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Greetings alumni and friends,

It has been a year since I was honored, and humbled, to assume the presidency of your university. I have learned a great deal about what makes EOU a truly magnificent institution of higher learning. It is only fitting that this issue's theme is "Power of Place" as this is one important element that makes Eastern unique.

Since last July, I have tracked my travels throughout the regions we serve and logged over 31,200 miles on my car. I have observed our geographic location in which we operate and clearly the regions that we serve occupy a beautiful landscape – from our campus in La Grande, to the 16 sites and centers throughout the state.

During these trips I have visited with many individuals: alumni, civic leaders, community members, students and soon-to-be students, farmers, business owners and mayors. I learned about their goals and passions, and despite their fears and frustrations, their excitement for the future.

For many, "place" merely refers to our geographic and physical location. The important lesson I have learned is that the people who have developed the communities that thrive by fostering the meaning of the physical location also

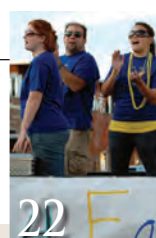
derive power. It is about the history, traditions and stories of the people, and even more importantly, the outlook and the shared dreams we have.

By committing to our mission of accessibility, affordability and engagement, we are a central force that combines the beauty of location with our history and traditions and our sense of community to create a sustainable future for our students and region.

This is the "Power of Place" and the "Power of Eastern."



Bob Davies
President, EOU



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In brief

EOU names new provost

Stephen Adkison, Ph.D., is the new provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at EOU.

"Steve brings an excellent set of leadership skills and experience to this position," said Bob Davies, EOU president. "His dedication to openness, transparency and inclusiveness will serve our students, faculty and staff very well."



Adkison began his position at EOU on July 1. Prior to his appointment he was the associate provost/associate vice president for Academic Programming and Review at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

"I'm honored to be EOU's next provost and am deeply thrilled at the opportunity to work with President Davies and the students, faculty and staff across EOU," Adkison said. "Eastern is a truly exceptional institution with a singular history of meeting educational and community needs throughout the state of Oregon, and I am eager to join this long tradition of service."

Adkison received his bachelor's in English and teaching from Montana State University. He completed his master's in English and writing and his Ph.D. in English, rhetoric and composition from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Associate Dean of Admissions joins EOU

Carl Thomas has been named the new associate dean of Admissions at EOU. He began his job June



1 after leaving his post as associate director of Admissions at Oregon State University.

Thomas worked in OSU Admissions for seven years and was at Southern Oregon University prior to that.

"I am very excited to be here," Thomas said. "This

is a unique campus and I am learning a lot about what makes EOU great."

Thomas said one of his biggest goals is to have the most efficient application process possible.

"Everyone is shopping now and we need to do everything we can to help parents and families make the right decision," Thomas said. "If we have all the steps in place, they will know that Eastern is here and ready to deliver."

Thomas studied business at SOU and went on to complete the master's of management program there. After graduation he began working as a counselor for SOU Admissions and later as associate director.

Learning the art of advocacy

Deneil Hill was one of 20 female students from across the country to attend meetings of the United Nations in New York City this spring in conjunction with the Commission

on the Status of Women (CSW). Hill was selected to participate in a practicum program and received temporary delegate status at the U.N. This is the second year a student from Eastern has been selected to participate.

While in New York, Hill attended the International Tribunal on Crimes Against Women in Burma. Hearing first-hand the personal stories of struggle and perseverance of women from around the world has left a lasting impression on her. It also helped bring Hill's senior thesis on rape as a war crime into sharper focus.

"It was a very powerful and emotional experience that really changed my perspective on feminist culture and the 'sisterhood,'" Hill said. "All of the women were very close and they supported each other in a way I've never seen before."

Hill shared more about her experience at the U.N. during the EOU Student Leadership Conference and the Spring Symposium. She received her bachelor's degree in history in June and plans to attend graduate school and study women and gender history. She is originally from Boulder, Colo.



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Jay Van Tassell, professor of geology, and EOU student Ashley Cogburn remove debris from a fossilized mammoth tusk. The discovery of the tusks and other bones is leading to significant research and discovery about the most recent ice age in eastern Oregon.

For more EOU news go online to www.eou.edu.

CAMPUS NEWS

Clothesline Project raises awareness

EOU's Wellness Committee, Shelter from the Storm and the Sexual Assault Response Team joined together to raise awareness about sexual and domestic violence in April, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Clotheslines Project, a visual display that bears witness to violence against victims of sexual or physical assault, was set up outside in the campus quad.

T-shirts in the display were made in honor or memory of victims or survivors of sexual assault, rape, incest, battery, hate crimes that target individuals based on sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation, physical assault, or those who have died from violence-related crimes. Shirt colors signified the types of violence used against individuals.

The Clothesline Project is a program initiated in Cape Cod, Mass. in 1990 to address the issue of violence against women. The program estimates there are 500 projects nationally and internationally with an estimated 50,000 to 60,000 shirts.

Inlow Hall renovations to conclude by late summer

Students and visitors will see dramatic changes when they walk through the front door of EOU's Inlow Hall this fall as a \$6.42 million capital investment project nears completion. Creating easy access to essential student services is the focal point of the redesign of the building's first floor.

Admissions, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, Student Accounts and the Registrar's Office will be centrally located to create a one-stop shopping experience for students.

EOU was appropriated funding in 2007 by the Oregon Legislature to make critical updates to the historic administration building. Improved seismic stability and energy efficiency are some of the upgrades that are less visible in the



historic administration building. Fortis Construction, Inc. of Portland is the general contractor for the project.

EOU confers more than 600 degrees this academic year

Approximately 413 graduates donned cap and gown to march at EOU's formal Commencement Ceremonies Saturday, June 12. The outdoor event was held at Community Stadium.

The 2010 President's Scholar, Tanner Denne, of Baker City, addressed the graduating class. Paul Kelly, president of the State Board of Higher Education, and John Turner, president of Blue Mountain Community College, also spoke during the event.

EOU will award an estimated 534 bachelor's degrees and 106 master's degrees during the 2009-10 academic year, pending completion of final grades for summer term.



Photo by Andrew Murray

Dorion Park provides ample green space where aging dorms once stood

A wide swath of lawn now provides a welcome swath of green between the parking lots facing 6th Street on the EOU campus. The new Dorion Park is not only aesthetically pleasing; it



serves as a reminder of the namesake of the residence halls formerly occupying the site.

A plaque commemorating Madame Marie Dorion will be erected at the park. Dorion was an Ioway Indian and the only female member

of the Astor Expedition that set out to reach the Oregon coast in the early 1800s. The aging East and West Dorion halls were demolished in the summer of 2009.

The University that Works with You

After completing several years of detailed research and careful consideration, EOU has a new slogan that defines its mission and goals: "The University that Works with You."

The brand promise was developed with the assistance of Dr. Jim Black and SEM Works, a consulting firm based in North Carolina which has been working with the school on enrollment management.

"We interviewed students, prospects, alumni, faculty and staff and others to find out what Eastern delivers," said Tim Seydel, vice president for University Advancement. "We found that working with students to achieve their goals and dreams is what they all felt EOU was, and is, about."

EOU's logo will remain the same and a secondary color palette will be added to the traditional blue and gold combination. Designs for the university's major publications will reflect the new theme, as will the university's website.

Spring Symposium shines on

Original research and creative activities of EOU students were highlighted during the 12th annual Spring Symposium in May. The event brings the entire university community together in acknowledgment and admiration of the individual achievements of students as they share their endeavors.

The symposium enables students to connect and collaborate with their peers, faculty and the community as a whole. Activities cover the gamut from poster presentations, panels, performances and artistic displays. Pictured above, Michael Towle, a student in the master of arts in teaching program at EOU, explains his project to Sharon Porter, assistant professor of education.



A year of records for the Mountaineers

Barrett Henderson / Sports Information Director

The 2009-10 sports season at Eastern Oregon University is one to remember. The Mountaineers broke records, competed at national levels, and finished near the top of the conference in multiple athletic endeavors.

Volleyball enjoys highest winning percentage

The Eastern Oregon volleyball team finished its season in the conference semifinals after a third place finish, led by a co-Cascade Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, and a coach no one will forget at EOU.

The Mountaineers finished their season 15-9 overall, and a conference record of 13-5. Eight of the nine Eastern Oregon losses came to ranked opponents this season. The Mountaineers had their highest seed in the conference tournament since 1990. After beginning the season receiving three votes, Eastern received a vote in every poll in 2009. The highest amount of votes came on Oct. 13 with 28, but failed to crack the top 25.

Coach Kaki Morehead collected her 61st victory at Eastern Oregon, the second highest total among coaches in the program's history. She announced following the semifinal season-ending loss to No. 13 Southern that she would not be returning for a fifth season. Morehead ends with the highest winning percentage in school history (.610).

Grace Deboodt finished her career at Eastern setting eight new school records and was named a co-conference player of the year. She was also named to her third consecutive all-conference first team. Joining Deboodt was Jessica Lea who was named to her second straight first-team in her sophomore season.

Soccer shoots to the top

The Mountaineer soccer team began its season with a 0-4 start and a tough trip to Southern California. Eastern Oregon went from the bottom to the top ... literally.

EOU started the conference schedule by winning its first three games and stood atop the Cascade Conference standings. The Mountaineers knocked off Oregon Tech, which was 8-1 at the time, in Klamath Falls to collect the third straight win.

Eastern Oregon routed Northwest Christian University on Senior Day in La Grande, 7-1. EOU shot a school-record 35 times in the win, putting 19 on goal. Tenny Paul-Bowden finished her last game in La Grande with a hat trick and added an assist. She shot 11 times against the Beacons—before that game the Mountaineers shot 11 times as a team in a game twice in 2009.



EOU Athletics photo by Grant Hudkins

Eastern soccer player Kendra Kuust slices through the Northwest Christian University defense and attempts a shot during the Mountaineer 7-1 victory.

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EOU alum joins Wrestling Hall of Fame

Chuck Holliday, a 1970 EOU graduate, was inducted into the Oregon Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on May 1. Holliday competed for the Mountaineers from 1962 to 1966, earning recognition as a four-time Conference Champion, four-time NAIA District I and II Champion, two-time NAIA District I and II Outstanding Wrestler, 1964 Nationals quick pin champion, and four-time NAIA National Tournament Qualifier. His overall record was 118-8-1 and he placed sixth, fifth and second at nationals.



In the fall of 1966, Holliday was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. He returned to EOU in 1969 as an assistant wrestling coach and completed his degree in science education. He then embarked on a 30-year career in education, teaching at the Myrtle Point, Burns, Baker and Crook County school districts. While at Baker he started the high school wrestling program. In 1980 Holliday was selected to travel to Italy with a cultural exchange program and coach with a team from Oregon.

Originally from Prineville, Holliday served on the board of directors for the Crooked River Round-up for 11 years. After retiring he began a business making rustic western furniture from juniper wood.

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New leadership in EOU Athletics

Isaac Williams: Men's Basketball Coach



Isaac Williams, an EOU graduate and former player for the Mountaineers, has been

the assistant coach for the past five seasons. During that time, the Mountaineers have enjoyed the most success in the basketball program's history.

Prior to returning to his alma mater in 2004, Williams had four successful seasons as the head girl's basketball coach at La Grande High School. He was named The Oregonian newspaper's 3A Coach of the Year, and was twice named Greater Oregon Coach of the Year. Williams is also a camp director and instructor with the Northwest Basketball Camp organization.

Keith Scarlett: Soccer Coach

Keith Scarlett has been coaching soccer the past 15 years at the collegiate, high school and club levels, and also working at camps and clinics throughout the eastern United States. Prior to coming to EOU, Scarlett was a staff coach with the Ohio Premier Soccer Club in Dublin, Ohio. He holds the USSF "A" and the NSCAA advanced National coaching licenses.

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EOU's Martha Billings and Courtney Gaskell ended their careers on the All-Cascade Conference second team. Paul-Bowden and Lori Wilson, both seniors, finished on the conference honorable mention team.

Football season proves best in 30 years

The EOU football team had a season of numbers: 30 school records broken in 2009; seven wins in a season, the third time in 80 years EOU has done that; 43 points scored on No. 2 Carroll College, the most scored on the five-time national champion in a decade; and eight straight weeks the



EOU Athletics photo by Grant Hudkins

An Eastern football player dives for the endzone against Montana State University-Northern during the Mountaineers 45-14 rout over the Lights.

Mountaineers stayed in the national top 25.

EOU climbed as high as No. 19, and played in a NAIA National Game of the Week. To put it simple, Eastern had its best season in almost 30 years.

The Mountaineers were ranked in the top 20 in 12 different statistical categories. The offense amassed over 4,800 yards, led by quarterback Chris Ware. The sophomore sensation ended the season with 3,811 yards of total offense. He was named a national player of the week and may become the conference player of the year.

Eastern Oregon packed the stands in La Grande and its traveling offensive showcase attracted fans on its away games. Numerous opposing broadcasters called the EOU offense the "best they have ever seen," and "one of, if not the most dangerous in the nation."

Cross country teams soar at nationals

It was a season of growth for the EOU cross country team. Nationally underrated to begin the season, the Mountaineer women climbed as high as No. 19 during the regular season, while the men rose to No. 18.

Karlee Coffey raced to a first-place finish at the 'Yote Twilight Meet in Caldwell, Idaho, and DJ Flores paced the men with several top 10 finishes. Coffey finished in the top four of every race but one in 2009.

Coffey, a La Grande native, finished the season with a 12th place finish at the NAIA National Championships. She became the third women's Mountaineer runner to be titled an All-American as a freshman.

The Eastern Oregon men had their highest finish at nationals since 2004 when they came in seventh. The Mountaineers 12th place finish in Vancouver, Wash., matched head coach Ben Welch's first season finish at the national meet. Flores' 16th place finish was the highest ever recorded as a freshman at Eastern. The last male runner from EOU to be named to the All-American team as a freshman was in 1967.

Indoor track and field sees new personal records

The Mountaineers sent 10 student-athletes to Johnson City, Tenn. for the NAIA National Indoor Track and Field Championships on March 4-6. All 10 EOU participants finished in the top 15 of their respective events, with eight of them finishing in the top 10. Seven finished in the top eight, and three were All-Americans.

Dustin Cloud set five personal records and matched two other PR's in the men's heptathlon and finished ninth overall.

Entering the weight throw, Mitch Wheelhouse was ranked 40th out of 49 competitors and Chris Dilley was ranked fifth. At the end of the day, Dilley was third and an All-American, and Wheelhouse was 13th with a new personal record.

Alma Garcilazo ran a very tactical race in the women's 800-meter final to finish fourth and claim an All-American title. Jeff Roy went from a 13th seeded provisional entry, to an All American. He used a very strong last 200 meters to come from

sixth to third, and set a new school record of 2:27.05 in the men's 1,000-meter run.

Women's basketball nearly claims conference title

The Eastern Oregon University women's basketball team went from a fifth-place preseason conference ranking to a finish in the National Tournament.

The Mountaineers won 20 games for the seventh time in the past nine seasons. EOU was four points shy of its seventh Cascade Collegiate Conference title in the past 10 years. Anji Weissenfluh has been at the helm as head coach all 10 of those years. She recorded her 200th victory this season.

The 2010 Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament Championship game lived up to its billing as top-seeded College of Idaho held off fourth-seeded Eastern Oregon, 70-67. In a game that featured seven lead changes, four ties, and a lead never larger than single digits, the 20th ranked Lady Yotes captured the CCC tournament title for the first time in Regan Rossi's nine-year helm as head coach.

The Mountaineers drew the nation's fifth-ranked team, Black Hills State University, in the opening round of the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. The Yellow Jackets jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first half, leading by as many as 18 points and 20 points just into the second half. Eastern then rallied closing the margin to four points with an Alyssa Garro three-pointer with six minutes remaining.

EOU would come no closer. BHSU spread the lead with a 9-2 run and ended up winning, 67-58. Tana Stickney was the lone Mountaineer to score in double figures with 10 points. The senior also lead Eastern with eight rebounds. Ashlee Michelson concluded her EOU career with a team-high of four assists.

Stickney would be named to the All-Conference team, and Kathleen Luce was named an Academic All-American. Kyle Miller and Michelson were each All-Conference honorable mentions. Eastern finished 8-0 when shooting better than 45 percent from the field this season. Twelve different players were scoring leaders in a game this season and

EOU is 53-15 over the past five seasons in Quinn Coliseum. Salena Leavitt scored in double figures 32 times during her career at Eastern.

Men's basketball rides winning streak

Like the women's basketball team, the EOU men's basketball team was selected fifth in the Cascade Collegiate Conference preseason coaches' poll. And, just like the women, the men finished their year in the NAIA National Tournament.

The Mountaineers advanced to the national Sweet 16 for the third consecutive season, won 20 games for the fourth consecutive season, and finished in second place in the conference standings. They went from receiving 11 votes in the national preseason poll to a final ranking of 13th nationally.

EOU entered the conference tournament with a second seed and beat Concordia in the first round, 93-80. Warner Pacific upset Eastern in La Grande in the semifinals, 64-61. The Mountaineers would then receive a No. 14 seed in the national tournament, the third straight year EOU received a seed in the national field of 32.

Eastern Oregon rallied from a 12-point first half deficit and a 10-point halftime deficit, to beat No. 19 Davenport University, 74-69. The Mountaineers drew the third seed in the tournament, Indiana Wesleyan, in the second round. EOU and the Wildcats went back-and-forth in the first half, and Eastern led



EOU Athletics photo by Barbara Landis
Eastern's Cody Thurmond drives past an Indiana Wesleyan University defender in the second round of the NAIA Div. II National Basketball Championships in Point Lookout, Mo.

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Scarlett brought the Bishop Hartley High School girl's soccer program to prominence in Columbus, Ohio, and spent four years guiding the Plymouth State University women's soccer team to success. He was the girls' soccer coach from 1999-2000 at Salem High School in Va., where he earned Coach of the Year honors. His collegiate coaching career began at his alma mater, Ferrum College in Virginia, where he was an assistant in 2001. He holds a bachelor's degree in physical education.

Hailey Pearce: Volleyball Coach



Hailey Pearce, a Walla Walla native, comes to EOU from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont., where she served as an assistant for the Battlin' Bears for two seasons beginning in 2008. Pearce was also the head coach of the Rocky Mountain Junior Varsity team in 2008-09.

Pearce graduated with a business management degree in 2008 from Rocky Mountain College. Her many accomplishments led her to join a select team from the United States that played in the Netherlands and Germany. She takes over for Kaki McLean-Morehead, who moved to Idaho with her husband.

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25-23 at halftime. IWU would rally and make a run to open the second half and end up winning, 70-57.

Jordan Gregg finished his two-year career at EOU with 20 double-doubles, 16 coming this season. The senior became the second men's basketball player in the school's history to be named second team All-American. Gregg and Dan Stafford were each named All-Conference. Stafford was also an Academic All-American.

Head coach Isaac Williams had the best first year among any of the active coaches in the Cascade Conference. Josh Landsverk's 95 career wins is more than any other player in EOU history. Eastern was 12-1 when holding opponents under 70 points, 13-0 when shooting 50 percent or better from the field, and was 21-1 when it had a better field goal percentage than its opponent.

The Mountaineers currently ride a 25-game win streak against conference opponents during the regular season in Quinn Coliseum. EOU has won 30 out of the last 31 regular season games in La Grande. Eastern Oregon has won 54 of the last 59 games at home.

Good start turns tough for softball

The Eastern softball team had its best start in five years after winning its first seven games of the season. However, the Cascade Conference schedule was rough on the Mountaineers as EOU would drop 17 of its 21 league

games.

The Mountaineers' Ashli Hughes was named to the All-Conference team and Suzie Espinoza received the Gold Glove for her fielding on first base during the season.

Hughes led Eastern Oregon with a .365 batting average, which was also eighth in the Cascade Conference. The sophomore also led the Mountaineers with 10 steals in 2010. The outfielder finished the season with a slugging percentage of .479. The Nampa, Idaho native had 35 hits and 12 RBI for EOU.

Espinoza made the transition from the mound to first base this season and excelled in the infield. She appeared and started in 39 games for EOU and finished the season with a .990 fielding percentage, committing only three errors.

Outdoor track and field brings home five conference titles

The Eastern Oregon track and field team won five outdoor conference titles at the CCC Championships in Gresham. The Mountaineer women came in second at the meet and the EOU men finished third.

Eastern has hit 10 NAIA National Championship automatic marks, and 24 provisional marks. EOU has three top-five marks in the NAIA and entered the National Championships on May 27-29 in Marion, Ind.



Call for alumni authors

EOU invites alumni authors to participate in a special reading planned during Homecoming weekend. If you attended EOU, are published and would be available to present your work on campus Friday, October 15, please contact us! Call the Alumni Programs Office at 541-962-3740 or e-mail alumni@eou.edu.

Greg Lemon, at left, participates in the Alumni Authors Reading at EOU. Lemon is the author of a biography on Montana governor Brian Schweitzer titled, "Blue Man in a Red State."

Attention EOU Bank of America card holders

As a result of recent national changes in credit card laws, the EOU Foundation and MBNA have terminated their agreement as of July 2010. From that time period forward, the EOU Foundation will not receive royalty payments for your card usage. If you would like to help us supplement that lost income stream, go to www.eou.edu/foundation and make a gift today!



EOU's expanding regional footprint

By Chris Cronin / Grant County Center Director

Nestled in the shadow of Strawberry Mountain in eastern Oregon

is the Grant County Center, one of EOU's educational outposts serving rural Oregon. The center is located in John Day, a one-stoplight town in a county that is classified "frontier" by virtue of the sparse population – less than two people per square mile. There are easily more cows than people in Grant County. The nearest movie theater is in Burns, 70 miles to the south. The closest Costco is in Bend, a three-hour drive west. The main campus in La Grande is two and a half hours north through three mountain passes. Like much of the rural west, we measure distance in hours rather than miles or minutes.

Yet even with that isolation from other services, local access to higher education has been available to county residents for nearly 25 years. In 1988 EOU established the regional center in John Day as part of its mission to serve the 10 county region of eastern Oregon, an area of 42,000 square miles covering 46 percent of the state. The center was established as a joint venture with Blue Mountain Community College, and that collaborative relationship continues to this day. Students commonly begin their academic careers at BMCC and transfer to EOU to finish their baccalaureate programs.

When I began as the part-time director 17 years ago, there were 12 local students and classes were delivered by mail or local instructors offering live classes, or in a popular new program, the "Weekend College," where students could go to campus for a Friday/Saturday class. Two bachelor's degrees were

offered fully online: Business Economics and Liberal Studies. E-mail was in its infancy, and the Internet was solely text-based – no graphics. Few students had personal computers in their homes. Regional students came to EOU because of the Ed-Net teacher-preparation programs, partnerships with OHSU's School of Nursing and OSU, and access to degrees and courses at a distance.

In 2010, courses are delivered via Blackboard with streaming video, live chat and group collaboration features. Weekend College classes are still wildly popular and are held in centers all around the state including this one. Students now have their choice of nine degrees and 19 minors entirely online. The old "DDE" has been integrated into all campus services. Regional centers are part of the Division of Enrollment Services/Academic and Career Advising, headed by Mike Cannon, dean of Enrollment Services.

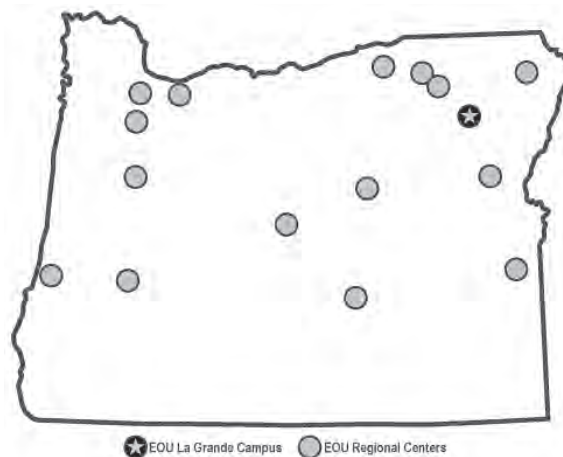
When the demand for EOU's online programs exploded about 10 years ago, the Grant County Center's director position was increased to full-time year-round, with an advising load of more than 100 advisees, not only local but online, all over the U.S. and Canada. As EOU's reputation as a national leader of distance learning has grown, the services and opportunities for Grant County citizens have expanded as well.

In this small mountain valley community, EOU leaves a very large footprint. I'm proud

to note that many former advisees are serving the community as teachers, nurses, U.S. Forest Service and Confederated Tribes employees, business owners, accountants, ranchers and social workers. EOU alumni make a big impact—even our current county judge Mark Webb is an EOU alumnus and a part-time adjunct professor!

Paul Smith is another alumnus currently serving as the ESD School Improvement specialist and as a College Advisory committee member. He says, "The EOU Grant County Center provides a critical linkage and opportunity for Grant County citizens to access higher education that might not otherwise be available. The importance of the EOU Center to Grant County cannot only be measured by the rural access to quality higher education alone, but by the contribution of our EOU graduates to the county's quality of life and economic stability as well."

The Grant County Center has the distinction of being the only EOU regional center that is housed in an honest-to-goodness log cabin. The



rustic composition of the structure is in contrast to the high-tech online programming and life-changing opportunities that rest within its doors. EOU has made a commitment to this community through its physical presence,

and it has a proven record of engagement by being a responsive and strong leader of learning and culture in the region.



The key to student development & success

By Rellani Ogumoro / ASEOU President 2009-10

Tirow waami and hello! On my journey to EOU I traveled across the vast Pacific Ocean, crossed the International Date Line and scooted by the Colombia River before finally arriving in the Grande Ronde Valley. The Blue Mountains surround me like the ocean

always did—it continually reminds me of how far I've come and where I am heading.

Choosing to further my education at EOU was not a hard decision. My father arrived with the first batch of students in the Micronesian Program. My mother was from La Grande, and my grandfather, Dr. Harvey Bennett, served as dean of professional and applied studies from 1980-1984. My parents, older siblings, aunts and uncles are also Mountaineer alumni. Eastern provided the environment for their success but more importantly, it became their home.

Like most first-year students on campus, I had no idea what to expect in the college setting. I know that the efforts of my professors, the staff of the Center for Student Involvement, Multicultural and Learning centers played a tremendous role in my successful experience. I became a part of the EOU family, was helped in my struggles and guided all along the way. As a student far away from home, I was welcomed into their lives and assured that I had a family to spend the holidays with. I was not a stranger anymore, but a member of this community.

While figuring out what I could do to help the world, my mentors, Tonia St. Germain and Dr. Rosemary Powers showed me the way. The doors

to opportunities seemed to be wide open as with their help and the other departments on campus, I was able to compete on the national level for opportunities that I know I would not have been exposed to elsewhere.

The close relationships I developed allowed me to attend the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women meetings at the Practicum in Advocacy at the United Nations in New York in the spring of 2009. The never-ending support from the EOU family has also helped me secure an internship this summer in Washington, D.C., where I will learn about public policy and its importance while advocating for victims of domestic sex trafficking. Eastern's strong commitment to developing Mountaineers into global leaders has been essential as the support did not end with being selected, but then helped me pay for the costs of attending these nationally competitive programs. I will be forever grateful to my EOU family.

As the student body president, I am certain that the work I have done and continue to do will not measure up to what has been done for me. The Associated Students of EOU (ASEOU) has been showered with support from different departments on campus, which has been significant to accomplishing our goals of advocating for Mountaineers. President Davies, ASEOU advisers Camille Consolvo and Hailey Wolcott, as well as members of the faculty and staff, have all used their expertise to guide student leaders and effectively promote the Mountaineer family.

The power of place at EOU serves the regional and global communities, provides the environment for success, and truly works with students! *Oloomwaay and thank you EOU! Go Mounties!*

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The refuge of learning

By David Axelrod, Ph.D. / Professor of English and Writing

One assumption I could easily make about my students when I first arrived at EOU, then EOSC, in the autumn of 1988, was that many of them had a story to tell that was rooted deeply in a sense of place.

That place tended to be a rural part of eastern Oregon, and the story, or likely, stories, often expressed a strong sense of forebears and neighbors, of Indian camps, of famous fish runs, of endless tall tales about remarkable adventures with animals (wild or domestic), delivered with a touch of light self-deprecation. It is no longer an assumption I can easily make.

I was reminded of this the other evening during an *Ars Poetica* reading by Coos Bay native, Michael McGriff, who possesses this increasingly rare sense of place and his four-generation-deep connection to it. It was heartening to hear the mostly young audience chuckling with self-recognition as he told stories that evoked his and the audience's shared knowledge and experience about a way of life in rural Oregon: "I was wrong about oblivion then, / summer mornings we walked the logging roads / north of Laverne, the gypo trucks leaving miles of gravel dust / eddying around us." It was a road everyone in the audience knew very well in their own way.

After McGriff's reading, a visiting grandmother of a current student began to share with my colleague and me the narrative of her family's recent epic 12-hour drive from rural Nevada to La Grande, during which they passed repeatedly through several different changes in the season, though mostly from spring to winter snow squalls. She had names for the world she passed through: cumulus clouds, rabbitbrush, greasewood, and sage, couse and balsamroot, all spoken of as though remembering old friends. Soon, she was remembering the story of her granddaughter's complicated birth and greatly embarrassing her granddaughter. She expressed herself with such lack of self-consciousness, we, too, may just as well have been old friends. I was struck at how long it had been since I heard someone speak in this unguarded, easy manner.

Life has changed for us in rural Oregon in the past two decades. When I first came to rural Oregon, that grandmother's gentle candor would not have surprised me in the least. That sense of place, of rootedness, and continuity of community that give us the confidence to sustain our stories by repeated telling has suffered with the advent of technological gadgetry that privileges the atomized individual and self-selected virtual realities that demands more and more of our distracted attention. So much of what

we find now in the world seems devoted to erasing what is unique or durable, and replacing it with the soul-deadening sameness of strip malls and box stores. And much worse, perhaps, we also live in an era of economic disruptions and dislocations, of booms gone bust, and of wars that have torn at what binds us to our families and communities. How does one even speak of "a sense of place" when so many are forced by circumstance to move as migrants do to follow the rumor of jobs elsewhere, or have endured dangerous multiple deployments abroad in Kosovo, Iraq or Afghanistan, and seen their families put under terrible stresses? All of these pressures and uncertainties militate against the assurances that "a sense of place" guarantees.

One of the goals of an education such as we offer here at EOU is to help our students learn the skills that can make it possible for them to begin repairing the damage changing social conditions have inflicted on their communities. Many of those now coming to EOU are middle-aged, recently unemployed, bravely trying to find a new way forward with their lives. Many are here to study in new programs that teach them the specific skills the job market currently demands. Some students learn community organizing, grant-writing, or study gender issues and changing demographics of rural America to better prepare them for the work they hope to do to help the marginalized or underserved citizens of our state. Still others follow a traditional liberal arts path, mastering the analytical and communication skills of history, mathematics, writing, and foreign language that will give them the intellectual flexibility to adapt to future changes in our economies and communities.

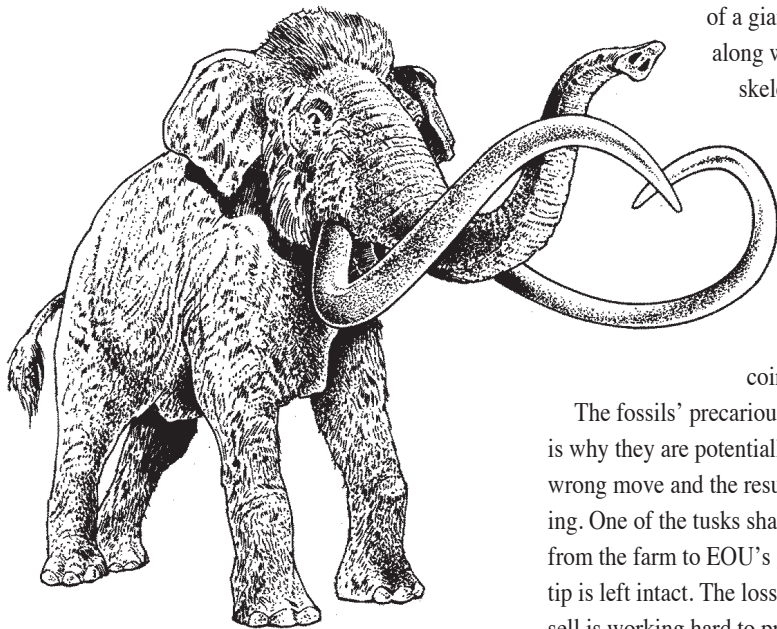
For everyone determined to earn an education, EOU remains a refuge, a place they can come to find a new direction and hope for the future. In virtually every case, our students look forward to a time after graduation when their education helps to establish them as productive professionals, leaders doing meaningful work to build strong, diverse communities. EOU, situated in its exquisite valley setting surrounded by snowy mountains, will continue to be a practical and invaluable partner for such students to remake "a sense of place" in the actual world, where we all live our real lives.

David Axelrod is the author, most recently, of "Departing by a Broken Gate," and "The Cartographer's Melancholy," winner of the 2005 Spokane Poetry Prize and finalist for the 2006 Oregon Book Award. His collection of cultural and environmental essays about the interior Northwest, "Troubled Intimacies," was published in 2004. He is also the editor of Basalt, a journal of fine and literary arts.

EOU researchers investigate what could be the last of the

Columbian

Story and photos by Laura Hancock / Managing Editor



An adult *Mammuthus columbi* weighed as much as 10,000 pounds and stood up to 13 feet tall at the shoulder.

Jay Van Tassell and a small team of university students have set about the delicate task of removing ice age fossils from the danger zone. It's a job that requires inexhaustible patience and time.

Van Tassell, a professor of geology at EOU, is relying on the knowledge base of many colleagues and friends to help piece together the details of an amazing discovery. In January, the fossilized tusks of a juvenile Columbian mammoth were unearthed in the Grande Ronde Valley. But that's not all that turned up on the farmland near the Union County Airport. The vertebrae, tailbones and upper part of the femur

of a giant short-faced bear, along with a nearly complete skeleton of an ancient ground squirrel, were also recovered. The fossils were found during excavation on a slope. "Paleontology by backhoe," as Van Tassell coined it.

The fossils' precariously fragile condition is why they are potentially in harms way. One wrong move and the results could be devastating. One of the tusks shattered during transport from the farm to EOU's geology lab. Only the tip is left intact. The loss is something Van Tassell is working hard to prevent from happening again. Layer by layer, sediment is carefully scraped and brushed away to expose the surface of the specimens. Then another tedious process begins – finding the missing fragments and where they belong.

"It's like putting together a puzzle," Van Tassell said. "When you find a piece and it clicks, it's so cool. Little by little, we're making progress, but it takes a special knack."

The goal is to restore as many of the fossils as possible using modeling clay and a hardening solution. The bones will then go on display in EOU's Science Center, adding to an already robust collection. Van Tassell estimates

it will take most of the summer to complete the project.

During the restoration, elementary school students have the opportunity to get a close-up look at the fossils.

"I tell the children we have all the animals except for a saber tooth tiger and giant beaver to create 'Ice Age: La Grande,' and it's their job to go out and find them," Van Tassell said.

In addition to the restoration and preservation efforts, John Rinehart, professor of biology at EOU, and one of his students are preparing to sequence the DNA from both the mammoth and bear specimens.

"This is groundbreaking...it will take everything to the next level," Van Tassell said.

Positive identification of the fossils is still deemed preliminary, but with DNA sequencing the findings will be corroborated. Or, Van Tassell said it could reveal a completely new species of animal unique to the region.

Amanda Kay, a junior biology student, is the



Laura Mahrt, associate professor of biology, compares the skull of a Pleistocene squirrel (right) to that of a modern day Belding's ground squirrel.

mammoths

recipient of a grant from the EOU Foundation Skeen Memorial Fund that will support the effort to extract and amplify the DNA. The research will be conducted over the summer, with Van Tassell and Rinehart serving as faculty advisers for Kay's work.

"We plan to grind bone samples in liquid nitrogen, then extract the DNA and use a technique called Polymerase Chain Reaction to make many copies of specific segments of the mitochondrial DNA for comparative purposes," Rinehart said.

The significance of this research is two-fold. Not only will it help determine if the mammoths living in eastern Oregon were the same

or a separate subspecies of the Columbian mammoth, it will also shed an important light on the giant short-faced bear.

"There is only one other short-faced bear sequence that has been reported to date," Rinehart said. "The work on the bear DNA will provide additional data to help determine how much variation existed in short-faced bear populations, as well as confirming the identity of these bones."

Van Tassell and Rinehart do know the fossils are from the ice age. Radiocarbon dating of samples sent to Geochron Laboratories in Massachusetts found the mammoth to be 12,700 years old. The new mammoth is

almost 6,000 years younger than the mammoth teeth that were uncovered near EOU's Zabel Hall in 1979, which were radiocarbon dated at 18,650 years old.

During the Pleistocene Epoch, the landscape surrounding the EOU campus supported few human inhabitants due to the cold, wet and windy climate. Yet herds of mammoths and camels thrived here, as did saber tooth tigers, giant beavers, ground sloths and a rare species of bear. Glaciers in the Elkhorn Mountain range fed directly into the Grande Ronde River, with ice dams breaking occasionally and flooding the grassy plain where aspen and poplar trees lined the banks of meandering streams.

Van Tassell believes the young



Student research assistants are working with EOU faculty to document recent discoveries in the Grande Ronde Valley.



Jay Van Tassell shows local elementary school students the relative size of the giant short-faced bears that lived in eastern Oregon during the last ice age.

mammoth may have drowned in the swollen river, which then carried it to its final resting place.

Until this latest discovery, Columbian mammoths were thought to have become extinct approximately 12,850 years ago. This makes the Grande Ronde Valley mammoth the youngest in the Pacific Northwest that Van Tassell has been able to find on record so far. Younger mammoths, dated at 7,980 and 3,700 years old, are reported on the Pribilof and Wrangell Islands in Alaska, but these are a different species.

"This discovery has added a lot to what we know about the ice age," Van Tassell said. "Mammoths may have survived here longer than other parts of North America. This could be the last of the Columbian mammoths."

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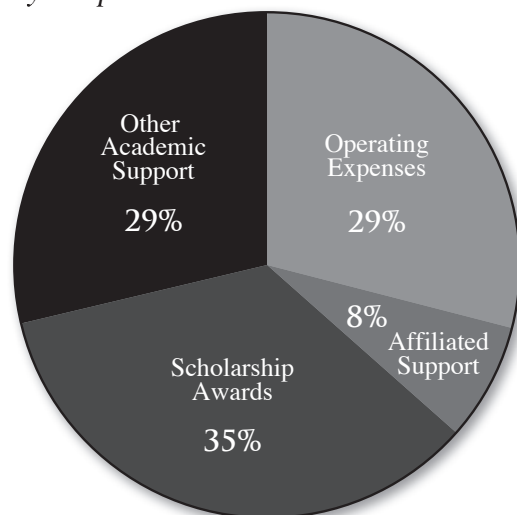
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Barbara and Craig Ely	Roxa Kreimeyer	Jerry and Sylvia Porter	Robin Waille
Marvin E. Endicott	Jim and Mary Kretschmer	Henry and Myrna Potts	Pamela Walker
Donald and Donna Eppenbach	Kevin and Meredith Lair	Mary Pound	Sandra and Douglas Wanta
Esther and Jonathan Erickson	Frank and Mary Lamb	Mrs. Audrey Puscas	Janice Washam
Bill and Darlene Esselstyn	Diana Lasarge	Peter and Mary Lou Quaid	Sarah and Jan Watson
Shane Essency	Dennis and Karey Lawrence	Arthur Reiff	Larry and Marianne Weaver
Sharon and Jerome Evoy	Vickie Leavitt	Barbara Reigert	Rena and Terry Weber
Marilyn Ewing	Melvyn and Yoshi Lee	Mary and Gary Richards	Virginia Widman
Devin Farrand	Greg and Kathleen Letts	Della and Jerry Richman	Sally and Michael Wiens
Billie Fetz	Ken Lilly	Raymond and Frances Richmond	Annette Williams
Janet Figg	Shannon and Marshall Lynn	John Rinehart	Sallie Williams
Lorri and Ricky Fischer	Tom and Suzanne Madden	Jason and Tracy Romberg	Lorna and Mark Williamson
Mary Lou Fletcher	Grace and Robert Madsen	Mrs. C. Audrey Rowland	Sarah J. Wilmot
Roderick and Sally French	Annamarie Maly	Sandra Ryman	Christine Wilson
Ken and Helen Fry	Anne March	Michael Saltvick	Donald Wolff and Susan Whitelock
Keith and Jewel Fuller	Colby and Shelley Marshall	T. Patrick and Alicia Sanchez	Twila Wood
Jill Gibian and Larry Smith	William and Betty Martin	Melania Sarnowski	
Vivian Giles	Richard Mason	Carol Scheele	
Theresa and Charles Gillis	Vivian and Jerry Matthews	Sharon Schiller	
Joanne Glenn Wiseman	James and Nancy May	Michael Sell	
and Jim Wiseman	Lynn and Virginia McCause	Amy Servid	
Terry Elizabeth Gloeckler	Gerald and Charlotte McCoy	Edwin and Muriel Shaul	

Mountaineer Tracks



Greetings from your Alumni Association

Dear alumni, friends and supporters of EOU,
On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of Eastern Oregon University, I bring you our warmest regards and best wishes! It has been my privilege to serve as president of the Association and I look forward to continuing my involvement with both enthusiasm and humility.

I chose EOU as an undergraduate because of opportunities it provided to be engaged in the life of the campus, to get to know faculty and staff and have them take interest in me as an individual, and the opportunity to excel both academically and personally. I believe many of us as alumni shared this experience of EOU as an academic family. We expect future generations of EOU students to have a similar collegiate experience of access and opportunity as we enjoyed. I can say the things we loved most about EOU still thrive. EOU has made significant advances over the last three years and enrollment is at an all-time high. As alumni we can be especially proud of our institution, the achievements of our faculty, the curricular and co-curricular successes of our students, and the servant leadership role EOU assumes throughout our region. Go Mountaineers!

The members of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Association are a wonderful group of people who are dedicated in their service to EOU and the Alumni Association. I wish to acknowledge their contributions and express my sincere appreciation for their involvement. The door is open for those alumni who wish to remain engaged in their alma mater, whether it is as a volunteer, a scholarship donor, or by staying connected with classmates and friends through attendance at one of the many regional events sponsored by the Alumni Association throughout the year. You are always warmly welcomed and appreciated.

As alumni you are important to the success of the University and I strongly encourage you to stay connected. You can have a significant impact through your positive recommendations and testimonials on behalf of EOU. If you have not already done so, please go online to www.eou.edu/alumni and update your information, check out the calendar of events, and most importantly join us when you can. I hope to have the opportunity to see you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Daugherty
President, EOU Alumni Association
Class of 1974

The Mountaineer Tracks are compiled from update forms that alumni send to EOU. If you'd like to share news, visit 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!

~Notes~



Sandra Ellston, Professor of English and writing at EOU, was inducted into the North Salem High School Hall of Fame. The award for Distinguished

Lifetime Achievement honors Ellston for her influence on decades of students and for her national reputation as a Shakespeare scholar and educational administrator. Ellston's visibility in the community in the Chautauqua Program and as organizer of the Northwest Poets' Concord is also of note.

As a New Language and is the ESL coordinator at Blue Ridge Elementary in Walla Walla, Wash.

Rick Hunter, '72, and his wife currently live in Helena, Mont., where he is a freelance writer, graphic designer and copy editor. Rick is



recovering from brain surgery, which affected his short and long term memory, but it is improving. During his time at EOC, Rick studied history and creative writing. He also took art courses and learned the basics of figure drawing and painting. He has been published in Montana Magazine and writes articles for regional magazines. "I've always been proud of attending Eastern and believe the individual attention I received helped me maneuver my way through life's sometimes twisted path," Rick writes. He has traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe and Australia. Since returning to Montana, Rick earned another degree in history and is currently studying graphic design and art at the University of Montana-Helena.

~Class Notes~

1950s

Jeff Ford, '56, led a successful effort to designate a site on the Snake River as Chinese Massacre Cove, the location where up to 34 Chinese miners were murdered in May 1887. The Oregon Geographic Names Board designated the cove about a year ago. Jeff grew up in Warrenton and is a graduate of Eastern Oregon College.

1970s

Donald McAndie, '77, is retiring after 31 years with the La Grande School District. He coached the golf team at La Grande High School from 1992-2005, winning the state title in 2004 and placing second in 2003. Donald's team won the district five straight years and their state title record has yet to be broken. He hopes to have more time next year to devote to things like the EOU Alumni Association and will continue to play golf and the other outdoor activities he enjoys. "Thank you, EOU," he writes.

Brenda Kirk, '73, received her national board certification in English

1980s



Dana Reddington, '84, moved to Idaho in 2009, working as regional president for Wells Fargo Bank. As regional president, he

oversees Wells Fargo stores and the regional offices. Dana left his position as business banking area manager for Wells Fargo & Co.'s metro Minnesota region, which he held from 2006. Prior to that he worked in Oregon, where he managed 47 branches, six retail districts, four business-banking offices and about 500 team members. The banking veteran began his financial services career with First Interstate Bank of Oregon.

He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from EOU and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School and the Wells Fargo Leadership Mastery program.

Jeff M. Baughman, '82, spent 27 years in education as a social studies/health teacher. He was appointed the principal of Clatskanie Junior/Senior High School in June of 2009. Jeff's wife works with developmentally delayed youth ages 0-3 years of age. They currently live in Clatskanie, Ore.

Walter Lane, '86, and Sandy are self-proclaimed "empty nesters" as their son joined his brother as a college student. They enjoy boating, fishing, hiking and visiting friends from EOU. Walter invites friends and teammates to join him as Boosters for the Athletic Department. EOU and La Grande hold a special place in the Lane's hearts. They met at EOU and married before their senior year and both of their children were born in La Grande. Walter has been retired since 2002 and enjoys all outdoor activities and returning to EOU as much as possible. The couple live in Moscow, Idaho.

1990s



Tom Insko, '94, recently received the Businessman of the Year award from the Union County Chamber of Commerce. Accepting the award, Tom said he was "shocked, surprised and humbled." Tom is the inland region manager for Boise Cascade, LLC. He earned a bachelor's in mathematics and business economics from EOU.

Marty Campbell, '99, was recently awarded the Oregon Agriscience Teacher of the Year award at the Oregon State FFA Convention held at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Marty's incorporation of science standards, community involvement, FFA development, and developing relationships helped him earn the award.

2000s

Larina Warnock, '04, is a published author, award-winning poet and active community volunteer. She has completed an intensive 11-month leadership training and is currently enrolled in a second leadership program. Larina offers workshops in activism and the literary arts, the literary arts online, and disability advocacy for caregivers and service providers.

Kenneth Welles, '04, worked for Wal-

Mart as a manager for two years before accepting a position to teach business at the College of Micronesia while working on his MBA online through National University. Kenneth earned his MBA in 2008 and is currently employed by the College of the Marshall Islands as the director of Auxiliary Service. He is married with two children, Keilani and Josiah.

James Benton, '07, is working on his MA in creative writing at Cal State Sacramento. He has won two Dominic J. Bazzanella Literary Awards. In addition, his poetry and creative non-fiction have been published in "Calaveras Station," "The Raintown Review," "Convergence; an online journal of poetry and art" and he has been accepted for publication in New York Quarterly. "EOU did an outstanding job, providing background and advanced training," James writes. "Thank you EOU, and especially the amazing faculty and staff of the English department."

Kimberly McCabe, '07, enrolled in a masters program in France and graduated with distinction after completing her degree at EOU. She currently lives in London where she is a self-employed marketing consultant. She spent some time working for the MBA at HEC Paris and recently interviewed for a business development manager position at an IT company. Kimberly writes, "I find my education at EOU prepared me to face any obstacle and to talk knowledgeably about a myriad of topics. I would not change my decision to study at EOU for the world. EOU rocked! I miss my professors!"

Taivan Sarangerel, '08, is an international alumna from Mongolia. She works at Gobi Corporation, Mongolia's leading Cashmere company which exports products to more than 30 different countries to 130 partners. "I would highly recommend EOU to any prospective students," Taivan writes. "I hope that even from far away I am able to contribute and still be connected, as EOU and its community has touched my life and I hope I can be part of that."

Edward Bonollo, '09, is a deputy fire marshal and earned his bachelor of science degree from EOU. He received commendations from the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue for academic excellence during a recent ceremony.

~Birth Announcements~

Lauren Lynn was born Jan. 30, 2009 to **Lynna M. Butler, '06** and Steve Butler in Boise.

Braedon James Bibb was born March 3, 2009 to **Andrea Black, '06**, and Christopher Bibb, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

~Weddings & Engagements~

Madison Bailey, '09 and **Jeremy Rosenbalm, '08**, married Aug. 29, 2009 in Heppner. Madison is a student teacher in EOU's MAT program and Jeremy is a high school teacher.

Kinsey Noelle Chadwick, '08, and Robert H. Smith of La Grande recently married. Kinsey is a first-grade teacher and the groom is a wild-land firefighter and part-time worship leader. The couple will make their home in Redding, Calif.

Kimberly Jagelski, '09, and Kirk Harder have announced their wedding to be held in August in Worland, Wyo. Kimberly received a bachelor's degree in elementary education from EOU with a minor in Spanish. She works as a student finance planner at Wyoming Technical Institute. Kimberly and Kirk have been accepted to teach English abroad in Spain in the fall of 2010.

~Obituaries~

Elfrieda Marie Spalinger, '37, a longtime resident of Lebanon, died Feb. 27, 2010 at Quail Run Assisted Living in Albany. She was 92. Elfrieda was born in Pocatello, Idaho. Her family moved to Joseph and later to Enterprise, where she graduated from high school in 1935. She then attended Eastern Oregon State Normal School and completed her teaching certificate. Elfrieda married Melvin R. Spalinger on Sept. 13, 1942, in Reno, Nev. She later returned to school and completed her bachelor's degree in education in 1972 at Oregon State University. Elfrieda taught for a total of 33 years, 25 with the Lebanon School District. She began her career in Wallowa County and then worked in Oakridge, where she taught until moving to Lebanon in 1951. Elfrieda retired as a Title One Special Education Teacher in 1981.

Joan Bannister Bailey, '38, died in Redding, Calif., on Nov. 14. Joan received her three-year teacher certificate from EOU in 1938 and was honored as Queen of Eversong the same year. She later received her bachelor's of science degree from Oregon State University in 1950 and taught in the Shasta County, California schools.

James G. Voelz, '39, died Nov. 22 at his

home. He was 91. Jim was born April 18, 1918 in La Grande. He graduated from La Grande High School and attended Eastern Oregon College before moving to Corvallis to attend Oregon State University. Before the start of World War II he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served actively through the end of the war. He spent the next 20 years in the Air Force Reserves and while stationed in Las Vegas he met his wife, Bernice Barnett. They were married in 1944 in La Grande and together they owned and operated Voelz Oil and Land Survey, while also farming. He enjoyed hunting, traveling and photography and was a member of various clubs and organizations.

Chester Brice Bonewitz, '41, died Dec. 19, 2008. He was 88. Chester was born Dec. 9, 1920 in Myrtle Point, Ore. He graduated from Weston High School and earned his teaching certificate at Eastern Oregon College. He taught school at Halfway for one year and married Marjorie Oneta Winburn in 1942. He served as a pilot and flight instructor in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Dentistry in 1951 and served as a dentist in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He moved to Springfield where he practiced dentistry for 20 years. He and his wife moved to Reedsport in 1976 where he practiced until his retirement in 1982.

Lillian Jane Payne, '41, of Woodburn, died Feb. 19, 2010. She was 88. Lillian was born June 30, 1921 in La Grande. She married Frank "Scott" Payne in La Grande in September 1942. She graduated from high school and attended business school at Eastern Oregon College and worked as a bookkeeper for over 40 years. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and enjoyed volunteering at the Woodburn and Portland libraries. She also enjoyed swimming, reading books and walking.

Carol Spence Conrad, '43, formerly of Enterprise, died Feb. 15, 2010. She was 88. Carol was born Oct. 21, 1921 in Enterprise and graduated from high school in 1939. She attended college at Eastern Oregon College where she obtained her teaching certificate. Carol moved to Portland to start her teaching career. She taught there for many years, mainly in the Parkrose District. In 1964 she married a fellow teacher, Ed Conrad. They made their home for many years in Southeast Portland.

James Lee, '50, died, Jan. 10, 2010, in West Linn after a long illness. He was 84. James was born May 13, 1925, in Pendleton and was a graduate of Pendleton

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High School, Eastern Oregon College and the University of Oregon. He taught high school in McMinnville and at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.

Phyllis N. Hopkins, '51, of Summerville, died Dec. 12, 2009 at Grande Ronde Hospital. She was 97. Phyllis was born Sept. 4, 1912 near Buhl, Idaho. She entered what is now EOU after graduation from Hereford High School, earning her teaching certificate and teaching at a rural school in Baker County. She married Albert Benjamin Hopkins in 1932 and taught for 45 years in Baker and Malheur counties, Imbler, Union and Eugene. She later taught in Havre and Billings, Mont. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree from EOU and her master's from the University of Montana-Billings. Upon her retirement, she returned to her farm near Summerville. Phyllis was a world traveler and at age 87 she made a three-week trip to China. She was active in various community and church organizations.

Mary Lene Munsterman Abrams, '51, formerly of Huntington, died Jan. 21, 2010 at the Vale care center. Mary was born April 4, 1915 in Cow Valley near Bonita. She graduated high school with honors in 1933 and attended Eastern Oregon State College with a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education. Her teaching career continued for 40 consecutive years. Eleven of those years were in rural schools of Malheur and Baker counties. The remaining 29 years of teaching she spent in the graded system of 16J in Huntington as a devoted primary teacher who will be remembered by many. In 1939 Mary and Alvin Abrams were married in Weiser, Idaho but their union was later dissolved in 1975. Mary retired in 1977. The hobbies that she enjoyed for many years were gardening, hiking, quilting, rock hunting, traveling and spending recreational time with her family.

Dorothy Ambrose, '51, of La Grande, died Feb. 2, 2010 at her home. She was 86. Dorothy was born Dec. 28, 1923 in Baker. She was raised in Haines, graduated from Haines High School and received her degree from EOU. In 1949 she married George Ambrose. In the mid-1950s she went to work as a legal secretary for Carl Helm and remained with him until he retired in the early 1990s. She was a member of the Soroptimist for Women and the National Association of Legal Secretaries.

Donald J. Scharn, '57, died Jan. 9, 2010. He was born in Pendleton where he graduated from high school before entering the United States Army. He was honorably

discharged in 1953, obtaining the rank of Corporal. After his service, Don graduated from EOOSC. He met his wife, Shirley, in Pendleton where she was attending nursing school. They married in 1955 and moved to Salem where Don started his first teaching job at Richmond Elementary School. After a 30-year career in teaching and later as a principle, Don retired at the age of 57. He spent several years volunteering for Meals on Wheels and the American Red Cross. After Shirley retired, they traveled to Arizona for the winter months. Don also enjoyed fishing in Alaska, making his last trip just four months before he passed away.

Dale Gaylord, '60, of Hermiston died March 15, 2010, at his home. He was 77. Dale was born Nov. 9, 1932, in Atlantic, Iowa. He was raised in Iowa and later in Hermiston, where he attended Sand Stone School and graduated from Hermiston High School in 1951. Dale worked as an ammunition handler at the Umatilla Army Depot before being called into the Navy in 1951. He was stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., Oahu, Hawaii, San Francisco, and on the USS Oriskany Aircraft Carrier in the South Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1955 and worked at the Umatilla Army Depot and then on the Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline. In 1956 he enrolled at EOOSC and graduated with a bachelor's degree and a double major in biology. He married Doris Woods in 1957 and taught science for eight years in Hermiston. He was also a coach and served as the science department head and athletic director until 1968 at the junior high school. He earned his master's degree in education administration in 1970. He then earned his certification for principal/superintendent credentials and worked as the Hermiston High School vice principal from 1968 to 1972, the junior high principal from 1972 to 1974, and as the assistant superintendent for the Hermiston School District from 1974 until he retired in 1990.

Lenna Hermann, '63, of Hood River and formerly of La Grande, died March 16, 2010 at an assisted care facility in Hood River. She was 90. Lenna was born Sept. 30, 1919 on the family ranch on Butter Creek. She went to Pine City grade school and high school and in 1936 she moved to La Grande to attend Eastern Oregon Normal School. During her second year of college Lenna met L.W. "Buck" Hermann. They were married in 1939 in Lewiston, following Lenna's first year of teaching in Stanfield. She taught second grade at Willow Elementary School in La Grande from 1953 to 1980. Lenna took night classes and earned a master's degree.

During her teaching career she was president of the Union County branch of the Oregon Education Association. She belonged to ACE (Association for Childhood Education) and various other organizations. She and her husband helped create the Oregon State Snowmobile Association and also founded the annual pizza fundraiser for the Union County Shriners Hospital for Children.

Catherine M. Fallow, '66, formerly of La Grande, died March 31, 2010 in Portland. She was 88. Catherine was born Nov. 18, 1921 in The Dalles. She graduated from Pendleton High School and EOC. Catherine married Robert Lee Fallow in 1944 and they lived in Ohio, Texas and then La Grande. She loved to travel and visited every continent except Antarctica. Catherine was a teacher in Portland and then for four years in La Grande. She was also a business owner, political activist, civic leader and co-founder and director of the Indian Festival of the Arts. She operated Contemporary Shop for many years on Depot Street and worked as an interior decorator at times. She was honored as a distinguished alumna of EOU and was instrumental in recruiting foreign students to the university. She was the first president of Dorion Hall and spoke at the dedication. Memorial contributions may be made to the EOU Foundation or P.E.O. Foundation chapter DK Memorial Scholarship in care of Loveland Funeral Chapel, 1508 Fourth St., La Grande, OR, 97850.

John W. Hall, '66, of Pendleton died Nov. 24, 2009. He was 65. John was born Aug. 13, 1944, in Colfax, Wash. and spent his early years in Kellogg, Idaho. His family moved to Pendleton around 1955, where he graduated from high school in 1962. He married Carol Fager in 1966 in La Grande. He worked at Payless Drug and Pendleton Sport Center for several years before owning and operating Hall's Trailer Court full-time.

Jon Frederic Croghan, '67, of Baker City, died Jan. 3, 2010 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Boise. He was 73. Jon was born June 18, 1936 in Kalispell, Mont. He graduated from Elgin High School in 1954 and joined the Navy in 1956. He was discharged in 1959 and later attended EOU until 1967 and later the University of Oregon, studying the superintendent program, graduating in 1988. From there he became an Educational Media Director until his retirement. He met Tonita Spray and they were married in 1969 in Billings, Mont., and the couple had one son. Jon had a wide range of interests including hunting, fishing, astronomy and bird watching. He was also

an avid photographer and held commercial and private pilots license and was a flight instructor. His affiliations included state president of the Oregon Pilots Association, chair of the Baker County Transadvocacy, and various other boards and commissions.

Gladys Hutton Steiger, '67, died Nov. 3, 2009. She was born Jan. 14, 1915 near Keating Valley. She attended Mountain View School and developed a passion for reading. In 1933 she graduated from Baker Senior High School and went on to graduate from Eastern Oregon Normal School with a lifetime Elementary Teaching Certificate. Her first teaching position was at the Mother Lode Mine, a one-room schoolhouse where she had 20 pupils from all grades. In 1941 she married John Paul Steiger in Payette, Idaho. She went on to teach Baker elementary students for almost 30 years. After taking extension courses and attending summer school, she received her bachelor's of science degree from EOC. In her retirement, Gladys volunteered, was involved with historical projects in Baker County and was active in her church. When she was no longer able to take care of her home, she moved to a foster care facility in Lake Oswego where she lived for the last six years.

Michael Halsey, '68, of Hermiston and formerly of Union, died March 11, 2010 of cancer at Kennewick General Hospital. He was 64. Mike was born March 30, 1945 in Astoria and spent the first years of his life in Florence. He later moved with his parents to Union in 1951 and graduated from high school in 1963. He attended EOC, where he was active in student government and editor of the college newspaper. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He married Connie Waits in 1968 and after a tour of duty in Vietnam he returned to Oregon to spend 42 years with the Union Pacific Railroad. He retired from his job as a locomotive engineer in 2006. He moved with his family to Hermiston in 1976, where he and Connie raised four children.

Dorothea Rose Volk King, '72, of Pendleton died Jan. 29, 2010. She was 83. Dorothea was born April 19, 1926 in Norfolk, Nebr. She graduated from Norfolk High School and attended Norfolk Jr. College in 1945. In 1948 she moved to Oregon and attended Eastern Oregon Normal School, receiving a teaching degree. She married Earl I. King in 1950 in Pendleton. She later returned to EOC, graduating with a bachelor's degree. She taught elementary school in the Pendleton public schools in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and later

worked as a pharmacy clerk at the Medical Center Pharmacy. She finished her career in the budget and finance department for the Umatilla National Forest in Pendleton.

Nancy (Erlebach) Lulay, '73, died March 24, 2010. Nancy was born in Ontario, the fourth of 11 children. She earned a teaching degree from Eastern Oregon State College and married Bill Lulay in 1974. The couple had four children. Nancy volunteered in the community and helping others was part of her everyday routine. She influenced many children's lives as a teacher and mentor and was an active member of the Catholic Church. She loved life, especially being a wife, mother and grandmother. As with everything in life, Nancy took on her very aggressive cancer with courage and the desire to live life to the fullest.

Patricia T. Harris, '82, died January 31, 2010, following the effects of Alzheimer's disease. She was born in Roseburg on June 19, 1922. Pat graduated from Roseburg High School in 1940 and in 1942 she married Robert Harris. Many years later she graduated from Umpqua Community College and then EOC. About 1957, Pat bought a standard poodle for her birthday. She has had several since then and was very devoted to her dogs. Pat enjoyed playing golf and became interested in photography and excelled at it, winning numerous awards. In 1985, she was invited to join a group of eleven photographers from across the U.S. on a trip to China. Pat taught photography and darkroom classes at Umpqua Community College for 12 years. She was a member of art associations and showed her photography several times at the Umpqua Valley Arts Center.

Harry L. Williams, '86, longtime Baker City resident, died Aug. 22, 2009 after a nine-year battle with cancer. He was 68. Harry was born July 27, 1941 in The Dalles. He graduated from Marshfield High School in Coos Bay and joined the Navy, serving a four-year tour of duty. Most of his service was in the Far East: Hong Kong, Japan and off the coast of Vietnam. After serving his country, Harry worked in heavy construction. He met Tessa Thompson and the couple were married for 44 years and had two sons, Hank and Heath.

Nathan A. 'Nate' Arbogast, '95, formerly of Monument, died Feb. 28, 2010, as a result of a skiing accident. He was 39. Nathan was born Feb. 26, 1971, in Oregon City and went to school in Molalla until grade nine, when he moved to Monument. In 1989 he graduated from Monument High School and in 1994 he received a bachelor's

degree from Portland State University. He went on to earn a post baccalaureate teaching degree from EOU. He married Chandra Bender in 1992. The couple moved to Heppner where he worked for the Morrow County School District. He then followed his true passion of bringing high speed Internet into the area with his company, Wind Wave, which helped rural students learn and compete with larger schools. He enjoyed skiing, hunting, golfing, movies and computer games. He also served as a deacon at his church and loved spending time with his family.

Richard L. 'Rick' Curtis, '97, of Milton-Freewater, died of cancer Jan. 21, 2010. He was 73. Richard was born Aug. 3, 1936 in Prairie City and grew up in Canyon City, graduating from Grant Union High School in 1954. He served four years in the Air Force. He and his wife Elizabeth (Liz) McEntire were married in 1963 in Astoria. In 1960 he began his career with the U.S. Forest Service on the Burns Ranger District. He was transferred to the Prairie City Ranger District in 1965. In 1969 he transferred to Heppner as district engineer, where he remained until retirement in 1985. In 1991 Richard and his family moved to North Bend, where they continued to live until moving to Umatilla County in 2000. He earned his real estate broker's license following retirement from the Forest Service and his bachelor's degree in general studies from EOU. While in Heppner he served as a Pioneer Memorial Hospital emergency medical technician, earned his private pilot's license and was active in city government.

Sheridan K. (Sweek) Zita, '01, of Pendleton, died March 11, 2010, of pancreatic cancer. She was 45. Born October 30, 1964 in Heppner, Sheridan graduated in 1982 from Heppner High School and went on to earn a dental assistant certificate and a medical records degree. She married Rich Zita in Heppner in 1987 and for the past 23 years resided in the Pendleton area, where she raised two sons. Sheridan found a passion for teaching and returned to college at EOU, graduating with her bachelor's of science and later received her master of arts in education. In the fall of 2001 she joined the Echo School District. She enjoyed spending time with family, cooking, hiking, camping and gardening.

Lylah Elizabeth "Beth" Rowen, died Jan. 13, 2010, at her home in Halfway. She was 93. Beth was born April 22, 1916 in Roosevelt, Utah. Three months later, she and her parents returned to the family homestead on Clear Creek in Pine Valley. She attended

Sunny Dell School and Pine Valley High School, graduating at age 16. She attended Eastern Oregon Normal School, earning a lifetime teaching certificate in two years. Her first teaching job was at Dry Creek School and she taught on and off in Halfway for the next 38 years. Beth married Oliver Harold (Con) Rowen in 1938 in Weiser, Idaho. The couple ranched in Pine Valley on the family farm, raising two children. Beth tried her hand at snowmobiling, jet skiing, horseback camping and she loved rodeos.

Goldie Lee Llyod, died Nov. 27, 2009, at Settlers Park in Baker City. She was 77. Goldie was born on March 27, 1932 in Pondsosa. She lived the vast majority of her life in Baker County, graduating from high school and then attending EOC. She married Slick Johnston in 1946 and settled in Baker City where they raised two sons. Goldie was proud to serve most of the county's population at one time or another at the Royal Café in Baker City, distributing lunches through "Meals on Wheels" or at VFW picnics.

Robert J. Mumm, longtime Pendleton resident, died Dec. 20, 2009. He was 80. Robert was born June 23, 1929 in Pendleton. He attended Pendleton High School in 1947 and later Eastern Oregon College of Education. He owned and operated a wheat ranch north of Pendleton and started his own fertilizer business in Echo. He also volunteered with local civic and youth organizations.

Caroline Vivian Henderson, of Forest Grove and formerly of Union County, died Oct. 2, 2009. She was 92. Caroline was born Dec. 18, 1916 at Castle Creek, Idaho. She grew up on a ranch and graduated from high school as the class valedictorian. She taught school before marrying Athol R. Sayre in 1939 and the couple had five children. Caroline earned her master's degree at Eastern Oregon College and taught English and library science in Union and Douglas counties after moving to Oregon. She retired in Hillsboro.

Ellen C. Brooks, lifelong resident of La Grande, died Oct 23, 2009 at her home. She was 86. Ellen was born Dec. 16, 1922, graduated from Enterprise High School and moved with her family to Portland, where she went to Northwest Business School and worked in the shipyards. She met George W. Brooks and they married in 1943. They settled in La Grande following WWII and started a painting business that evolved into a construction business. They also owned Coleman Hardware Store and operated a cattle ranch and farm. After George died in

1963, Ellen attended EOU. She worked for the First National Bank, Kaman Bearing and for her son's painting business as a bookkeeper from 1978 until her death.

Arlon M. Harvey, died Jan. 6 in his home on Chehalem Mountain. He was 81. Born on March 29, 1928 in St. Helens, he grew up in northeast Oregon, living in Athena, Weston and La Grande. After graduating from high school in 1947, he worked his way through college as a drummer and dance instructor. He attended EOU and earned a two-year degree in electronics. In 1950 he moved to the Portland area where he met Doris (Johnnei) Johnson. A year later they were married and in 1954 the couple moved to their property on Chehalem Mountain. Arlon was employed as an electrical engineer at Oweiko Inc., Sartron and retired from Coiltron in 1991. He then worked for a brief time as a Newberg school bus driver. He was a member of the Sherwood Elks Club and enjoyed dancing, playing the drums, camping, fishing and hunting.

Ronald W. Westenskow, of College Place, Wash. and formerly of Imbler, died Oct. 24, 2009 at his home. He was 87. Ronald was born March 13, 1922 in Imbler. He attended school in Imbler and graduated from Eastern Oregon College. He went on to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy as a lieutenant midshipman and served in the South Pacific. After his discharge from the service, he returned to his home near La Grande. He married Carol Butt in 1944 in Salt Lake City. They had five children. Ronald became involved in agriculture in the Grande Ronde Valley and later became an ordained bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Carol preceded him in death. In 2002 he married his high school girlfriend, Audrey.

Robert James Korn, of Salem, died Friday, March 12, 2010. He was 59. Born July 12, 1950, he graduated from North Salem High and earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Oregon State College. He was an avid square dancer and member of the Salem Swinging Stars. He also enjoyed baking, hiking, bookbinding and race walking.

Darren S. Gibson, of Kuna, died March 27, 2010 at a Boise hospital after a battle with cancer. He was 45. Darren was born on Feb. 10, 1965 in Santa Ana, Calif. and grew up in Council, Idaho where he graduated from high school. Darren attended EOU where he excelled in football and track and earned a bachelor's degree in business. He worked in restaurants and retail and owned

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several shops in Idaho Falls. Most recently he worked at Wal-Mart as an assistant manager at the Overland store in Boise. Darren was a wonderful father and loved his daughters dearly. The last three years were his happiest, spent with his life partner, Tim.

Gordon R. "Butch" Winters, of Pendleton died Feb. 7, 2010. He was 61. Gordon was born March 29, 1948 in Enterprise, attended school in Lostine and graduated from Wallowa High School in 1967. He attended Eastern Oregon State College and Blue Mountain Community College. He was an accomplished football player and played for EOSC. He married Toni Baird in Kennewick, Wash., in 1969. They later divorced. Gordon worked in sales for most of his career, living in Pendleton, Sandpoint, Idaho and the Wallowa County area before moving back to Pendleton.

Kathryn Sowell, of Yoncalla, died Dec. 5, 2009 due to cardiac arrest. She was 57. Kathryn was born April 27, 1952 in Delta, Colo. She married Don Garrett in 1972 and then divorced. She later married Albert Sowell in 2002 in Reno. She attended EOU and studied teaching for three years. She was a children's librarian in Delta for 12 years and a part-time librarian in Oregon for two years.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Jeanne Hastings, of Arlington, Wash., and formerly of Elgin, died Feb. 25, 2010 in Arlington, Wash. She was 79. Elizabeth was born Jan. 18, 1931 in Union County. She graduated as salutatorian of her Elgin High School class and then attended EOU where she met her husband, Dale H. Hastings. The couple lived near Boyd for six years and then moved to the Othello, Wash., area. Betty worked at the Credit Bureau and as a secretary at Othello High School. After working 25 years as the office manager for the Othello Outlook newspaper she retired and moved to western Washington. She was a member of the Othello Christian Church and served as organist and was a member of various other organizations, including the Marysville Nazarene Church.

James Patrick "Pat" Fitzgerald, a lifelong resident of La Grande, died Nov. 4, 2009 at a local care center. He was 90. Pat was born Dec 23, 1918 in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School in 1936. In 1939 he married Helen Davis in Union. During World War II he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and after a medical discharge he worked in a training program at Eastern Oregon College with young airmen preparing to become pilots. Before the war, Pat worked with his brothers running

Fitzgerald Furniture. In 1944, he established Fitzgerald Flowers, which he ran until his retirement. In 1972, he established Pat's Alley and also owned other businesses. Pat was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a lifelong scout and Boy Scout troop leader for many years and a member of various other service organizations and clubs. Pat was also a pilot.

Kathelene Galloway, died Dec. 19, 2009 at her home. She was 45. Kathelene was born June 11, 1964 in Pocatello, Idaho. She spent years as a young child in Utah where she discovered her passion for art. She later moved to Boise where she received her bachelor of fine arts with honors and later went on to receive her master of fine arts degree in drawing from the University of Indiana. Kathelene moved back to the West to be near her mother and begin a teaching career at EOU, where she taught printmaking and drawing. Those who knew her say Kathelene was an inspired teacher who brought out the best in all of her students.

Grover William Brooks, of La Grande, died Dec. 30, 2009 at his home. He was 69. Grover was born Dec. 27, 1940 in Selah, Wash. After high school he served four years with the U.S. Coast Guard and in 1961 he moved to La Grande and worked for the Boise Cascade particleboard plant. In 1985 he moved to Illinois where he continued to work for Boise Cascade in particleboard sales. Upon his retirement in 1999, he returned to La Grande. Grover was a member of the Church of the Nazarene and he volunteered and kept stats for both the La Grande High School Tigers and the EOU Mountaineers.

Stanley Weishaar, of La Grande, died Dec. 31, 2009. He was 87. Stan was born June 3, 1922 near Odessa, Wash., and graduated from Odessa High School in 1940 and began farming in Odessa until moving to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He later moved to the Grande Ronde Valley and married Barbara Toland in 1958. Stan was named Man of the Year in 1965 for his farm conservation practices, and served as a supervisor for the Union Soil and Water Conservation District for eight years and was chairman for six. He served on the Farm Home Administration Advisory board and in the Federal Land Bank Advisory board and was appointed a member of the Oregon Soil Conservation Committee. He was also a founding board member of the Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative and a member of the Lions Club. Stan also helped establish the Grange Co-Op Scholarship to provide more than \$100,000 to Eastern Oregon State College

for the agriculture program.

Mary Jane Beeman, lifetime resident of Island City, died Jan. 12, 2010 at a local care center. She was 92. Mary was born July 29, 1917 in La Grande and graduated from La Grande High School in 1936. A year later she married James Fredrick "Fred" Beeman in Walla Walla. Mary worked as an operator for the telephone company and in the custodial department at EOU. She was a member of Royal Neighbors, the VFW Auxiliary and the Lions Club. She served as treasurer for the city of Island City for many years and enjoyed being with her grandchildren, working crossword puzzles, traveling and was an avid reader.

Robert W. Wilkins, La Grande, died Jan. 28, 2010 after a short battle with cancer. He was 79. Robert was born Sept. 10, 1930 in Portland. Following graduation from La Grande High School in 1948, he attended Eastern Oregon College and the University of Oregon. He was drafted in 1953 during the Korean War and served his Army tour of duty at the Presidio in San Francisco. In 1954 he married Joyce Ruth Armstrong of Salem and they spent their first year of marriage in San Francisco. In 1955 they moved to La Grande. Robert was president and principal in Eastern Oregon Agencies Inc., operated as Wilkins Insurance Agency in La Grande and Farris Insurance in Enterprise. He was also chairman and owner of the Abstract and Title Co. He supported EOU and the EOU Foundation for nearly 30 years as a donor, community advocate and longtime trustee. He was chairman of the EOU Foundation Board in 1995. Robert's leadership and service garnered recognition from numerous organizations and he received the Arthur M. Eppstein Insurance Achievement Award in 1990.

Dwayne Wing, of La Grande, died March 11 at Mount Angel. He was 84. Dwayne was born April 22, 1925 in Groton, S.D. He attended school in Brown County and graduated from Groton High School. In 1947 he married Eloise Berg and they lived near Groton until moving to the La Grande area in 1956 where he owned and operated La Grande Automotive. Later he worked in maintenance at EOU.

Merlin Prout, of La Grande, died March 19, 2010 at his home. He was 82. Merlin was born April 6, 1927 in Joseph. He was married six times in his 82 years, his final marriage to Rosa Brothers. Merlin served in the Navy and worked as a butcher in Joseph. He moved to La Grande and worked as a groundskeeper for Eastern Oregon College. In his retirement years, he mowed lawns

for local businesses and managed a local trailer park for a friend, Phil Hergert. Merlin enjoyed fishing and hunting and family members say they wish to acknowledge the life lessons they learned from him.

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Bob Peshall, '55

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Peshall gives back to his alma mater in many ways. He is a sustaining member of the EOU President’s Club and other significant contributions include his gift of \$10,000 for the preservation of the Inlow Hall Grand Staircase. He also established a planned gift with the EOU Foundation and a full scholarship to be awarded to a 2011 high school graduate from Arizona attending EOU.

This year Peshall is celebrating his 60th anniversary of graduation from Hood River High School. He challenges other members of his generation to consider setting up a scholarship with the EOU Foundation to benefit future students.



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Mountaineer Spirit Bonfire
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