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Dear Friends and Alumni,

With summer in full swing on campus, the buzz around here ventures from discussions about the weather, post-graduation plans and summer jobs, to comments from students looking forward to the start of the new year. This is the ebb and flow of a university. With each term and season, we see and hear many similar themes. While the names and faces of our students may change, our commitment to each one – serving them as an individual with their own unique history and equally compelling future – is never changing. Our students choose EOU because when they enroll here and are served on campus, online or onsite at our 16 centers across the state, they know they are a person to us. They are not a number, a tuition check, or an “issue that has to be dealt with by being passed from one window to the next.”

Eastern is and has been committed to: providing access to higher education; ensuring we offer high-quality academic programs; being the cultural, civic and economic catalyst for the many communities we serve; and, focusing our attention on our students and their learning. These four core themes are what sets our university apart and allows us to make the difference in the lives of many students, their families and communities.

As you read the stories in this edition of The Mountaineer, you will see our four themes in action. In the feature about the remodeling of the Hoke Union Building and Quinn Coliseum, you will see how we matched the design with the needs of today's students and included input from many of them in the planning process. Also, there is a story about the newly funded and created McKenzie

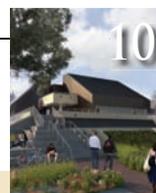
Endowed Professorship—the first at EOU. This will allow a current professor the time and funding to advance their scholarship directly to meet the needs of our rural and agricultural communities. Also, in showcasing the talents of our students, the story of our music department's tour of Alaska is fascinating. Our commitment in initiating Eastern Promise and creating a college-ready student starting in the 5th grade is critical to not only EOU, but to our region if we are to be successful in the new economy. Yet another highlight is a profile of my good friends, Don and Zola Dunbar, and their commitment to providing scholarships and opportunities for our students. All of these stories and more, in their own right, are amazing. Collectively, you can see the true power of Eastern—by bringing together alumni, faculty and students and empowering them to allow their creative minds to venture, we are sustaining and furthering the great values of EOU.

Thank you and as always, feel free to e-mail me at president@eou.edu if you have an idea or want to recommend a student to us.

Sincerely,



Bob Davies
President, EOU



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New dean looks forward to growing programs, strengthening partnerships

Donald Easton-Brooks, Ph.D., is the new dean of the colleges of business and education. He comes to EOU from Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minn., where he has been the associate dean of education and an associate professor since 2010. During that time he was also the interim director of Hamline's Center for Excellence in Urban Teaching.



Donald Easton-Brooks

Easton-Brooks was selected following a national search and replaces Dan Mielke, acting dean since 2011. As founder and current president of the consulting firm Stats Assistance, Easton-Brooks said one of his top priorities for EOU is to ensure the colleges of business and education have "strong data-driven systems in place." His other areas of focus include continuing to provide quality programs on campus, online and onsite, and developing strong partnerships with schools and businesses in Eastern Oregon and other communities where EOU has a presence.

The college of arts and sciences is also under new leadership. Steven D. Gammon, Ph.D., was named dean last May and began his duties in August. Prior to coming to EOU, Gammon was a professor of chemistry and science education, and chair of the department of chemistry at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

MBA expanding in Central Oregon

Meeting a growing demand for graduate level education in central Oregon is a niche EOU is filling with its master of business administration program, now available to students in Prineville.

Interest is being fueled in both Prineville and Bend by employees at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the growing tech industry created by Facebook, Apple and others moving into the area.

Students in the first cohort, launched in fall 2012, connected via satellite with their professors and peers at EOU from a "smart" classroom. This is the university's third remote MBA site, with others currently in Hermiston and Ontario. EOU also delivers a live MBA program through its center in Gresham.

EOU's 45-credit program may be completed in either five or nine terms, depending on the students' individual needs. The flexible format and low tuition – approximately \$15,000 including fees – make it an attractive option when the average cost to complete an MBA tops \$24,000 at other Oregon schools. For program information visit www.eou.edu/mba.

Public artwork at home in Inlow Hall

The first floor corridor of Inlow Hall is the new permanent home to a series of 12 landscape paintings by Armin Mühsam, associate professor of art at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

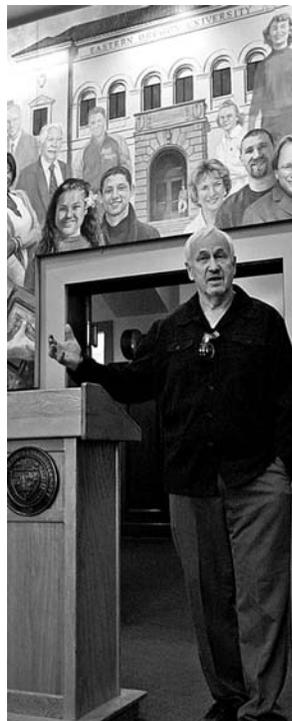
Individually and collectively, the landscapes encourage viewers to reflect about their impact on, and place in, the natural world.

Mühsam's paintings aren't the only new art in the building. A mural by EOU alumnus Don Gray was installed in the lobby and unveiled during Homecoming last year. It depicts 36 individuals – faculty, staff and students – all connected to the university throughout its history.

A selection committee chose Gray and Mühsam for the projects, funded by Oregon's Percent for Art in Public Places program.

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On the Cover: Architectural rendering of Quinn Coliseum renovations courtesy of SERA Architects.

Family makes \$934,000 donation to EOU Foundation

Story by Dick Mason | The Observer

Seven decades ago Charles Chollet said goodbye to his small hometown of Colville, Wash., and came to La Grande to enroll at Eastern Oregon University.

Today, the reason Chollet chose to attend Eastern is forgotten.

What never will be forgotten is a gesture of support Charles Chollet and his wife, Rhoda, have made posthumously to Eastern. The couple has donated, via their estate, \$934,000 to the EOU Foundation. The gift was announced May 3 at the annual EOU Foundation President's Gala at the David E. Gilbert Center.

"This is a special night," said Tim Seydel, EOU's vice president for university advancement and admissions.

The donation is the third largest Eastern has received. Topping the list was a donation of \$1.5 million made anonymously in 2008.

Terms of the \$934,000 donation by the Chollets call for all of the money to be used to provide scholarships for students in need.

Cindy Olson of Orting, Wash., the Chollet's daughter, spoke movingly about her parents and how excited they were about the opportunity to reach out to Eastern.

"I wish they could be here," Olson said.

Charles and Rhoda Chollet both graduated from EOU, then named Eastern Oregon College of Education, in the late 1940s. The couple then



From left, Tom Insko, EOU Foundation president, Cindy Olson, daughter of the Chollett's, and Bob Davies, EOU president. Photo by Tessa Ortmann.

moved to Pullman, Wash., where Charles earned a master's degree. The Chollets next moved to Wenatchee, Wash., where Charles started a lifelong career in the agricultural chemical field and Rhoda, who grew up in Cove, served as an

elementary school librarian. The couple later lived in other Northwest locations.

As their gift indicates, the Chollets were major supporters of the educational process.

"They were huge on education," Olson said. "They were so pro-education it was unbelievable."

The couple were married 57 years and during this span went on many "geologic hikes," looking for unusual rock formations.

"They were fascinating people," Olson said.

Charles Chollet enrolled at Eastern after serving in the Navy during World War II. He was a gunner on a plane which flew missions in the South Pacific. Chollet received a Purple Heart after being wounded during one mission when a bullet went through his mouth.

Charles died in 2003 and Rhoda died last summer.

"Their generosity will create a pathway for students to achieve their dreams," Eastern President Bob Davies said.

Davies said people like the Chollets are invaluable to an institution like Eastern.

"Private support makes a public university a great university," Davies said.

Olson said she was delighted to have the opportunity to present the gift on behalf of her parents.

"This is the coolest thing. I am seriously thrilled," she said. ■



Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center in Hermiston, Ore.

Bringing agribusiness programs to the Columbia Basin

Story by Laura Hancock | Managing Editor

A new approach plans to bring students and industry together at the Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center this fall. Offered by EOU, its aim is to meet employment needs by plugging into the region's dominant economic driver: agribusiness.

Laura Gow-Hogge, Ph.D., a consultant with EOU's College of Business, conducted an in-depth assessment of the higher education and workforce needs in the Hermiston area. What emerged through many interviews and focus groups was a prevalent lack of specific curriculum and training to support a burgeoning industry.

"Trends in world-wide population growth indicate food production must double by the year 2050," Gow-Hogge said, "so agribusiness is poised to explode."

Taking an industry-focused approach, EOU courses like international business and marketing, public policy and food safety, human resource and risk management help students as they relate to the local and global food supply chain.

"Employers want to hire individuals who already know these things and can hit the ground

running," Gow-Hogge said.

Because internships and hands-on learning are critical components, the university is reaching out to area employers to help shape the curriculum. In the pilot phase, one and two credit courses will be available in a flexible format combining online, onsite and live delivery at the Higher Education Center.

Steve Clements, associate dean of business at EOU, believes breaking from the traditional five-credit model of other business courses will increase accessibility for students who are already working in agribusiness and seeking additional training.

"This is another opportunity to be more innovative with the structure and delivery of our courses," Clements said.

Part of that innovation means leveraging technology, something EOU has been doing for years. Synchronous courses utilizing IP video are available at the university's centers across the state, with other programs offered through standard hybrid delivery and a mix of face-to-face and online instruction.

"Providing educational options that are both accessible and affordable is a big part of our

commitment to serving the needs of the region," Clements added.

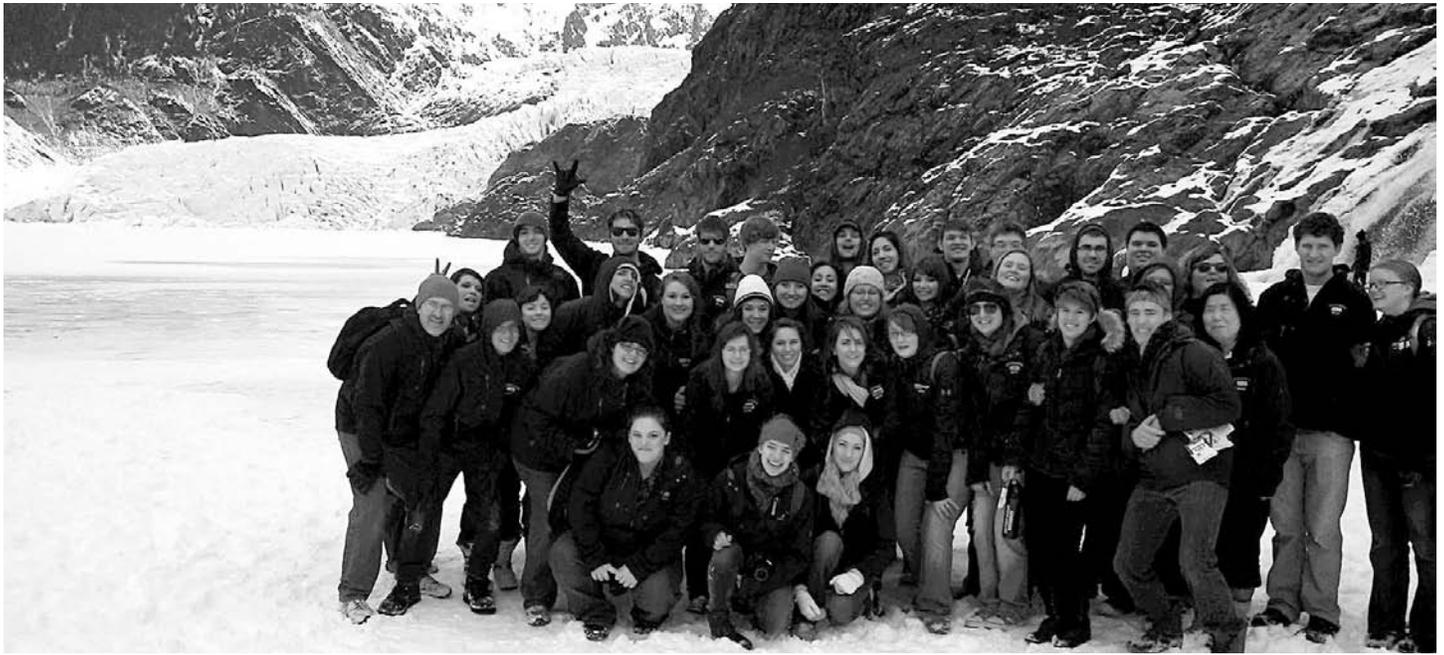
Clements also said EOU is hoping to augment programs offered by Blue Mountain Community College and Columbia Basin College and create a "seamless transition" for students seeking to transfer to a four-year school.

Jacelyn Keys has been working at the Higher Education Center since it opened in September 2011. As EOU's local advisor, she is currently working with about 250 students – 146 are from Hermiston, Irrigon, Heppner, Stanfield, Echo and Umatilla.

While business is of predominant interest, EOU offers 380 possible liberal studies degree combinations, in addition to multiple completely online programs ranging from history to psychology.

EOU's MBA program is also available through hybrid delivery at the center, similar to other locations in Prineville, Eugene and Ontario.

For more information contact Keys at 541-289-2840 or jkeys@eou.edu. A list of all center locations is available at www.eou.edu/advising/regional-centers. ■



EOU students and faculty at Mendenhall Glacier near Juneau. Submitted photo.

EOU music department completes Alaska adventure

Story by Stephanie Brookhart-Beedle

Enter the EOU music department in Loso Hall and cross the threshold into a beehive of activity. A virtual surround-sound of snapping fingers, instruments, singing, humming and an occasional high-pitched squeal permeate the north end of the building, creating a constant undertone of musical notes. The squeals do not emanate from a specific instrument or arrangement, but from music students expressing their excitement about their departments' cross-country tour.

Through the years, EOU groups have set out on some pretty big adventures including excursions to China, Ecuador, Eastern Europe and Alaska. This year, students and faculty headed north again and they brought the music of the 1980's with them.

A cast of 62 members, including a 10-piece band, rocked the production "Totally 80's Rewind" across southeast Alaska making stops at Juneau, Ketchikan and Wrangell. The nine-day excursion began March 22, kicking-off a spring break like no other for the musical troupe.

The EOU music department and Chamber Choir presented the 80's show last January and

the Alaska tour was a continuation of a production that began developing in the spring of 2012 with students from Professor Peter Wordelman's seminar course. Holly Sorensen, Luke Basile, Jonathan Davidson, Mike Kellison and Lindsay Martin constructed and arranged the entire program to fit the strength of the choir and instrumental ensemble.

EOU music students and faculty shared the stage and throughout the show all the performers had one or more featured solo moments.

"It was a true collaborative effort that featured the many diverse talents within the music department at EOU," said Wordelman, who is also the Chamber Choir director. "It took a long time to



Peter Wordelman

put this production together. The 80's were full of amazing music that runs the whole gamut of genres, including pop, rock, country and bluegrass. More than 30 songs were in the lineup, and they aren't simple songs to learn."

Some pieces were performed a cappella, the band accompanied several of the numbers, and still others included "vocal instruments." An a cappella version of "Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" by the rock group U2 is a prime example. Just when the harmonies intermingle and linger for a quick second, the piece moves into the bridge and percussion takes over – yet there are no drums in the room. Where are the drums?

"Ahh, but there are drums," Wordelman said. "They are vocal drums."

Wordelman explained that vocal instruments, or drums in this case, are sounds made only with the voice and no traditional instruments. EOU student Jacob Mitchell is a master at performing them.

"It brings depth to the tune, and Jacob does it very well," Wordelman said.

What does a music professor add to a production that has such a wide array of talent and an extensive range of music? Choreography. While Wordelman is a talented music man, he's always looking for opportunities for students to learn from other professionals in the business. That is where choreographer Catherine Herrmann came in. A La Grande native, alumna of EOU and University of Georgia-Athens graduate, Herrmann now lives in New York City and has returned to choreograph several EOU productions.

Exciting as it is, a few students were hesitant to add movement to the somewhat complicated music.

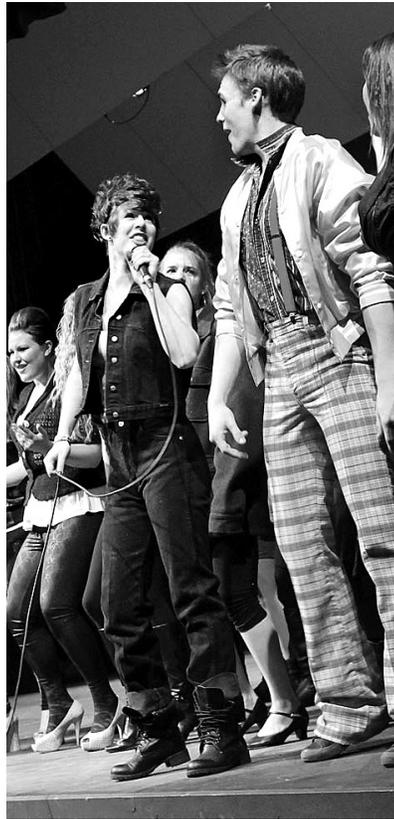
"You have to add it in slowly," Wordelman said. "Most of my students have had some experience with choreography, but for some it was like asking them to do gymnastics on stilts while keeping time to the music and staying on pitch. Catherine exercises her craft so well with them though, they caught on right away."

During the nine-day trip to Alaska, the group stayed at hotels part of the time and also at private homes. Host homes in Ketchikan were engineered in part by choir member and Juneau native, Emily Smith. Another student from Alaska, Caite Debevec, hails from Sitka, where the group stopped for a short time during a 26-hour ferry ride.

The group performed at middle schools and high schools, and also conducted music workshops. These venues were ideal opportunities to promote enrollment at EOU, and students and faculty were on hand to answer questions and offer perspective on what it's like to attend the university.

"Eastern is a superb school for students from Alaska as evidenced by the number that attend here," Wordelman said. "We were not only recruiting, but also holding auditions for various music and theatre scholarships that are available."

"Our students have a unique opportunity to participate in many different ensembles and performances," he continued.



Students performing "Totally 80's Rewind." Photo by Tessa Ortmann.

Embarking on an expedition like this took a tidy sum of money – money the music department does not have an abundance of.

"Each student had to come up with \$720 for their airfare," Wordelman said.

Students raised funds for the journey by performing in concerts, organizing and selling tickets for a raffle and strategically placing tip jars.

The group does, however, have immeasurable support from the university and Union County communities, substantiated by its well-attended events.

Bob Coulter, owner of Red Cross Drug Store, is a major event sponsor for EOU's choral groups, from the 80's concert to the annual Choirs of the Valley performances.

Steven Koza, D.M.D., of Koza Family Dental Care, has also stepped forward as a major supporter of the Holiday Music Festival and spring choral concert. ■

Supporting music program is a triumph for local business

Union County business owners know the value of supporting EOU. For some, it helps drive customers through their doors, and for others it's a way of giving back to the university and communities that helped them get their start.

Bob Coulter, owner of Red Cross Drug Store in La Grande, said it's a mixture of all these factors that has helped make him and his business successful. That's why he is supporting EOU's music programs.

"Music is one of the great equalizers in our society," Coulter said. "It draws people together and creates a sense of community. We are lucky to have the university here because it adds so much to our quality of life."

Coulter, who attended his first year at EOU before transferring to Oregon State University to complete his pharmaceutical studies, said contributing makes sense from both a personal and business standpoint.

"The music program, and all of its amazing performances, are what appeal to my customers and my generation," Coulter explained. "When my business started to grow I decided to put my resources into activities that contribute to this great way of life we have here. The music program at EOU does that."

Coulter's donations support trips like the one students and faculty took to Alaska and so much more.

"It's a good way to put the EOU name in front of potential students, and to promote the incredible quality of the music program and faculty we have," Coulter said. "It's not only promotion for the music program, though. If you watch students performing, they are having a ball. That joy and enthusiasm comes out and it makes the university as a whole very attractive to potential students."

To find out how your business can make a difference to the university, contact the EOU Foundation today at 541-962-3740, or visit www.eou.edu/foundation.

Students get jump-start on college with



High school students participate in the annual Summer Institute at EOU, an Eastern Promise program.

Story by Jennifer Fager, '94

Fall term 2012 marked the beginning of a new, “out-of-the-box” early college credit option for high school students in rural eastern Oregon.

Called Eastern Promise, it represents a collaborative endeavor between EOU, Blue Mountain Community College, Treasure Valley Community College, and the InterMountain Education Service District. Through Eastern Promise, students simultaneously complete high school graduation requirements and earn college credit.

According to Dan Mielke, executive director of Eastern Promise and former acting dean of EOU’s colleges of education and business, this new approach is fueled by an effort to increase early college access in the region and to enhance the college-going culture of the area.

“The program gives greater access in a different way, distinguishing it from more traditional dual credit offerings,” Mielke said.

Two key points define the program instruction and make it unique. The first is on-site accessibility. Courses including biology, chemistry, speech and writing, are taught by teachers at participating schools. High school administrations and credit-granting institutions approve all Eastern Promise instructors and require at least three years of



Dan Mielke

classroom experience in the discipline or related subject, and a master’s degree, preferably in their teaching discipline. Instructors are also asked to attend a training session in their discipline conducted by an Eastern Promise Professional Learning Community (PLC), become an active member of the PLC, and renew their authorization annually. In return for their participation, teachers receive professional development credits from EOU.

The second key point that defines the program is its credit by proficiency assessment method. Students are admitted to the program based on academic preparedness and approval from their high school teachers and administration. Once enrolled, they are expected to perform at the same level as their university/college enrolled counterparts. At the end of the term, students are assessed by multiple measurements to demonstrate their competence or proficiency. If they meet predefined standards of mastery, they are awarded college credits.

Program fidelity and credibility is attained by aligning the high school classes with college learning outcomes, and by using the same teaching materials as colleges. Additionally, the PLCs provide an avenue for ongoing quality control in that they afford teachers continued professional development and interaction with college faculty.

For students it’s a win-win opportunity. A nominal fee of \$10 per credit hour provides them with a jump-start on the extensive list of credit

hours needed for a degree, and they gain a competitive edge in the college admissions process. In light of these benefits, it’s clear to see why Mielke refers to Eastern Promise as an “academic momentum program.”

This momentum echoes educational goals of participating institutions and the state of Oregon. For EOU, Eastern Promise exemplifies the university’s core themes of providing high-quality programs that are accessible, serving communities as a cultural, civic and economic catalyst and delivering a student-centered learning experience.

At the state level, Eastern Promise furthers Governor Kitzhaber’s 40-40-20 initiative that declares by 2025, Oregon will ensure 40 percent of adults will have earned a bachelor’s degree or higher; 40 percent of adults will have earned an associate’s degree or post-secondary credential; and 20 percent of adults will have earned a high school diploma, modified high school diploma or the equivalent.

As the pilot year progresses, Eastern Promise is moving the region closer to meeting the governor’s goals. So far, 187 students from at least 32 schools have earned a collective 1,496 credit hours. And that’s just the beginning, as the program continues to develop with plans to involve younger students, encouraging an ever-broadening audience to dream of a future that higher education can help them achieve.

For more information visit www.eou.edu/eastern-promise. ■

A season to remember for Mountaineer basketball

Story by **Chuck Anderson**

For both Mountaineer basketball teams and their many fans, the 2012-13 season was one to remember forever.

The EOU men went 28-5, a school record. With a 17-3 record, they tied for first place in Cascade Collegiate Conference play and spent five weeks ranked No. 1 in the nation in the NAIA Coaches' Poll. The Mountaineers went on to the NAIA national tournament for the sixth year in a row, although they lost in the first round.

The EOU women went 33-2, another school record, and had a 27-game win streak. Their 18-0 record in conference play earned them first place and they also won the CCC tournament. They spent three weeks at No. 3 in the NAIA Coaches' Poll. At the NAIA national tournament, they made it to the Elite Eight for the second year in a row before losing by a mere two points.

"Our kids gave it their best," said Isaac Williams, former head men's basketball coach.

When NAIA named All-Americans, senior guard Anthony Brown nabbed an honorable mention. Senior guard Cody Thurmond was named a scholar-athlete for maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Like Williams, Anji Weissenfluh, head women's basketball coach, praised the performance of her team.

"I could not be any prouder of my girls," she said. "They worked so hard all year and left everything out on the floor."

Senior guard Brooke Randall was named to the All-America third team while Kelsea Hurliman, also a senior guard, received an honorable mention. Scholar-athletes are senior forward-guard Korrie Bourn, junior guard Jessica Kramer and junior guard Nicole Redd.

Both teams are graduating top players this year, but the coaches are confident that the remaining team members will step up, along with younger players yet to be recruited.

"I don't suspect that there will be a drop-off in talent," Williams said. "There will be a talented team on the floor." ■



EOU's Kelsea Hurliman

2012 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees

Malcolm Cameron – Baseball, 1969-70

1969 & 1970 All-District and All-Conference Honors
1970 Oregon Collegiate Conference District 2 MVP
1969, 1970 Oregon Collegiate Conference Champion
1991 Inducted into Washington State Coach's Hall of Fame

Jeremy Fullenwider- Football, 1996-99

1998 Eastern Oregon University Male Athlete of the Year
1998, 1999 Eastern Football Defensive Player of the Year
1998 Eastern Football Team Most Valuable Player
1996-99 4 Time Little All-Northwest Football Team
1998 Gazette Magazine 1st Team All-American
1998 NAIA Football All-American (2nd Team)
1996 NAIA Football All-American (3rd Team)
1999, 2000 2 Time EOU Ragsdale Scholar Athlete
1998, 1999 NAIA Academic All-American

1990 Men's Cross Country Team:

Don Cathy, Tony Deaugustine, Marty Doyle, Shawn Fulkert, John Garlitz, Mike Murphy, Ben Sauvage, Steve Sheehy, Dustin Smith, Tim Vandervlugt, Rich Wiebe, Wayne Wilson

15th finish at Nationals
Finished 2nd at the NAIA District 2 meet
Four members earned "All District" honors

1991 Men's Cross Country Team:

Mario Beaudoin, Tony Deaugustine, Marty Doyle, Bruce Gray, Mike Murphy, Steve Padilla, Ben Sauvage, Dermot Shortall, Tim Vandervlugt, Rich Wiebe

12th place finish at Nationals
2nd place at the NAIA District 2 meet
All five scoring team members earned All-District Honors

EOU Football Chain Gang – Meritorious Service:

Mel Fredrick, KC Harris, Steve Harris, Mike Lowe, Albert Orton, Harry Harris

These men have volunteered at EOU home football games for the past 20+ years. Many of them also volunteer their time and help with various other events within the athletic department.

For more Mountaineer athletic news and information
go to www.eousports.com.

CORE FEATURES

EOU Foundation is expanding its support and success

Story by Chuck Anderson

There's an organization that operates primarily out of the public eye, but nevertheless makes a significant impact on students and their futures by helping pay for their educations.

It's the Eastern Oregon University Foundation, which for nearly a half-century has been a structure for champions of EOU to provide scholarships and other assistance. In an era of shrinking state support for education, the foundation has been crucial to EOU's ability to uphold its values of access, affordability and engagement.

In its 49 years, the foundation has made great strides and currently is expanding its success as the university's fundraising arm. To increase the number and size of contributions, the foundation is in the "quiet phase" of an \$11 million capital campaign that began with an anonymous gift of \$1.5 million. Engaging with small groups of potential contributors, the campaign is about halfway to its goal.

Last year, the foundation provided over \$350,000 in scholarships thanks to contributions from private benefactors who want to advance education in an area of personal interest.

Nearly 100 individual scholarships are administered by the foundation, and for example, are awarded to students of education, agriculture, nursing, music or history. Some are based on students' financial need, others on academic achievement. Certain scholarships are gender specific, intended for scholar-athletes, or for students from a specific rural county.

"EOU is very fortunate to have foundation support for scholarships to EOU students. It provides a vast impact on many who may not necessarily be able to achieve a merit scholarship that requires a high grade-point average," said Sandy Henry, student financial services manager.

"Since foundation awards are provided by donors with their own sense of importance, awards are provided with a wide base of eligibility criteria," Henry added.

Scholarships are also available to students at EOU's partner institutions including Blue Mountain Community College, Oregon State Univer-

sity, Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing and Treasure Valley Community College.

To provide the scholarships, the foundation's board of directors works with staff members in University Advancement to steward new and current donors. EOU employees are also important to the mission. Representatives from Bob Davies, EOU president, through faculty and staff ranks have been making appearances at service clubs and other organizations throughout the Pacific Northwest, advocating for the activities of the foundation.

"We have dramatically increased our foundation outreach efforts over the past several years," said Tim Seydel, vice president for University Admissions and Advancement.

The initiative, started under Dixie Lund, interim president in 2007-09, and expanded under Davies, includes connecting with alumni, educators, friends of the university and parents of prospective students.

"This does a lot for the visibility of the foundation and helps make the university viable and sustainable," Seydel said.

Taking it a step further, Tom Insko, foundation president, is hoping to see alumni and others



Tom Insko

become involved "at a level where they say, 'I want to contribute to making Eastern stronger. I remember it as a great experience and it gave me the skills that allowed me to be successful.'"

"We're looking to create a more regional presence, broadening our base from its

historical La Grande-area orientation," said Insko, a 1994 EOU graduate and Boise Cascade Company executive. "By developing a broader philanthropic effort and re-engaging people who



Scholarships for education students are among nearly 100 individual awards administered by the EOU Foundation.

see fulfillment through what EOU has to offer, the foundation will emerge as the vehicle to support that."

Foundation directors have also elevated their expectations "to where we have conversations about estate gifts and major endowed gifts from \$50,000 to more than \$1 million," Insko said. "All contributions are meaningful and important, but we have shifted our fundraising strategy to a pyramid of giving that includes higher levels of philanthropy than what was targeted in the past."

While the foundation's major emphasis is scholarships, it does far more. Providing gifts for retiring faculty and staff members, bringing visiting artists to campus, purchasing science equipment and supplies, supporting Pierce Library, furnishing summer research stipends for students and sponsoring the annual Indian Arts Festival and Powwow are just a few examples. It also helps finance educational trips such as the music department's performance tour of Alaska during spring break 2013.

For information about the foundation call 541-962-3740 or visit www.eou.edu/foundation. ■

Endowed professorship promotes agricultural education

Story by Chuck Anderson

EOU has received an endowment to fund work that will advance traditional farming and ranching practices.

The Glen and Jean McKenzie Endowed Professorship is the latest philanthropic gesture of the Oregon Agriculture Foundation, (OAF), which owns a farm operated for the benefit of EOU and the EOU Foundation.

OAF administers the Summerville-area century farm once owned by the McKenzies. Glen McKenzie, a 1936 Eastern graduate, insisted that the farm be operated traditionally, not as an experimental farm, and that it be accessible to university faculty and students.

McKenzie's decision to will the farm was called "an act of unparalleled generosity" by then EOU President David Gilbert. Since McKenzie's death in 2006, OAF has also provided nearly \$1 million in scholarships or scholarship endowments for EOU students.

Initially, faculty members chosen for the professorship will receive grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000 annually for as many as three years.

To be considered, a faculty member's proposed project must "increase knowledge and practices connected to the management,



Glen and Jean McKenzie

operation and stewardship of traditional farming and ranching practices," according to the EOU Foundation. "Faculty must also demonstrate that their work will have the effect of promoting and supporting agricultural and/or related studies at EOU."

The university will review proposals before taking them to the provost and president for selection. The president will then meet with OAF directors before announcing the decision.

For more information contact the EOU Foundation at 541-962-3740 or e-mail foundation@eou.edu. ■

OAF scholarship opportunity

Each year the Oregon Agriculture Foundation, in collaboration with the EOU Foundation, provides scholarships for freshmen intending to major in agriculture or pre-veterinary sciences at the university.

Established by the late Glen and Jean McKenzie, the OAF is carrying out its founders' wishes to promote agricultural studies and continued operation of the McKenzie family farm near Summerville, Ore. Profits generated by the farm also support the scholarship and other outreach activities that were important to the McKenzies.

For more information about the scholarship, contact the EOU Foundation at 541-962-3740 or e-mail foundation@eou.edu.

Student profile: Molly Alexander

"I am a junior at EOU, studying English with an emphasis in writing. My ultimate career goal is to be able to write for literary or outdoor magazines from anywhere in the world.



Molly Alexander

Growing up with seven siblings, my parents tried their best to make education important in our home. They helped me set up a college savings fund, but the cost was still unaffordable. Then I happened upon EOU and consider the rest to be nothing short of fate. I even received a hand-written acceptance letter from President Davies!

I was awarded the Jean McKenzie Scholarship through the EOU Foundation, and it allows me to put my whole heart into my studies and maintain a 3.9 GPA. In 2014 I will become a first-generation college graduate. This will not only be my greatest accomplishment, but an experience that has completely changed me as a person, the way I view the world and value learning. Everyone deserves the chance to attend school and evaluate their goals, and I truly look forward to giving back one day, too."

The EOU Foundation may never know how much their support affects the lives of college students, but I can tell you it has made all the difference in mine."

Hoke, Quinn remodeled to



Story by Chuck Anderson

Major renovations of the Hoke Union Building and Quinn Coliseum are bringing both facilities into the 21st Century and making them more useful, energy efficient and welcoming for students, faculty, staff and visitors at EOU.

Both buildings are at least 40 years old and their uses have evolved over the decades. While there have been some modifications since the original construction, the structures have not kept pace with the university's changing needs.

"Hoke was built when Eastern was primarily a commuter college with fewer students living on campus, so it served more as a community center than a student center," noted Tim Seydel, vice president for Advancement and Admissions and executive director of the EOU Foundation.

The university's approach with the building renovations reflects a preference for "upgrading what we have, making them more energy

efficient and more useful, rather than replacing things," Seydel said.

Similarly, Quinn, named for the late legendary coach Bob Quinn, "was built for physical education," said David Lageson, director of Facilities and Planning. "Now it's an intercollegiate athletics center. We're making changes for the program it has now."

The \$5-million Hoke project, anticipated to be complete in summer 2013, reflects the desires of students and others determined in a series of meetings during the initial planning. As soon as the project is completed, work will also begin at Quinn. That project is expected to wrap up in fall 2014.

Most of the changes at 59,570-square-foot Hoke, built in 1973, are on the second floor, which Lageson describes as the "energy hub" of the building. Included are better offices for student organizations, the Multicultural Center and Associated Students, a relocated and updated lounge, improved restrooms and modifica-

Renderings of Hoke Union Building exterior and Quinn Coliseum interior remodel. Courtesy of SERA Architects.

tions to the two Mountie Café dining rooms.

The dining rooms, representing 30 percent of the second-floor space, previously had been open only during the three hours of food service, but now will be accessible for meetings and events whenever the building is in use, Lageson said.

The family of Mac Hoke, for whom the building was named, provided funds for modifications to the west dining room. The late Mr. Hoke, still the namesake of the first-floor Mac's Grill, was a member of the Oregon Board of Education in the 1940s, a prominent Pendleton



meet needs of modern students

wool farmer and an enthusiastic supporter of EOU.

Both Hoke and Quinn will feature soaring vaulted ceilings with clerestory windows to admit natural light and, at night, project a glow from inside.

A new exterior stairway to the second floor on Hoke's southeast corner is intended to make the building more attractive and welcoming to students, as are enlarged outdoor patios. Space adjoining the main inside stairway is opened up so a first-floor visitor can see that things are happening upstairs. Also, the roofs and windows are being replaced.

In recent years, many students came to Hoke



only for meals and meetings. "Most people don't go past the lunch room because they don't have to," said senior Chayla Jones. "The only time I spend in Hoke is to get food. Other than that, I go the library and then the gym."

Freshman Derek Maloney said he'll welcome the patios in spring and fall "if they have tables so I could study there."

In addition to the Hoke family's contribu-

tion, the work on the facility was financed by a building fee assessed to all students in the Oregon University System, a special fee enacted by EOU students and energy-efficiency funds provided by the Oregon Department of Energy.

The \$13-million project at 93,531-square-foot Quinn, built in 1957, will be even more dramatic than at Hoke. First-time visitors will easily find the entrance to the Mountaineer gym at game time.

"The really dynamic change that visitors will see is that we're adding a two-story entrance space," Lageson said. "Inside will be a mezzanine-level space for boosters to look out into the gym and an elevator to the second-story bleachers."

The striking two-story glass entry will replace the current low-slung, one-story foyer. Glass interior doors will let anyone know immediately what's happening in the main gym.

Athletes and coaches will benefit from other changes occurring deeper within the building. A new regulation-size practice gym will be built where a swimming pool once existed. The old practice gym will become available for intramural use "and recreation – shooting hoops at lunch time, things like that," Lageson said.

The sports medicine and training department will be moved closer to the gym to be nearer the athletes, a classroom will become an aerobics



Chayla Jones



Derek Maloney

center and restrooms will be enlarged. Throughout, halls will be enhanced with giant graphics depicting EOU athletes. Special sections will spotlight All-Americans and scholar-athletes.

Like Hoke, Quinn will get a new roof and windows. Utility systems will also be upgraded.

The building's antiquated steam heat system, which sometimes leaves the facility "stifling because steam is hard to regulate," according to Lageson, will be replaced. The steam, generated at the university's central steam plant, will be used to power a more efficient and easier to control circulating-water system.

"Increasing energy efficiency is a key component of the renovation," Lageson said. "Quinn has been the least efficient building on our campus. When the renovation is complete, Quinn will receive a LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council."

Senior Nicole Redd, a basketball player, thinks the improvements will help in recruitment of athletes, who are interested in more than a great program and good coaches.

"You're right out of high school and a big part of it is the gym where you're going to be practicing every single day," she said. "I think that helps a ton in recruiting."

Funds for the Quinn renovation come from capital construction lottery bonds approved by the Oregon Legislature.

The projects are designed by SERA Architects and built by Fortis Construction, both of Portland. Fortis uses many local subcontractors and suppliers on the projects. ■



Nicole Redd

Association plans events for all alumni

Your EOU Alumni Association is working hard to plan an exciting 2013 full of reunions and events! It is our goal to provide access to activities that are convenient for all of our alumni, family and friends to attend. Whether you took classes on campus or participated in our distance programs, we would love to see you at a reunion this summer or Homecoming in the fall!

This year we're bringing events to Boise, Bend, Portland, the Tri-Cities and La Grande in hopes to reach as many alumni as possible. Here's a snapshot of what we have planned!

Bend Elks Baseball: Aug. 10 – Vince Genna Stadium

EOU Football at PSU: Aug. 29 – JELD-WEN Field

Portland Timbers Soccer: Sept. 7 – JELD-WEN Field

Homecoming: Oct. 3-6 – EOU campus/downtown locations

Tri-City Americans Hockey: Nov. (TBA) – Toyota Center

Homecoming is happening early, so mark your calendars now! A Science Reunion will coincide with the festivities, so if you had Richard Hermens, David Kerley, Dennis Swanger, Burr Betts or Doug Campbell as professors, you'll want to be here to reminisce with them about your time at Eastern. Join the EOU Foundation for an evening with Lee Insko to celebrate him as one of the most acclaimed coaches in Eastern's history. Other activities to look forward to include the annual Mountaineer Athletic Association Golf Scramble, which raises scholarship funds for our students, and the John J. Howard & Associates Tailgate Zone before the big football game. There's also an opportunity to participate in our first annual 5K/10K run! Check the website for more information this summer at www.eou.edu/alumni/homecoming.

See the back cover of this magazine for details and make plans to join us for one, two or (better yet!) all of these events. Tickets to select events will be available for purchase online.

As always, we love to hear from you! If it's been awhile, please go to www.eou.edu/alumni/updates. It's the best way to ensure you're informed about the many ways to stay involved with your alma mater.

Go Mountaineers!

Alumni honored in 2012



Josie Ward Heath – Distinguished Alumna

Josie Ward Heath, of Boulder, Colo., is a 1959 graduate of Eastern. An educator and activist who began organizing for civil rights in the 1960s, her outreach work continued in the Colorado political arena and as an advocate for women's education. She has worked in academia, on several gubernatorial and senatorial campaigns, and also ran for Colorado state senator in 1990. In 1979, Heath was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the Denver regional director for ACTION, a federal agency for volunteer service. In 2002, she helped her husband, Rollie, campaign for governor of Colorado and in 2004 they served as delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Heath remains involved in community activism for the advancement of women and children, as noted in the "Josie Heath Collection" housed at the University of Colorado-Boulder library.



Rob Cashell – Dixie Lund Service

Rob Cashell, of La Grande, was recognized for his many accomplishments as EOU's former athletic director. Under his guidance, the institution maintained aggressive adherence to Title IX requirements in helping to maintain athletic programs at EOU for women. Cashell also emphasized the importance of the academic performance of student-athletes, which resulted in an increase in the number of athletes qualifying for the dean's list.



Chet Prior – Honorary Alumnus

Chet Prior, of Hermiston, garnered a mechanical engineering degree in the late 1950s, but began his working life early on a small family farm. For the past 36 years he has been involved in all things agricultural, including his role as a founding member of the Potato Growers Bargaining Committee and the Oregon Water Coalition. He has been a strong voice of support for EOU and Blue Mountain Community College programs in Umatilla County, and was instrumental in the creation of the new Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center in Hermiston.



Eric Valentine – Grand Marshal

Eric Valentine, a retired Union County Circuit Court judge, served as the 2012 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal. He is an avid EOU supporter and an accomplished photographer who has altruistically used his artistic skill to help market the university and the eastern Oregon region.

Alumni Association benefits



After graduation EOU alumni can still take advantage of many resources and benefits!

Save with Alumni Insurance Program & Liberty Mutual
What are you paying for insurance? Find

out how much you could save with discounted rates available from the Alumni Insurance Program and Liberty Mutual! There are a variety of plans available, including auto and home, short-term medical, renewable major medical, dental, group term life and even coverage for your pet.

Frontier Communications

How fast is your Internet connection? Do you have the best rate for satellite TV? Frontier Communications is offering alumni special discounts on these and other services!

Alegre Travel

Making vacation plans? Alumni receive \$10 off booking fees with Alegre Travel in La Grande.

EOU Pierce Library

Alumni have access to the recently renovated Pierce Library. Check out books, read in the cozy chairs, and enjoy online access to the library's database.

EOU Outdoor Program

Need some crampons for ice climbing? How about an inflatable kayak or a backpacking tent? Alumni receive a 10% discount on all rentals from our Outdoor Program.

David E. Gilbert Center

Planning a conference, banquet, wedding or other event? Alumni receive discounted rental rates for the newly renovated Gilbert Center in the former Ackerman Gymnasium.

For more information visit

www.eou.edu/alumni or call 541-962-3740.

Mountaineer Tracks

The Mountaineer Tracks are compiled from information alumni send to EOU. If you'd like to share news, visit www.eou.edu/alumni and update your information. We'll print as many submissions as space allows! We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.

1960s

Nelda (Huber) Bonifacio, '62, taught physical education for 30 years at the middle school in Portland's Centennial School District. She retired in 1991.

Sally Wiens Brownton, '66, grew up and remained in La Grande where she enjoys living in a remodeled family barn with her husband and dogs. She served many years on the EOU Foundation executive board.

1970s

Dianne Cady-Miller, '71, works as a writer and freelance editor in addition to her day job. She completed certificates in technical writing, and professional and technical editing at Bellevue College. In 2011 she published a volume of poetry, "Howling at the Dark Side of the Moon," and is involved with starting a publishing company, Dark Horse Press, LLC.

Bob Schroth, '74, has worked with the same company for 35 years. He teaches karate and has a fourth degree black belt. His son is enrolling at EOU, and his son-in-law and niece also graduated from Eastern.

1980s

John Neilson, '80, earned his medical degree at OHSU and completed a fellowship with the American College of Physicians. After retiring as a clinical assistant professor at OHSU, he produced a music album and was named two-time billboard song contest honoree and received honorable mention in Mike Pinder's Song Wars. He has a son and daughter-in-law who are also EOU alumni.

Louis Byrd, '81, earned a juris doctorate degree from Willamette University School of Law and served as assistant attorney

general from 1990-93. He currently operates a private practice specializing in family, criminal and education law.

Rusty Bradshaw, '82, received an excellence in journalism award from Independent Newspapers for his work as news editor for the Sun City and Peoria editions. During his time at Eastern he worked on the student newspaper and was presented with the Outstanding Journalism Student Award as a senior. He went on to become sports information director for the university and later worked at weekly newspapers in La Grande, Seaside, St. Helens, Milton-Freewater and Cave Creek, Ariz. before joining Independent Newspapers.

Kathleen (Childs) Kamo, '83, is the executive director for SREDA, a public-private partnership alliance to market the Western Treasure Valley and recruit new business and companies to the area for investment and jobs. Targeted industries include recreational technologies, agriculture and food processing, Internet based, distribution and transportation, and solar and geothermal based companies.

Stephani Stephenson, '84, collaborated with the American Ceramics Society and Ceramic Arts Daily on a two-disc instructional DVD, "Studio Scale Architectural Ceramics." The DVD was released in 2011.

Charles Phenix, '85, retired from the U.S. Forest Service in 2006 and is a wildland fire and national incident management system program coordinator/instructor at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass, Ore. He also owns a business specializing in consulting and education in emergency management.

Alumni Highlights



Fred Hill, recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award, is featured in "The Jungleers in Battle: A Documentary of the 41st Infantry in WWII." A film showing was held at EOU in March. Fred was a sergeant and photo lab chief in the 17th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fifth Air Force during World War II. In 2010 he donated more than 1,000 negatives to Pierce Library documenting life behind the scenes in the South Pacific Theater.



Elan Monique Geiger Buendia, '01, debuted her first short animation, "Fire in the Belly," at the 2013 Portland Oregon Women's Film Fest in March. With her husband Danilo serving as cameraman, she acted out all the scenes for the art piece inspired by the life of her step-aunt who passed away suddenly at age 39. The finished product is intended to help viewers recognize and celebrate their own fire in the belly.



Elise Schlosser, '11, investigated the implications of and posed a hypothesis for the death of thousands of redwing blackbirds in Beebe, Ark. on New Year's Eve, 2010. She received thanks from National Geographic for her research contributions for their TV special, "Omens of the Apocalypse." Her paper was also presented at the annual meeting of the Royal Geographical Society in London, and she has written editorials for Animal Geography News and a column for The Beebe News. She received her master's from EOU in June.



Tim Hadler, is celebrating the release of his fourth album, "Glad You Made It." He is a regular performer at the Little Opry Theatre in Branson, Mo., where his tribute show to Hank Williams just marked its 10th year. It was at a pizza parlor in La Grande where he first started playing guitar publicly and it inspired him to move to Nashville to live his dream of writing songs and singing at venues around the country, including the Grand Ole Opry.

Walter (Jack) Lane, '86, and Sandy are new empty nesters enjoying motorcycle trips in the summer and reconnecting with classmates at Homecoming. Their sons Tim and Dan are current members of the U.S. Marine Corps.

1990s

James Bennett, '91, is living in Fair Oaks, Calif., where he is a highway patrol officer stationed at the North Sacramento office. He has been married for 17 years, has three children and enjoys coaching baseball and softball at the local college and high schools.

Timothy Lucas, '93, is retired from 21 years of active and reserve military service and living near Tacoma, Wash., where he writes, edits and develops marketing materials for clients in the greater Puget Sound area. He recently returned from an eight-month news assignment in Hungary, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In addition to holding several previous editing positions, he concurrently served as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, an Oregon-Idaho National Guard public affairs unit. He married Brooke Johnson Aug. 10, 2011.

George Shimer, '96, and Marie live in Boardman, Ore., where he is transitioning out of education after 16 years and pursuing a new career as a police officer. He officiates high school and college sports and is a member of the Oregon Athletic Officials Association. When traveling through La Grande, he enjoys remembering the good times he had as a student and still cheers for the Mountaineers.

2000s

Jonathan Larkin, '01, is currently working in the University Advancement Office at Boise State University.

Prestin Lewis, '01, son of late EOU professor Ralph Lewis, successfully defended his dissertation in early May and is the first American to graduate from the University of Science and Technology of China. He will be awarded his Ph.D. in management science and engineering.

C.J. Gish, '04, is the new director of development for Nampa Christian Schools. He has three children and is also hosting

a high school student from South Korea. His family is training its fourth service dog through the canine companions for independence program.

Marlene Schmitt, '04, completed a certificate in education leadership from the University of Alaska-Anchorage after teaching for eight years. This is her first year as a site administrator and educational leader at William N. Miller Memorial School in Napakiak, Ala.

Kenneth Welles, '04, earned an MBA from National University and is pursuing a DBA in social impact management at Walden University. He is currently working for Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia as the operations and electronic banking manager. Previously he was an instructor at the College of Micronesia and plans to return there once he completes his doctor of business administration.

Deborah Davey, '06, earned a master's in elementary education from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.

Dorothi (Kinney) Mc Nerney, '06, works as a mental health professional at a crisis center for human development. She has also worked as an addictions therapist and in-home counselor for dual diagnosis.

Steffnee (Anthony) Peterman, '09, earned a BSN from OHSU and works at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital in Whittier, Calif., where she is building a network of community organizations and nurse volunteers to promote community health in underserved areas.

Anne Spurrier, '10, is a garden teacher with the Edible Schoolyard in New Orleans. Her education helped her find a niche in the food movement where she enjoys working with young people and educators at FirstLine Schools.

Sherpratap Brar, '12, lives in Boise, Idaho and works at the Snake River Correctional Institute in Ontario.

David Panuelo, '12, was elected in 2011 to the 17th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and is the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations. His political involvement includes membership on the Ways and Means, Resources and Development, and External Affairs committees. He is also the

owner/manager of Pohnpei Island Architects and Construction, and Pacific Northwest Wholesale and Distributors. He also works as a general agent with Individual Assurance Company (IAC).

~Weddings & Engagements~

Dawn Lawson, '11, and Mark Ijiri were married Sept. 10, 2011.

Rebekka Hanschke and Scot Ratzlaff were married.

Jackie Fitzgerald and Grant Burnell were married.

Christopher Cone and Michelle Cone were married.

Births~

Christopher Hertel, '99, and Ellen Tarrell welcomed daughter Sasha Sunshine Hertel, Apr. 30, 2011.

Tim Sorey, '99, and his wife **Mari Sorey, '00**, welcomed Mayako Elaine and Mayuki Claire Sorey, Apr. 13, 2012.

Gabriel Sharpio, '00, and his wife welcomed son Adam Daniel Sharpio, Dec. 5, 2011.

Jamie Allen '02, and **Jonathan Allen, '02**, welcomed daughter Addison Anne Allen, May 22, 2012.

Meagan Winters Skoubo, '02 and husband Rudd welcomed son Reid Skoubo, Mar. 11, 2008.

Tony Griego and his wife welcomed son Tyler Griego, Jul. 3, 2012.



Tyler Griego

Kimberly Gunderson, '03, and Brent Gunderson welcomed daughter Whitney May Gunderson, May 22, 2012.

Garhan Atterbury, '04, and Torri Atterbury welcomed son Nathan Atterbury, Dec. 14, 2011.

Salvador Vera, '07, and his wife Vanessa welcomed Adrian Mays Vera, June 26, 2011.

~Obituaries~

James Akers
La Grande, Ore., Aug. 5, 2012

Gregory Allen, '71
Hermiston, Ore., Sept. 13, 2012

Vivian Anderson, '39
Oregon City, Ore., Oct. 29, 2012

James Bachman, '08
Houston, Tex., Jul. 4, 2012

Ariel Bean, '48
La Grande, Ore., Oct. 29, 2012

Harvey Bennett (Retired Faculty)
Grants Pass, Ore., Jul. 11, 2012

Jack Bowen, '56
Union, Ore., Sept. 20, 2012

Norma Rae Bruncke, '73
Lincoln City, Sept. 28, 2012

Stephen D. Cary, '69
Pendleton, Ore., Sept. 30, 2012

Donald Cessnum, '54
Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 27, 2012

Rhoda Chollet, '48

Rhoda Marie Chollet passed away July 9, 2012 at her home in Puyallup, Wash. She was born May 19, 1927 in Cove, Ore. While studying for her degree in education at EOU, she met and married Charles Chollet. Together they raised two children and were married 57 years until his death in 2003. Rhoda went on to achieve her master's in education at Central Washington University. She loved teaching school, had many fond memories of her students and also enjoyed travelling.



Rhoda Chollet

Cathleen J. Corcoran
Maple Valley, Jul. 20, 2012

John H. Duffin, '48
Ottawa, Ill., Oct. 4, 2011

Stacy Forslund, '11
Greenbay, Wis., Oct. 4, 2012

Robert Froyd (Retired Faculty)
Elgin, Ore., Jul. 10, 2012

Catherine Gardner, '84
Junction City, Ore., Jan. 4, 2013

Warren Good, '67
Scio, Ore., Jul. 4, 2012

Inez Wilson Grady, '70
Hermiston, Ore., Oct. 15, 2012

Mary Graven, '61
Oct. 2012

Swanee Herrmann, '99
Olympia, Wash., Jan. 6, 2013

Velva Hofmann, '71
La Grande, Ore., Aug. 5, 2012

Charles Jackson, '70
Clayton, N.C., Sept. 13, 2012

Cherie Jimmy, '88 (Retired Faculty)
Portland, Ore., Sept. 14, 2012

Iris Kirkeby
La Grande, Ore., Jan. 31, 2013

Kathleen Koger, '37
Pullman, Wash., Oct. 5, 2012

Stana Landon, '05
Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 22, 2012

Jack Laughlin, '84
Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 11, 2012

Edith Lawrence, '70
La Grande, Ore., Aug. 20, 2012

David Lynde, '85
Athena, Ore., Nov. 6, 2012

Jean Marshall (Retired Staff)
La Grande, Ore., Feb. 1, 2013

Chris McLaughlin (Retired Staff)
Cove, Ore., Jan. 28, 2013

Patricia Odom
Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 20, 2012

Dorothy O'Mohundro
Corvallis, Ore., Sept. 8, 2011

Toni Painter, '65
Portland, Ore., Oct. 22, 2012

Averno Rempel
Averno Rempel passed away Nov. 20, 2012 in Eugene, Ore., at the age of 93. He served as EOU's president from 1964-73 and during his tenure oversaw construction of Badgley Hall, the Hoke Union Building, the beginning of Zabel Hall and additions to Quinn Coliseum. Prior to his appointment at Eastern, he was a professor of education at Purdue University. He was born in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Grant Saunders, '51
Cove, Ore., Jul. 29, 2012

Henry Scheirman, '53
North Bend, Ore., Nov. 24, 2012

Betty Stewart, '38
Beaverton, Ore., Oct. 29, 2012

Michael Troyer, '69
Walla Walla, Wash., Apr. 29, 2011

Raymond "Dale" Vaught, '58
Portland, Ore., Aug. 28, 2012

Audrey A. Wedin, '72
Ellensburg, Wash., Jun. 25, 2012

Jason B Werst, '97
Nampa, Idaho, Oct. 11, 2011

Blaise Yoshida, '92
Makawao, Hawaii, Nov. 1, 2012

Laura Zweifel
Baker City, Ore., Aug. 24, 2012

Have an idea for a story?

We invite you to contribute your news to The Mountaineer, the magazine that serves the entire EOU community and beyond, reaching alumni, donors and friends. If you or someone you know has a story idea to share for possible publication, please send details to University Advancement via e-mail to: ua@eou.edu or call 541-962-3740. Editors reserve the right to edit for space and clarity.

New development staff join EOU

Joel Moersch – Director of Development

Joel Moersch has returned to Eastern Oregon after spending the past seven years in Division I athletics administration. His experience includes implementing marketing and branding strategies for Oregon State athletics and fundraising for athletic departments at Eastern Illinois University, UCLA and most recently Utah State University. Moersch is a former student athlete and earned his undergraduate and master's degrees from EOU in 2004 and 2006, respectfully. As the director of development, he will oversee the annual fund, major gifts and campaigns.



Tyler Dubsy – Major Gifts Officer

Tyler Dubsy joins EOU as major gifts officer after spending the last 10 years recruiting students as a member of the admissions team. He has vast experience and looks forward to his new role of engaging alumni and friends of the university. A member of the student ambassador program from 2001-03, Dubsy earned his bachelor's degree from EOU in anthropology/sociology. He is a key addition to the development team and will focus on raising support for scholarships and capital projects.



Jessie Brett – Alumni Coordinator

Jessie Brett joined EOU as the alumni coordinator in 2012 and has since immersed herself, getting to know the university community and alumni base. Drawing on her background in marketing, Brett is working to promote the Alumni Association, increase engagement, establish better communication with alumni, and plan bigger and better reunions. She is also a current EOU graduate student pursuing a master's in business administration.



Planned giving

Enjoy the peace of mind that comes with making a difference and set up a gift with the EOU Foundation today. Contact us to find out more about planned giving, the right fit for you and your family, at 541-962-3740 or e-mail foundation@eou.edu.



Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and the EOU Foundation. In exchange for irrevocably transferring cash or securities, the Foundation agrees to pay a fixed annual payment for one or two annuitants. Benefits can include an income tax deduction, lowered estate taxes and the increased financial security of regular payments. After the lifetime(s) of the annuitant(s), the remaining funds will support EOU. Rates depend on the age(s) of the annuitant(s) at the time the gift is made.

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

In this gift plan, a donor transfers assets to a trustee, which can be the EOU Foundation, another financial institution, or an individual. During the term of the charitable remainder trust, the trustee distributes income to a beneficiary designated by the donors (most often the donors themselves). Payments will vary according to the terms of the trust. A trust can be funded with cash, securities, real estate and certain types of business interests. There are several potential tax benefits to establishing a trust, including an income tax deduction, capital gains tax savings and reduced estate taxes. At the end of the trust's term, the remainder benefits EOU, according to your wishes.

Bequest

Designating the EOU Foundation in your will or trust is a simple, direct method of leaving a legacy. Bequests can be of any size and you can bequeath cash, securities, or property. This type of gift can also reduce your estate tax liability. Contact us for specific bequest language and to make sure the EOU Foundation has documentation that explains how you want your gift to be used.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



Don and Zola Dunbar

Photo courtesy of The Times-Journal

Scholarships and the GI Bill made it possible for Don and Zola Dunbar to attend EOU in the 1940s when it was Eastern Oregon College of Education. Although they left to complete advanced degrees at another university, they remain loyal Mountaineers.

Don is a World War II veteran of the Pacific Theater where he served with the 13th Engineer Combat Battalion, 7th Infantry Division. His parents were Scottish immigrants who settled and began farming in Gilliam County in the early 1900s. Zola's roots are also in Gilliam and nearby Wheeler County, home base for her grandfather's traveling ministry and family farming operation. She completed all 12 grades in a one-room school before leaving to attend Eastern and was later joined by Don following his military service and engineering work with the State of Oregon Highway Department.

The Dunbars went on to spend a combined 68 years working in public education, and have experienced the influence of EOU graduates in classrooms and school administration across the state. They also know personally what a help scholarships and other funding can be for students.

That's why Don and Zola established a scholarship at the university that set them on course toward meaningful and successful careers. The Dunbars' scholarship is renewable and available annually to an Oregon student enrolled full-time in EOU's CUESTE program.

GIVING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Find out how you can make a difference in the lives of students! Contact the Eastern Oregon University Foundation at 541-962-3740 or e-mail foundation@eou.edu.



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HOMECOMING!

OCTOBER 4 & 5



Hear from distinguished alumna Dr. Laurie Marker and catch up with former coach Lee Insko during Homecoming! EOU will honor Dr. Marker, founder and executive director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, as part of the science reunion this fall headed up by Dr. Richard Hermens, professor emeritus.

Visit www.eou.edu/alumni or call 541-962-3740 for more information or to register!

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| Scholarship Golf Tournament | Alumni Association Annual Meeting |
| Science Reunion | Ribbon Cutting/Tours of Hoke Union Building |
| Homecoming Parade | EOU vs. University of Montana-Western |
| Alumni Honors & Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony | John J. Howard & Associates Tailgate Zone |
| Homecoming 5/10K Run | 5th Quarter Reception |
| Alumni Breakfast | Evening with Coach Lee Insko |

ALUMNI EVENTS

August

- 10 Bend Elks EOU Alumni Reunion
- 29 EOU Football vs. PSU (JELD-WEN, Portland)

September

- 7 Portland Timbers Alumni Reunion
- 7 EOU vs. Montana Tech - Tailgate Zone
- 13 Pendleton Round-Up Westward Ho! Parade
- 21 EOU vs. SOU - Tailgate Zone
- 28 EOU vs. Carroll College - Tailgate Zone

November

- 2 EOU vs. Dickenson State - Tailgate Zone
- TBA Tri-City Americans Alumni Reunion

Reserve your space at the Tailgate Zone!
www.eou.edu/alumni/tailgate

