired from EOU in 2002 and was honored with the Distinguished Teaching Faculty Award.

Copies of “Soldier to Advocate” are available for purchase at bookstores in La Grande or directly from the publisher, Wordcraft of Oregon, LLC, at www.wordcraftoforegon.com.

Umpqua partnership provides student opportunities

Eastern Oregon University entered into an agreement with Umpqua Community College in October that will increase access to educational opportunities for students throughout the state.

“DDE’s mission has always been to provide increased access to place-bound students. We’ve spent the last few years expanding our reach throughout rural Oregon and are very pleased

to now have Umpqua Community College as a partner,” said Michael Cannon, dean of EOU’s Division of Distance Education.

“We have an office already established at UCC staffed by Jasmine Filley, Southern Valleys regional director, and we are looking forward to assisting students achieve their educational goals,” Cannon said.

Bachelor’s degrees that will be available to UCC students through EOU’s distance education program are business administration; business economics; fire services administration; liberal studies; physical education and health; and philosophy, politics and economics. Dual admission and enrollment plans expect to be fully implemented by no later than fall 2007.

Ecological collection donated to EOU's Pierce Library

In November 2006, Eastern Oregon University's Pierce Library unveiled the Northeast Oregon Ecological Collection donated by retired USDA Forest Service scientist, Charles G. Johnson, Jr.

Johnson, of Baker City, donated the historical collection to Pierce Library for archiving. It is comprised of the papers and photography of four U.S. Forest Service scientists, including Johnson and the materials span nearly 100 years of research pertaining to the Malheur, Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National forests.

The work of the late scientists Elbert Reid, Gerald Strickler and Wade Hall was entrusted to Johnson prior to their deaths for safekeeping. He has since received much more information, which is included in this collection.

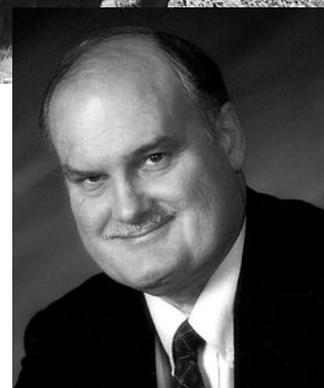
"They put their confidence in me as a person to see that their research didn't get thrown in the dumpster," Johnson said. "I sought to find a sanctuary outside the government offices where public access to these materials was possible. Working with the Forest Service supervisor, we transferred the collection to EOU and arranged to have it placed in Pierce Library."

Johnson began systematically sorting through the stored materials retained from the inception of the Forest Service's Northeast Oregon Ecological program in 1977. The bulk of the work is representative of the history of the Region 6, (Washington and Oregon), and Area 3, (Malheur, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests), Ecology programs.

"The collection tells a nice composite story of research findings and management driven proj-



The Northeast Oregon Ecological Collection donated to Pierce Library by Charles Johnson, Jr. (right) contains hundreds of historic photographs. The image above was taken at Eagle Creek and is dated 1965.



ects resulting from the basis of plant ecology," Johnson said. "It is all about plants and plant communities and how they are affected by fire and other hazards. Rangeland management here in northeast Oregon is influenced by the research of these individuals."

The collection will be of interest not only to those studying ecology, Johnson said, but also for those interested in organizational dynamics and will be very user-friendly.

"We are very excited to accept, organize and make accessible this unique collection of work

that has such relevance to eastern Oregon," said Karen Clay, Pierce Library director. "It will make research projects possible in a variety of interests to EOU students and faculty and to scientists in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest."

** Editors note: Charles Johnson, 63, died March 25 at OHSU in Portland.*

"Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world." – Margaret Mead

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Craig Braseth is committed to helping young people succeed, following a family *tradition of service*

By Laura Hancock / Managing Editor

Developing a connection to the community means a lot more to Mountaineer Booster Club President Craig Braseth than whether his teams win every game. He understands that winning is an empty victory without the support of the community.

Art Furman, former head men's basketball coach at EOU, is who Braseth credits for getting him involved with the EOU athletic department in the beginning.

"He realized the need to connect the community with the university and its athletic programs," Braseth said.

In 1999 Braseth joined other key community members Shawn Mangum and Lowell Knopp

and with the support of university administration the group formed the EOU Mountaineer Booster Club as a way to establish that link. Mangum was the first president of the club and Braseth is now enjoying his fifth year as president.

Since then Braseth is thrilled that continual advances have taken place to help foster the connection to community. When Rob Cashell came on board as athletic director in 2001, Braseth saw the coaches begin to focus more on recruiting local athletes.

"When you can get local talent, parents also become involved and you can fill the stands with family and friends," Braseth said.

Since the Booster Club's beginning EOU athletics also moved from NCAA Division III to NAIA standing, allowing scholarships to be

awarded to student athletes. The Booster Club awarded \$35,000 in scholarships over the last two years, an amount Braseth hopes to see increase to \$50,000 in the next few years.

"Being able to recruit talented student athletes and then contribute to their education through scholarships is a winning combination," Braseth said. "It's been exciting. There are a lot of good programs and positive things going on at EOU."

In addition to scholarships the Booster Club also purchases athletic equipment and has contributed close to \$500,000 in support of the university in the past six years. Owner of Mountain West Moving and Storage Company in La Grande, Braseth knows his experience as a business person has helped him greatly when it comes to managing Booster Club funds. His family has been in the moving business for 51 years.

It's not uncommon for students who have received Booster Club scholarships to also seek employment with Braseth.

"It's great to be able to watch them do well at games and then get to know them on a personal basis too," Braseth said. "We are only as good as our employees, just as the team is only as good as its athletes."

An active member of the community, Braseth is involved with countless other organizations that help young people succeed. His is a long-time supporter of FFA, 4-H and served six years on the La Grande School District Board. He is a member of the EOU Foundation Board of Directors and the Eastern Oregon Economic Development Corporation. The Union County Chamber of Commerce named him Business Man of the Year in 2001 and in 2004 he was inducted into the Mountaineer Athletic Hall of Fame for his years of meritorious service.

Under Braseth's leadership the Booster Club has established a solid base for scholarship endowments with 19 lifetime memberships. He would like nothing more than to see people become increasingly involved in athletic-related events and watch the level of participation continue to grow.

"You can't go wrong when you're doing things for students," he said.

Mountaineer basketball teams finish historic season

By Laura Hancock / Managing Editor

To coaches Anji Weissenfluh and Ryan Looney, it's all about enjoying the journey, not the final destination. Both men's and women's Mountaineer basketball teams enjoyed success this year, but the climb to the top is tough and the conclusion to the season was bittersweet for each.

For the men it was the best overall season in the history of the men's basketball program at EOU. The team finished with an overall record of 23-8 and under coach Looney's leadership they had the 13th best overall NAIA record and were ranked among the top 25 teams through the first 10 NAIA national polls.

After multiple wins and only one loss to the Oregon Institute of Technology the men's rank fell from 21 to 29 in the weeks leading up to the tournament and the team did not receive an at-large invitation to compete at the tournament.

It was a low blow for Looney and the team, as they had performed consistently well on the court throughout the season. But Looney is excited that 12 of the 14 athletes will return to play a second season and he sees great things ahead.

"We have good student athletes and they all have taken pride in helping to build the basketball program," Looney said. "Our primary goal is to get better each and every year."

Returning players Paul Corollo, Tanner McIntosh and Jeremy Templeton all received conference honors. Corollo, a sophomore, was named first team all conference. McIntosh and Templeton, also sophomores, received honorable mentions and senior Derek Brown was named all conference defensive team.

"To be able to do things that have never been done is exciting," Looney said.

Looney and Weissenfluh are close as coaches go. The teams travel to away games together and players are supportive of one another when no one else is there to cheer. At the start of what would be a difficult season for the women, the team hoped to get the home championship game.

When they won a tie-breaker coin-flip secur-



Above/Photo by Grand Hudkins: Vernon Cropper, left, averaged six points and three rebounds per contest this year. The Portland native will graduate in the spring and is considering enrolling in EOU's MBA program.



Right/Photo by Isaac Williams/EOU Athletics: Tiffanie Ulmer signals that she's open during a game this spring. The EOU women's appearance at nationals was the third in the last four years.

ing an automatic berth to the NAIA National Tournament, it more than exceeded Weissenfluh's goal. The women suffered more injuries this year than the past seven seasons combined and it was the way members pulled together that allowed the team to advance.

"I'm very proud of the ladies," Weissenfluh said. "We all had to work really hard. Anyone at any given time was there to do what needed to be done, because when you believe you can win, you find a way. It was a complete team effort."

EOU senior Christie Weaver was named the Cascade Conference player of the year, but there were times when even she took a back seat during games.

The women faced defending national champions from Hastings College in Nebraska for the tournament held in Sioux City, Iowa in March. EOU lost, 47-74, in the first round but winning was far from everything to Weissenfluh and her team. It was the chance to win that meant so

much and being included as one of the 32 teams still competing at the end of the season.

"It was a great experience," Weissenfluh said. "It's about so much more than just basketball. We build relationships first and the bi-product is a winning team."

Athletes participated in a Special Olympics clinic and spent an afternoon with elementary school students during their stay in Sioux City. Traveling to the Midwest was also an educational experience for many of the students who had never been to that part of the country before. Weissenfluh believes it is experiences like these – and the relationships players have with EOU athletic alumni – that ultimately help to build-up the basketball program to what the coach hopes will become one of the top 10 teams in the country.

"We will continue to climb the mountain and enjoy each season," Weissenfluh said.

Author and illustrator inspires round the globe

By Laura Hancock / Managing Editor

With a skilled hand, Keith Baker brings the vivid images of his imagination to life. He is an artist but pencils and paint are not his only medium. Words fill his canvas, conjuring visions of alligators on a picnic, the low trembling of a hummingbird's wings, a little boy dreaming of magic.

Baker always liked stories so when he first began spinning yarns it never occurred to him not to also illustrate his writing. For him the two go hand-in-hand. The award-winning author of more than 15 fully illustrated children's books was born in La Grande in 1953. He attended Ackerman Elementary School and went on to earn degrees in fine art and education from Eastern Oregon State College, graduating in 1976. While still an undergraduate he gained distinction as the first male student to take a job as an aid in the Ackerman library.

"That was my first, early introduction to the world of children's books from the point of view as an illustrator and writer," Baker said.

And he knew from the beginning that he wanted to create them. Some favorite Baker titles today include the "Mr. and Mrs. Green" series, "Who is the Beast?," "Little Green," "The Magic Fan," "Big Fat Hen" and the list goes on.

After graduating from Eastern Baker took a teaching job at Island City Elementary School and later with the special programs department of the La Grande School District. He spent seven years teaching full time and then made the decision to leave his hometown and move to California to attend the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena and study illustration.

In the mid-1980s an opportunity to see the world took Baker to Morocco as a visiting artist at an American international school. Since then Baker has traveled to 20 different countries speaking and presenting to elementary school children about the art of storytelling and drawing.

"I hope to inspire children to do their own writing and storytelling and show them the personal side of what goes into creating a book," he said,

France, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Peru, Japan, Poland and Ethiopia are among the countries Baker has visited through the network of American international schools. American schools have been established in nearly every country to serve the children of international business communities.

"This is a wonderful way for me to travel. I have a real purpose because I'm not just there to see the sites," Baker said. "These schools provide wonderful opportunities for teachers and education students should consider becoming involved once they graduate, especially if they like to travel."

The teachers primarily speak English and the curriculum is English/American. In February 2006 Baker spent two weeks in Shanghai and he noted that the majority of students there were from Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Chinese national children are not allowed to attend private American schools, he said, but in other countries, privileged families in the local population often do send their children to the schools with the hope they will go on to attend college in the U.S.

When he arrived in Shanghai, China's largest city, Baker said he could hardly believe his eyes.

"It is very modern, with sky scrapers that make Manhattan look like a suburb," he said. "The horizon is nothing but building cranes. You can literally see the old China being knocked down. There is neon everywhere you look."

Although Baker's travels are enough fodder for a wealth of stories he said his writing has not been influenced directly. His book "The Magic Fan" is based in Japan but he wrote it before ever visiting the country.

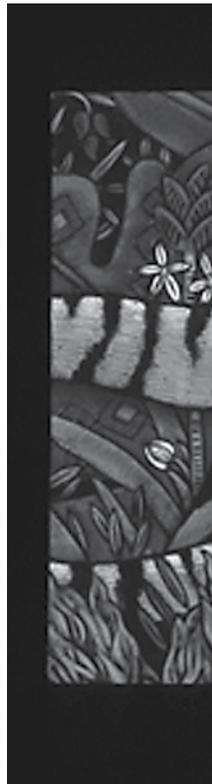
"It is my interpretation of Japanese culture and it does include a sea serpent from Japanese folklore, but it is not their world view," Baker said. "I understood after visiting the country that the book is a mix of East and West."

The story is no less of a delight to children as they turn the pages of the book, each artfully shaped like a fan. Baker's motivation for writing the book is a perfect example of how he approaches a new project.

"I think about how I want a story to appear on the page visually before I begin writing," he said. "It really is a backwards way of doing things, but the story has to have meaning so ultimately the words are more important than the illustrations."

The honors and awards Baker has received suggest that he has found the perfect combination of both elements. "The Dove's Letter" and "Who is the Beast?" won the Parent's Choice Award for illustration and he received a Golden Kite Award for "Big Fat Hen." His Japanese folktale was voted Best Book of the Year by "School Literary Journal" and he was awarded the bronze UNICEF-Ezra Jack Keats International Award for excellence in children's book illustration.

Baker has also been honored by his alma mater,



children

The Dove's Letter



Written and illustrated by Keith Baker

Below: "Who is the Beast" artwork by Keith Baker

receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award from EOU in 2005. The same world of children's books Baker first caught a glimpse of as a student working in the library now includes his books and two original illustrations from "Little Green."

But Baker's contributions are not contained to pages in a book. In addition to all the children he has met around the world he inspires the students back home too, giving presentations at schools in Union County when he returns to visit his parents, Dock and Ernestene Baker, who still reside in La Grande.

Baker now lives in Seattle and he is preparing to leave on a trip to Singapore where in the course of five short days he will share his magic with 3,000 students.

To find out more about Keith Baker's books visit www.keithbakerbooks.com.



EOU grad serves as a model for family and community

It's report card day and the students at Four Rivers Community School in Ontario are anxious to get home.

Armida Hernandez teaches first and second grade at the school. She has the advantage of knowing her students have achieved good marks and that they shouldn't be too worried.

"They all wanted to look at their grades but I had to say, 'No, no, no . . . you have to wait to look at them with your parents,'" she says.

Hernandez knows the anxiety that hits when it seems like everything hinges on getting a good grade. Not very long ago she was also in school, studying hard to become a teacher. In December 2006 she graduated from EOU's residential education program in Ontario and soon after became a full-time faculty member at Four Rivers. She is the first person in her family to earn a college degree.

When Hernandez first enrolled at EOU it was at the campus in La Grande.

"I was barely 21, not married and I had a full scholarship," she recalls.

Hernandez attended classes for one term before tying the knot with her boyfriend Ruben. The priorities of her life began to change quickly and soon she stopped going to school.

"Nine years went by and we had four children. I never thought about going back to college until my first child started kindergarten," she says.

Hernandez started volunteering at the school whenever her job at a nearby cable company allowed.

Then she met Kerri Wenger at a parents group meeting at the school. Wenger is an associate professor of education at EOU's center in Ontario.

"I didn't want to have to go anywhere to finish my degree and Kerry said, 'Why don't you come talk to me,' and that just opened the door," Hernandez says. "It was hard my first term back after nine years. Kerry supported me and kept telling me, 'It's going to be rough, but just give it another term.'"

Remaining focused on her classes was dif-

ficult. Not only did she already have a family to take care of, she was pregnant with her fifth child. Her family realized the importance of her goal and rallied around her.

"My husband, Ruben, was a big inspiration to me. My family . . . my mom, my mother-in-law, everyone knew that I was back in college," Hernandez says. "I wasn't going to quit this time."

Even her employer at the cable company was supportive and she was able to start her student teaching at Four Rivers to prepare for her new career.

Wenger and Jan Dinsmore, associate professor of education, are the directors of the CUESTE program in Ontario. Both worked closely with Hernandez, as did Raeshelle Meyer, who stepped in during Dinsmore's sabbatical leave in 2006. They were all there to offer moral support and guidance.

"Kerry and Raeshelle put their lives on hold to help me. They were never like, 'OK, you're done now, bye!'"

Wenger's daughter is now a student in Hernandez's first-grade class at Four Rivers.

"She worked really hard and now she is a wonderful teacher," Wenger says.

Hernandez also has the advantage of being able to speak fluent Spanish and English, which is a great help to the Spanish-speaking parents of some of the students in her class.

"This is where I belong," she says.

When Hernandez received her diploma in the mail, her husband Ruben gathered their children around so they could all look at it together.

"He said, 'Come here and look at this! This is what I want from all of you,'" she remembers.

And when Hernandez came home from work



Photo by Ashley Barnes/Four Rivers Community School
Armida Hernandez with students in her first and second grade classroom at Four Rivers.

to find a 60-foot strip of paper hanging from the fence displayed the words, "Congratulations Mom!" she knew it was Ruben's doing.

Ruben is an entrepreneur and operates his own business. He did not attend college and many of the relatives on both sides of the Hernandez family have not completed high school. It's hard for Armida and Ruben to watch their nieces and nephews thinking about dropping out, but Armida is hopeful that other members of their family will look up to her as an example and role model because she went to college.

Hernandez often overhears her husband telling their children that they need to plan for the future, coaching them to say, "I'm going to go to college!" before they ever say, "I'm going to be a doctor or a lawyer." Their shared wish is that their children's generation will be a generation of change. Trya is 9, Julie is 8, Amy is 5, Ruben, Jr. is 3 and Hannah is 18 months. Softball and soccer practice, swimming, piano and guitar lessons fill their days, but being able to help her children appreciate literature is one of Hernandez's biggest dreams come true.

"We want our kids to benefit from all things," she says, "and hopefully when they grow up they will remember and tell their kids how important education is."



Campaign update:

Ignite the Future

EOU's Grand Staircase is one step closer to receiving a long-awaited facelift thanks to the Kinsman Foundation, which recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to aid in the restoration of the historic structure.

The funds have been earmarked specifically to repair and or replace the missing and broken balustrades of the staircase.

"The Kinsman Foundation is proud to support EOU in their efforts to restore this beautiful piece of architecture," said Keith Kinsman, Kins-

man Foundation president.

"We recognize the important role the Grand Staircase has played in the traditions of the university and in the community and we look forward to seeing this landmark reopen to the public," Kinsman said.

Constructed in 1929, the five-tiered staircase set into the hillside below Inlow Hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although usage of the staircase has been prohibited since 1988 to ensure safety and deter further erosion, much damage has occurred over time.

The grant is the first of many gifts specific to the restoration and endowment of the staircase that the EOU Foundation hopes to receive in the coming year.

Approximately \$1,000,000 will be needed to restore the Grand Staircase, including an endowment for continuing maintenance. Funds for both facets of the project are currently being sought from private granting organizations like the Kinsman Foundation, national and state agencies and private individuals.

Fundraising at EOU is led by the University Advancement Division and involves many departments and individuals. If you wish to help recapture this important piece of EOU's heritage by making a financial contribution, or would like to learn more about the "Ignite the Future" campaign, please contact the EOU Advancement Office at 541-962-3740 or e-mail advancement@eou.edu.

Homecoming and Oktoberfest

Oct. 12-13, 2007

A fun alumni weekend has been planned with lots of events, activities and opportunities to reunite with friends from your days at EOU. Make plans to attend the special celebration today!

Visit
www.eou.edu/alumni/homecoming/
for more details.

EOU Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2007 Alumni Awards



*Distinguished Alumni ~ Alumni Merit Award ~
University Service Award
~ Outstanding Community Partner*

Alumni awards recipients will be honored at this year's Homecoming event, Oct. 12, 2007. To submit an award nomination, visit www.eou.edu/alumni

2006 Alumni Award recipients

Recipients of the 2006 Alumni Awards honored during Homecoming last year are: Milburn Holmes, Distinguished Alumni Award; Michael Daugherty, University Service Award; and the La Grande Downtown Development Association, Outstanding Community Partner.

Milburn (Mel) Holmes graduated from EOU with a degree in general studies in 1961. After graduation he joined the Navy and was deployed three times to serve in the Vietnam War. Later he became one of five experienced pilots chosen by the Navy to create the Navy Fighters Weapon School, also known as Top Gun. Holmes served as head of the air-to-air combat department until 1970. He currently operates Grey Eagle Aviation and flight school in Carlsbad, Ca.



Milburn Holmes

Michael Daugherty retired from his long-time position as director of Residence Life at EOU in June. He graduated with honors in 1974 and received his master's in education from Oregon State University in 1979. While still a student he created and served as director of the Outdoor Program, volunteered for the new student orientation program and helped establish the campus FM radio station, among other projects.



Michael Daugherty

The La Grande Downtown Development Association has supported EOU and the Alumni Association for many years. Chairman Greg Johnson accepted the award on behalf of the association. As a partner, the association has volunteered to help with events like Homecoming by promoting activities in the community and downtown businesses, and regularly coordinating community improvement projects.



Greg Johnson

Mountaineer Tracks



Greetings from the Alumni Association

Hello Alumni and Friends,

I want to take this time to tell you how honored I am to be a part of the wonderful EOU Alumni Board. Our University has so many friends, memories and most importantly, alumni members throughout the United States. One of our goals is to connect with each and every one of our alumni and add their history to our database so that we can keep in touch. So many alumni think they have to graduate from EOU to be considered an alum, but that is not true. You are an alum if you attend two terms. Isn't that great!

The Alumni Board has been busy planning events as a way to connect with you. Also, our Homecoming Committee is already busy planning a bigger and better Homecoming for 2007. Over the last few years we have brought back the parade and Oktoberfest and now we want to improve many other areas of the event so that you can go home saying this was the best Homecoming ever!

We are also interested in starting EOU Alumni Chapters in many other areas around the country. These chapters can help with regional events and reconnect friends and alumni in your area.

Our most exciting project for the next few years is the restoration of the Grand Staircase. We have been very successful already but much more is needed. If you would like to see the staircase restored to the way it was in the days of Evensong, please contribute to the *Ignite the Future* campaign.

As President of the Alumni Association, I want to tell you how proud I am to be able to reconnect with fellow alumni. It is this connection that makes the Alumni Association a success. I encourage you to be involved and keep in touch with our University.

Mary Jo Larson

EOU Alumni Association President

The Mountaineer Tracks are compiled from update forms that alumni send to EOU. If you'd like to share news, visit the EOU alumni Web page at www.eou.edu/alumni, update your address and enter your news in the "Mountaineer Tracks Update" box. We'll print as many updates as space allows!

Class notes

1940s-1950s

Jess Young, '49, '56, graduated with a degree in education and later a master's of education. He retired in 1982 after 22 years as an elementary school principal in Florence, Ore. He and his wife, Esther, are active in their church and community and work as volunteers for Habitat for Humanity.

1960s

Milburn "Mel" Holmes, '61, played basketball for EOU and then found himself in the Navy during the early years of the Vietnam War. Mel was deployed three times as a fighter pilot in Vietnam. He became one of five experienced pilots chosen by the Navy to help start the Navy Fighters Weapon School, Top Gun. He served as head of the air-to-air department until June of 1970. He wrote manuals and designed the program for the school. A retiree from commercial airlines, he now operates the Grey Eagle Aviation and a flight school. Mel still flies, logging around 5 hours each year.

Richard Oesterling, '62, graduated with a degree in general studies. He currently is living in Rigby, Idaho and is starting his third season as a bass trombonist with the Rexberg, Idaho Symphony. Dick was a tubist with the Grande Ronde Symphony in the 1950s.

1970s

Robert "Bob" Clegg, '75, graduated with a degree in music education. He taught band and choir for 22 years at Enterprise High School and as a substitute teacher at Joseph High School for 15 years and at Wallowa High School for a few weeks before retiring. He was

also the groundskeeper at Enterprise Golf Course for 17 years and organized and conducted the Wallowa County Band for 25 years.

1980s

Lillian Mugo, '81 and her husband **Peter Khwatenge, '82**, currently live in Fresno, Texas. They have been married since 1982. Lillian works for the University of Texas – MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and her husband is a program coordinator for Texana MHMR. They have two children. Their son is a sophomore at the University of Houston and their daughter is 11.

Lance Dillow, '86, graduated with a degree in general studies. He works for Conway Freight in Uniontown, Ohio. He and his wife Colleen have two daughters ages 5 and 10. The family lives in Uniontown.

Mary Ann Barker, '88, graduated with a degree in general studies. She established her own company, MA Barker Bookkeeping & Tax Service in Lincoln, Calif., where she works as an accountant. She volunteers one day each year to the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Prior to forming her company she worked in several industries including non-profit, manufacturing, restaurant, real estate and public accounting. She is married to Joe Barker.

Robert Miller, '60, '88, graduated through EOU's external degree program. He currently lives in Portland and is a law professor at the Lewis & Clark Law School, a tribal judge for the Grande Ronde and a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. He recently published his first book entitled, "Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis & Clark and Manifest Destiny."

ALUMNI UPDATES

1990s

Brook Smith, '94, graduated with a degree in physics. She is a substitute teacher in the Baker 5-J School District and is married to **Dylan Smith**, who also attended EOU.

Steven Birnie, '91, graduated with a degree in geography and regional planning. He works for the College of Southern Idaho and is married to **Rhonda Redding, '91**.

Wednesday (Huffman) Martin, '94, and her husband Donald Martin live in Gold Beach with their daughter and their two sons. They enjoy camping, fishing and hunting as a family near the Rouge River. Wednesday graduated with degree in education.

Dennis Quinn, '95, graduated with a degree in business administration. His wife, **Janet Quinn, '95**, received an English literature degree from EOU. They have two daughters, Victoria Ann, who was born in May of 1998 and Isabella Grace, born in May of 2003.

Bob Teter, '95, graduated with a physical education and health degree. He lives in Florence, Ore., with his wife **Stacey Thomson**, who attended EOU, and their two sons. Bob works for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Lane County.

Mesa (Partin) Greenfield, '98, resides in Lakeview with her husband Shawn and two children, Kaden and Savannah. She works full time at Home Health and Hospice as a registered nurse. Her husband Shawn is a steer wrestler in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Jaime (Johnson) Maly, '99, graduated with a degree in anthropology/sociology. She works for Central Peninsula General Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska. Her husband, Burr Maly, works as a Flight Engineer for Lynden Air Cargo in Anchorage.

2000s

Shane Heitzman, '00, graduated with a degree in business/economics. He works for the University of Rochester, Simon School of Business in Rochester, New York. He is married to **Angela Heitzman, '00**.

Jorge Guerrero, '01, graduated with a degree in education. He is the Director of the Churchill County Parks and Recreation Department in Fallon, Nev. His wife Julie works for the County Assessors Office. The couple has a daughter, Hailey Grace.

Katie (Kimberling) Perez, '02, graduated with a degree in liberal studies. She is married to **Mario Perez**, who also attended EOU. The couple lives in La Grande.

John Winn, '06, graduated with a degree in liberal studies. He is the director of the Community School of the Arts at EOU and is married to **Debroah Winn, '06**, who received a degree in music.

Bernii Coppola, '06, graduated with a distance education degree in business administration. She works for Coppola Realty Group with her husband Tom, who is the owner. They live in Sarasota, Fla.

Births

Cecilia Diana Villagomez Edvalson was born on June 9, 2006 to **Amanda Villagomez, '03, '06** and Manuel Villagomez Martinez in Hood River. The family lives in Ontario where Amanda works as a middle school teacher.

Grace Marie Fullenwider was born on May 24, 2006 in Gresham to **Lindsey Fullenwider, '00** and **Jeremy Fullenwider, '00**. Lindsey graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and Jeremy graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Lindsey is a teacher in the Estacada School District and Jeremy is a Claims Manager for Nationwide Insurance. The family lives in Sandy.

Clara Brown was born on Sept. 26, 2006 to **Lori Brown, '95**, and Shaun Brown in Salem. Lori is the director of development for the Oregon State University Foundation and Shaun is a member of the Oregon National Guard.



Lori, Shaun and Clara Brown

Audrey Lynn Anderson was born on May 25, 2006 in The Dalles to **Sarah (Richelderfer) Anderson, '02** and Wesley Anderson. Sarah is a teacher in the North Wasco County School District No. 21 and the family resides in The Dalles.

Marleigh MaKena Hulseley was born July 3, 2006 to **Dr. Bryan Hulseley, '99** and **Kari (Peters) Hulseley, '98, '99**, in Oregon City. The family lives in Canby.

Jessica Taylor Hedahl was born on August 9, 2006 to **Christine (Manson) Hedahl, '01** and Richard Hedahl in Silverdale, Wash. She joins older sister, Courtney.

Weddings & Engagements

Chris Brown, '06, graduated with a degree in business administration. He works for Brun Metals in Hillsboro. In August of 2006 he married **Janna King, '05**. Janna also graduated with a business administration degree.

Jaime Ford, '02 and John Allen were married on July 15, 2006 in Vancouver, Wash. The couple will live in Vancouver. Jaime graduated with a bachelor's degree in theatre arts.

Sara Mickelsen, '02 and Troy Marks were married on July 22, 2006 in Hermiston. The couple lives in Hermiston. Sara received a degree in elementary education.

She was going to be a pilot...

He was going to teach and inspire lives...

We were going to stay in touch forever...

Soon you will be able to stop wondering about your old friends and what they are doing. The Eastern Oregon University Alumni Association is currently compiling an Alumni Directory, an invaluable resource to reconnect and network with your friends and classmates. This exciting resource will include biographical, class year, geographical and career field information about our graduates.

Don't miss your opportunity to be included in this project! Watch your mail for further details. If you have questions or would like to opt out, feel free to contact the EOU Office of University Advancement at 541-962-3740 or e-mail: alumni@eou.edu.

Lisa Smiley, '99 and Christopher Shipman were married on December 27, 2005 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The couple lives in North Carolina on an air force base but hope to spend some time overseas. Lisa's degree is in elementary education.

Elizabeth Gunter, '01 and Aaron Magee were married on May 27, 2006 in Silverton. Elizabeth received her bachelor's of science degree in education and currently works for bookbyte.com. The couple resides in Salem.

Robert Hamman, '95, married Melissa Miller on August 5, 2006 in Baker City. Robert graduated with a degree in agricultural business management and currently works as a crop advisor for Simplot. The couple will reside in Baker City with the bride's daughter Angi.

Kenneth Rada, '06, married Erika Moore on the beach in Kauai August 5, 2006. Kenneth works for Oregon Cutting Systems in Portland. The bride teaches first grade in the McMinnville School District.

Mary "Molly" Heriza, '98, married John Clark on July 7, 2006 in Troutdale. Mary graduated from Pendleton High School in 1991. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and her master's degree from EOU. The couple resides in Portland.

Sarah Mitchel, '01, married SFC Todd Nelson on December 3, 2005 in Sierra Vista, Ariz. The couple currently resides in Sierra Vista.



Todd Nelson and Sarah Mitchel

Obituaries

Jean (Taylor) Brownell, '38, died on July 18, 2006 in Hope Village in Canby at the age of 87. Jean was born July 22, 1918 in Bend. She received her teaching certificate from Eastern Oregon Normal School and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon College. She taught elementary school in the Haines and Baker areas then moved to Woodburn and later to Wilsonville. In 1942 she married Edmund G. Brownell and they had four daughters and one son. Jean and Edmund also had eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Kay (Clark) Bailey, '69, died July 5, 2006 at her home in Denver at the age of 59. Kay was born in Weiser, Idaho on May 6, 1947 and grew up in Eastern Oregon. She earned her bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon College and was an accomplished horsewoman as a young girl, earning the titles of princess and queen in various rodeos. She was also a competitive body builder when she was in her 30s.

Evelyn (Cypert) Cooper-Tillitt, '92, died October 10, 2006 of cancer at age 62. She was born June 19, 1944 in Spur, Texas and was raised in several areas of the West Coast. She moved to Wallowa in 1972 and in 1997 she married her husband Jim and they moved to Salkum, Wash. Survivors include her husband; sons Anthony and James; daughters Cheryl, Lujennie and Susan; mother Geraldine; sisters Millie and Kay; and eight grandchildren.

Robert Young, '85, died on September 25, 2006 at the age of 74. Robert was born on June 6, 1932 in Spokane, Wash. He attended numerous high schools in the Salem area and graduated from Salem High School in 1950. He attended Oregon State University and graduated from Eastern Oregon State College. He married his wife, Gail, in 1961 and served in the Army National Guard for 36 years. He also worked for the State of Oregon in the Forestry, Unemployment and Revenue Departments for 41 years. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and four grandsons.

Judith (McKenzie) Reed, '92, died on September 3, 2006 in her home from lung cancer at the age of 62. She was born July 9, 1944 in Boise, Idaho. She graduated from Boise High School in 1962 and from Boise Junior College with a teacher education degree in 1964. She taught in Burns for three years and married David Reed on July 17, 1965. She continued her education at Eastern Oregon University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in general studies. She is survived by her husband, four daughters, twelve grandchildren and five siblings.

Carol Smith, '51, died on July 5, 2006 at the age of 76. Carol was born July 23, 1929 and was raised in La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1947 and from Eastern Oregon College with a degree in elementary education. She taught elementary school in Prineville and high school in Harrisburg, Joseph and Wallowa, while living in Enterprise. She married Roland "Smitty" Smith on June 9, 1956. The couple lived in Texas for 18 years before they retired in Gresham.

Jim Brewer, '50, died in Hillsboro on June 4, 2006 of congestive heart failure at age 83. He received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Oregon College and was active in a number of activities. He taught in the Parkrose School District after graduation, and then moved to the Beaverton area as an elementary principal. He went on to serve the Beaverton Public Schools as a principal and business manager.

Welcome New Alumni! Your friends and classmates want to hear about you! This information may be included in the next edition of *The Mountaineer* alumni magazine.

Last Name _____ (Maiden Name) _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____
 Spouse _____ Phone Number _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 E-mail Address _____ check here to sign up for the Alumni E-newsletter
 Date of Birth _____
 Degree (circle one) AA BS BA MTE Date Entered _____ Date Graduated _____ Major _____

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Mail to: Eastern Oregon University, University Advancement – One University Blvd., La Grande, OR 97850-2807



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Thomas Wayne Switzer, '59, died in August 2006 at the age of 73. He was born on December 25, 1932 in Lincoln, Nebr. His family moved to Eastern Oregon where Tom attended both elementary and high school. He graduated from Vale High School in 1950. During the Korean War, Tom spent four years in the United States Airforce as an engine mechanic and was honorably discharged in 1954. He graduated from EOU with a degree in education. Tom was employed by the John Day School District as a math teacher where he taught junior high math until his retirement. After retirement, he renewed his interest in airplanes and worked at the John Day Airport until his passing.

John E. Morris, Sr, '72, of Craig, Alaska, died on December 11, 2006 at age 61. He was born on April 12, 1945 in Seaside to Finnis and Leona Morris. He graduated from high school in 1963 from WY-East in Hood River where he played basketball and was on the track team and football team. He also attended college and played football for the Oregon State University Beavers in Corvallis. John graduated with a bachelor's of science in economics from EOSC. On August 16, 1969 he married Mary Alice Bell. He was the prior general manager for Haida Corporation in Hydaburg. Cards can be sent to: Morris Family P.O. Box 1049, Craig, Alaska, 99921

Is there a story you would like to see in print? We invite you to contribute your news to *The Mountaineer*.

The Mountaineer magazine serves the entire EOU community and beyond reaching alumni and donors as well as current students. If you or someone you know has a story idea to share for possible publication in *The Mountaineer*, please send us the details. We will gladly accept submissions regarding any of the following:

- Awards, honors, or other news for alumni faculty and staff
- Alumni, faculty and staff who notably contribute to and engage in their communities
- New or rediscovered works by faculty, staff and alumni including publications and art
- Faculty, staff and alumni conducting influential projects and research
- Digital photos of events and get-togethers involving alumni, faculty and staff.

Send your story ideas to University Advancement via e-mail to: lhancock@eou.edu or phone: (541) 962-3585.

Note - please send photos with caption information attached either as a Word document or in the body of your e-mail.



EOU Alumni Association Board 2006-07



Pictured from left, back row: Mike Daugherty, Karin Tsiatsos, (Secretary), Sally Wiens and Roger Ediger. From left, front row: Joe Sullivan, Carol Knopp, (former Vice President), Tyler Whitmire and Mary Jo Lemon, (President).

Board members not pictured are Lori Jordan Brown, Anne Billing, William Frazier, Steve Gilmore, Barry Bradham, Nathan Reinhard and Judy Turner.

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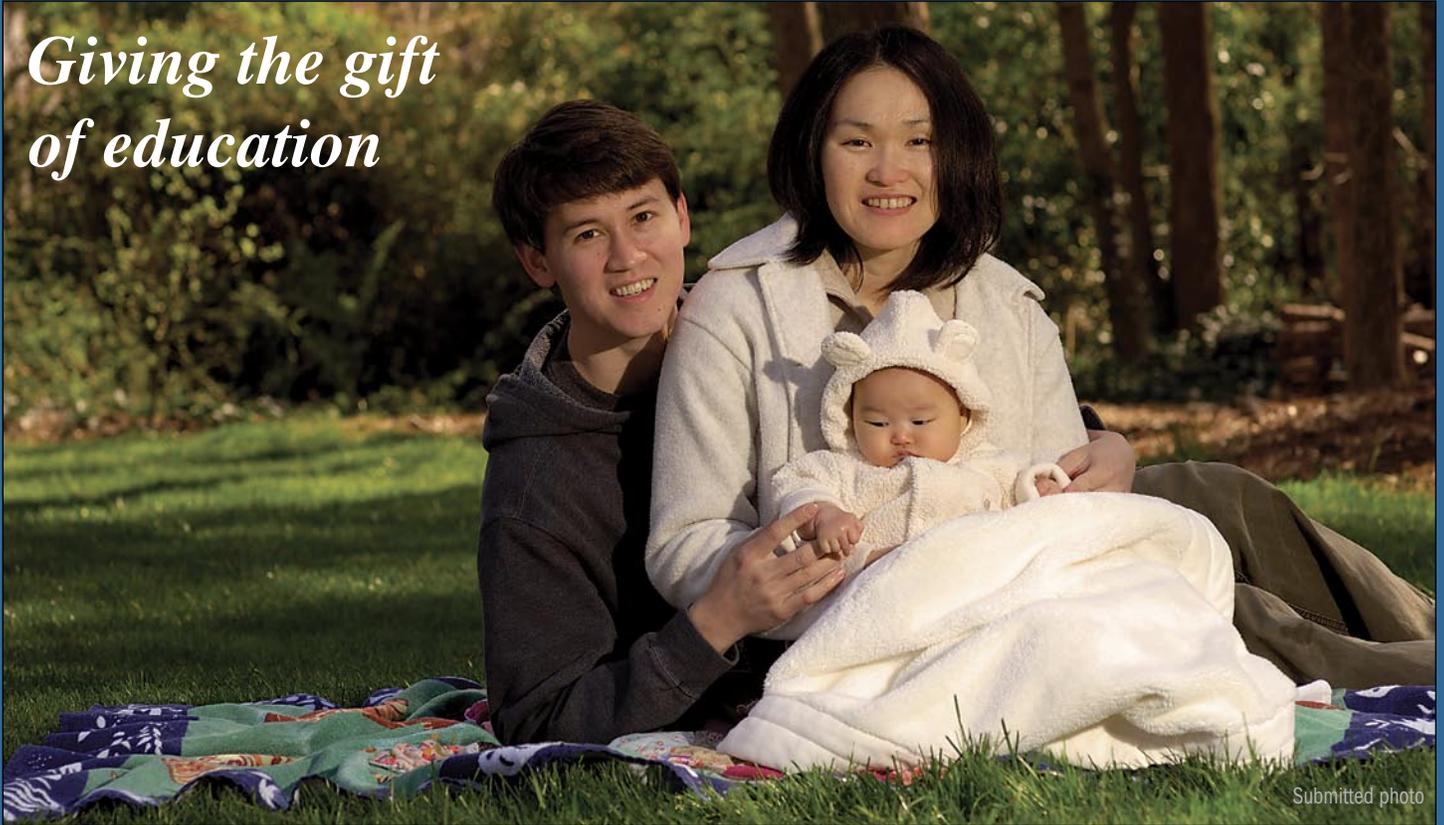
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“I hope that current and future students will enjoy their precious time at EOU where activities inside and outside the classroom are in perfect harmony.”

– Megumi Whittle '99

After attending two semesters at a large metropolitan university in Hawaii, Megumi Whittle questioned whether she had chosen the right school. Wanting to have more of a university experience than a blur of bus rides, the international student left the crowded campus and transferred to Eastern Oregon University.

“The change was tremendous,” Megumi said. “I enjoyed being involved in many activities like Island Magic, EOU’s student newspaper, ‘The Voice,’ the International Student Association, English Club and Community Chorus.”

Megumi and her husband Derrick want to help ensure that these activities and the memories they create for students remain available by contributing to the EOU Foundation’s Annual Fund Drive. To help increase the impact of their gift, Derrick also works with his employer to match their family’s charitable contribution, dollar for dollar. To find out how you too can play a significant role in EOU’s future, please contact the EOU Office of University Advancement.

Calendar

2007 Calendar of Events

* All dates are subject to change. For more information on campus events, visit EOU on the Web at www.eou.edu or visit the Alumni Association online at www.eou.edu/alumni for updated information on alumni events.

May

19 Rollin Schimmel Football
Scrimmage & Umatilla County
Alumni Event

June

9 Foundation Annual Meeting
President's Gala

15 Student Awards Ceremony

16 Commencement 2007

August

TBA Portland Beavers Alumni Reunion

September

TBA Boise Alumni Networking Event
& Reception

October

12 Alumni Association Board Meeting

12-13 Homecoming 2007

TBA Foundation Tea & Trumpets

TBA EOU Men's and Women's
Basketball in Hermiston

TBA EOU Alumni Game

November

TBA Union County Alumni
Holiday Reception

For a detailed schedule of events contact University Advancement at (541) 962-3740 or visit the alumni Web page at www.eou.edu/alumni.

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