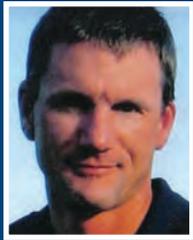
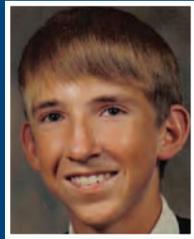
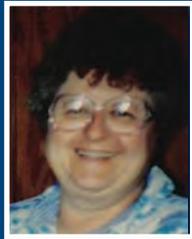


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Dear Friends,

Every season brings change, and every year the one special season I look forward to is fall. The leaves changing color from green to yellow, brown and gold turn our La Grande campus into the quintessential image of a college setting, but the larger, more spectacular change is the one that takes place when all of our students start classes. Whether they are online across the U.S. or overseas, attending at one of our regional centers in Oregon, or here on campus in Zabel Hall, the season I truly love the most is the one that brings our students.

When I first joined Eastern, I took a look through the University's past (as the son of a history professor, this has become second nature to me!) and quickly found that our success, grounding, framework and key mission has always been to provide an accessible and affordable education. Regardless of what may be taking place at any level of the University or across the state, ultimately, all of our actions and work comes down to how we provide an education to students—and they are a phenomenal group of people. Let me share just a few examples:

Tag: When I first heard the news that Tag, a champion bull rider and an excellent student, was attending EOU I thought "this is amazing" and quickly found my way to meet this young woman, adopted from China, who has taken to rodeo like a fish does to water.

Rachel, Jadon & Alexander: These students received the highest award for their team success

at an international math modeling competition last winter—beating out universities around the world, from the Ivy League to Europe and Asia. Not bad for students from a small regional college in Oregon!

Leo: A wonderful student who made headlines for being our oldest graduate ever at 99 years of age. I was proud to personally present Leo's diploma and shake his hand when he crossed the platform at Commencement in June.

Tim: A practicing attorney, Tim returned to school at Eastern to become a teacher, taking classes from us online. He chose EOU because of our programs and accessibility.

There are many more stories like these, and I know that you have your own experiences that further illustrate why Eastern is so special. I hope you will join me in continuing to make this University all about the students and the quality education they receive.

Best,



Bob Davies
President, EOU



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Community garden thriving thanks to EOU, ORA partnership

A special Earth Day celebration in April marked the success of the combined efforts of EOU and Oregon Rural Action on the La Grande Community Garden project.

EOU President Bob Davies and ORA members conducted a ribbon cutting for the event held at the garden, located on a vacant lot adjacent to campus.

From humble beginnings, the garden grew to include 38 plots this year. It serves as not only a teaching tool – 40 percent of the gardeners are EOU

students and employees – but also provides food for individuals of all income levels. A student-taught INTACT class covers gardening basics from planning to planting and maintaining a small vegetable patch using natural methods.

Students involved in Haven from Hunger, an effort to raise awareness and act to alleviate hunger locally, first established the garden. EOU provides a land lease agreement for just \$1 per year to the ORA



Blue Mountain Chapter. The university also donates water for the plots, which allows ORA to keep gardening fees low.

Many other individuals from EOU and the community contribute to the garden, including the university's facilities department, the Alliance for Social Change and private businesses. For more information visit oregonrural.org/chapters/la-grande-community-garden.

Mountaineer Market opens downtown

EOU's Bookstore has expanded to include a new location in the heart of downtown La Grande. The Mountaineer Market opened Nov. 1 on the first floor of the historic Liberty Theater building at 1008 Adams Ave. Merchandise includes all EOU insignia items and clothing.

"Opening a location downtown shows the partnership between EOU and the community," said Lynn Paulson, EOU Bookstore manager. "There are so many folks who have come in to the new store and expressed their appreciation for having an outlet downtown."

The Mountaineer Market is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the holidays and spring and summer seasons the store will also keep hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is 541-605-0444.

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For more than 65 years, there has virtually been at least one member of the Eddy family in attendance at EOU.

Cover photos submitted:

Floribel Eddy (1941-44)

Melva Eddy (1943-46)

Grace Eddy (1946-47)

Robert O. 'Buck' Eddy (1946-51)

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Bob Eddy (1963-67)

Patty Timble Duby (1966-68)

Terry McCoy (1966-68)

Cheryl Eddy (1969-70)

Mike Eddy (1968-73)

Tami Eddy (1968-73)

Diane Eddy (1972-76)

Joe Eddy (1975-76)

Debby Eddy (1976-78)

Dick Eddy (1979-81)

Susie Eddy (1983-86)

Julie Eddy (1985-89)

Louie Miller (1988-92)

Denise Eddy Miller (1988-93)

Ronda Rodgers McPhetridge (1988-93)

Tim Eddy (1993-94)

Tammy Duby Coleman (1994-98)

Marty Campbell (1996-99)

Mandy Duby Campbell (1996-00)

Sarah Smith (2001-05)

J.J. Eddy Gonzales (2004-06)

Not pictured:

Linda Eddy (1967-68)

Cindy Eddy (1978-79)

Keme Eddy Henderson (1979-80)

Ron Prindle (1982-86)

First-Year Experience program garners national attention

The success of EOU's efforts to engage first-year students has been recognized by the Association of American Colleges and Universities. The organization's online newsletter, AAC&U News, featured an article last winter about EOU's First-Year Experience curriculum and its involvement



EOU's First-Year Experience program began in '08.

with the tri-state initiative to "Give Students a Compass."

"This recognition of our work on high-impact practices underscores yet again the commitment of EOU faculty and staff to providing a high-quality and value-added education to our students and their communities throughout eastern Oregon," said Steve Adkison, provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs at EOU.

Sarah Witte, associate vice president of Academic Affairs and acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spearheaded development of the First-Year Experience program in 2008. Others involved include Christy Oliveri, First-Year Experience coordinator, Colleen Dunne-

Cascio, director of Student Relations, and Nancy Knowles, associate professor of English and writing.

To access the AAC&U article, visit www.aacu.org and click on "Archive." Under Features click on "Engaging Students with High-Impact Practices at Eastern Oregon University."

Health Speaker Series highlights career options

Students interested in pursuing careers in healthcare are hearing first-hand experiences from members of the area medical community thanks to a new Health Speaker Series.

EOU and the non-profit Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center (NEOAHEC) launched the series in January with the intent of helping students learn what a future in healthcare might hold for them.

"The speaker series is a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore career choices and for our community to meet area medical professionals and learn how they are serving our regional healthcare needs," said Steve Adkison, EOU provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs.

Increased awareness of the nine pre-professional health programs EOU offers is also a goal. Kimberly Mueller, EOU's pre-professional health liaison, is coordinating the effort in tandem with Brenna Dunlap, education coordinator for NEOAHEC. For more information visit www.eou.edu/prepro.

EOU honors women of vision and courage

The President's Commission on the Status of Women at EOU presented awards to three individuals this year, honoring them as Women of Vision and Courage.

Lorna Spain received the Community Award; Linda Jerofke, associate professor of anthropology, received the EOU Faculty Award; and Rellani Ogumoro, a 2011 graduate, received the EOU Student Award.

Nominations for the awards were solicited from the university and Union County community. Each year PCSW recognizes women with demonstrated leadership in creating a more inclusive, equitable community, especially in promot-



From left, Linda Jerofke, Lorna Spain and Rellani Ogumoro.

ing the rights of women and girls. Spain, Jerofke and Ogumoro were honored during EOU's celebration of International Women's Day. ■

"Oregon East" captures history of creativity

By Sarah Anne Railey / "Oregon East" Assistant Editor

Set against the office walls of "Oregon East" are two giant bookshelves packed with back issues of the magazine and its earlier first cousins, "The Middle R" and "Underpass." My first office hour was spent paging through these, amazed at how "Oregon East" has morphed into the magazine it is today. I read the names of contributors and editors, many of whom I know as community members, faculty, relatives and friends. It struck me just how important it is to realize that our own era creates a whole that we, as writers, cannot help but be influenced by.

Each magazine was not only a snapshot of the individual writers, it was also a snapshot of EOU and of where the world was then. It made me grateful to have a chance to put my own work and effort into something that would capture our collective history.

This year marked a record distribution for "Oregon East." As I gave students the magazine and shared with them what "Oregon East" is, I hoped that every one of them would read it and get a taste for what's possible at EOU. I also hoped that students would be inspired to submit

their work. "Oregon East" runs on the energy of student efforts, and the more submissions we receive, the better chance we have of creating, like so many editors before us, a truly inspired publication. We're always grateful to readers who support our magazine, so if you'd like to subscribe, just write to us at oe@eou.edu. We also have some back issues available for sale, so if you're missing the copies of "Oregon East" published during your tenure at EOU, just query us about purchasing them! ■

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

Online business program a top value among competitors

EOU's undergraduate distance learning program in business administration has garnered the university a spot on the list of Top 10 Best Online Business Schools compiled by the consumer group GetEducated.com.

The affordability rankings are based on a comprehensive nationwide survey of online learning costs at 67 regionally accredited colleges that offer 136 online degrees in business administration at the bachelor program level.

Students in EOU's program save an average of more than \$18,000, paying approximately \$26,640 for this distance degree. By comparison, GetEducated found the average distance education cost for a bachelor's in business administration

to be \$44,944. Large for-profit online colleges earned the worst grades for consumer affordability, topping out at a cost of nearly \$72,000. GetEducated.com compiled data on costs in spring 2011.

"EOU has a long history of ensuring that high-quality, cost effective education is accessible to all our students, including those



pursuing their degree from a distance," said Bob Davies, EOU president. "This ranking confirms our unwavering position as a leader in providing very competitive and marketable programs." GetEducated.com is a consumer group founded in 1989 that publishes objective rankings and reviews of the best colleges online and top online universities along the dimensions of affordability, cost, reputation and employer acceptance. ■

Skye Fitzgerald, '93, shares his passion for filmmaking

Producer, director and documentary filmmaker Skye Fitzgerald gave a special presentation of his work during EOU's 2011 Homecoming weekend and he will visit campus again in the spring.

A 1993 EOU graduate, Fitzgerald is raising awareness of social issues throughout the world with his recent documentaries focusing on guerrilla warfare and human rights violations. The story of the "Bombhunters" was shot on location in Cambodia while Fitzgerald was on a Fulbright Scholarship. It chronicles the plight of local citizens living with and harvesting unexploded bombs as a source of income when sold as scrap metal. The film gained support from the Sundance Documentary Fund, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the U.S. Department of State and the Paul Robeson Fund.

Another of Fitzgerald's films, "Finding Face," investigates a crime of acid violence in Southeast Asia. It has been broadcast to an estimated 30 million American viewers and won human rights or special jury awards at multiple festivals in addition to winning a coveted na-

tional Clarion award. Fitzgerald's most recent work, "Peace Commandos," is about peacebuilding in the Congo and is being released to the educational market this year.

Fitzgerald's emergence in the world of film began soon after completing his master of fine arts from the University of Oregon. He directed 2nd Unit on the feature "Ricochet River" starring Kate Hudson and quickly became drawn to non-fiction. He has produced or shot projects focused on developing nation and human rights issues in over 20 countries. In 2001 he co-produced the award-winning film "Monsoon Wife," the first full-length feature to be shot completely on location in Cambodia since 1965.

Other unique projects which Fitzgerald has served as a producer or cameraman include the documentary "Return to Everest for Eddie Bauer," "Dateline on Mt. Rainer" for Dateline NBC, "Frogpond" (pilot) in the Philippines, "Epilogue of War" documenting landmine and unexploded ordnance victims in Vietnam, a segment for CNN's show "Mainsail on the



Skye Fitzgerald

Antarctic island of South Georgia," as well as segments for the History Channel's "Gangland" series and the Weather Channel.

For more on Fitzgerald visit his production company website at www.spinfilm.org. ■

On board for the Student Freedom Ride

2011 EOU graduate Bakhrom Ismoilov participated in the Student Freedom Ride commemorating the 50th anniversary of the original Freedom Rides that took place in May 1961. The popular history series “American Experience” selected 40 college students to spend 10 days aboard a moving classroom in conjunction with the premier of the feature film “Freedom Riders” May 16 on PBS.

“Ismoilov was selected from nearly 1,000 applicants representing a diverse cross-section of America, much like the original Freedom Riders who used public transportation as a means of challenging segregation in the South. Their journey retraced the route of the Freedom Rides beginning in Washington, D.C. and ending in New Orleans, the intended destination of the 1961 Freedom Riders.

Filmmaker Stanley Nelson accompanied the group, as well as John Seigenthaler, former administrative assistant to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who was sent to Alabama to deal with the violence directed against the Freedom Riders. Ray Arsenault, author of “Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice,” which Nelson’s film is partially based on, served as the resident expert on the people, places and events.

Ismoilov grew up in Tajikistan and received his degree in business administration and international business. He took an active role on campus, often in a leadership position, and was the vice president for diversity and equity for the Associated Students of EOU. ■



Bakhrom Ismoilov

Rellani Ogumoro named 2011 Truman Scholar

With her friends at EOU gearing up for a hiatus from their studies during winter break Rellani Ogumoro felt a wistful twinge, yet she resolved to spend her holiday pouring over a scholarship application. It was unlike any she had tackled before; the questions about her government and community service activities and future career goals accumulated 16 pages of detailed responses.

Several months passed and Ogumoro put her thoughts of the overwhelming project aside for a time. Then in mid-March came an extensive phone interview, followed by more anticipation. It was all worth the wait when Ogumoro learned she had been selected as a Truman Scholar – the first EOU student to earn the distinction.

Ogumoro, a 2011 EOU graduate, was one of 60 college students presented with awards from the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. She will receive up to \$30,000 in funding toward a graduate degree in a public service field. Ogumoro’s scholarship application stood out among her peers because of her extensive advocacy work for victims of human trafficking. Last summer she spent six weeks in Washington, D.C. for a Public Leadership Education Network internship and also volunteered at Courtney’s House,

a non-profit organization that provides support services to victims of child sex trafficking. The experience solidified her desire to pursue a career in public policy and human rights.

“The resilience of the human spirit is amazing,” Ogumoro said. “I arrived thinking I would help give these kids a voice, but instead they helped me find my own. They already have a voice and I was there to help them use it.”

Ogumoro is following in the footsteps of her mother, Lauri Bennett Ogumoro, who shares a passion for helping others. Lauri works at a women’s shelter in Saipan called Guma Esperansa, which translated means House of Hope. Lauri is originally from La Grande and graduated from EOU in 1982. Ogumoro’s father, Jack Ogumoro, is also an EOU alumnus from the same year. Their family ties to EOU go back further to when Lauri’s father, Harvey Bennett, served as dean in the early 1980s.

Among the individuals providing guidance and support for Ogumoro throughout the Truman Scholar application process were Mary Koza, liberal studies director, Tonia St. Germain, assistant professor of gender studies, and Rosemary Powers, associate professor of sociology.

“I’m very thankful to the university faculty



Rellani Ogumoro and her parents, Jack Ogumoro, '82 and Lauri Bennett Ogumoro, '82.

and staff, the EOU Foundation and the President’s Commission on the Status of Women at EOU,” Ogumoro said. “I don’t know how to ever repay them because saying ‘thank you’ just isn’t enough. This entire process helped me understand myself and focus on what my life’s work will be. I have a clearer path to work towards and now I have the means to do so.” ■

Multiple capital construction projects underway

Story by Laura Hancock / Managing Editor

Over the summer, EOU's historic Ackerman Gymnasium traded in its basketball hoops for bookcases. Instead of reverberating the bounce of balls against the backboard, the building's vaulted dome ceiling is providing a home for Pierce Library's staff, student study spaces, curriculum collection, some reference titles, periodicals and media.

The changes to Ackerman Gym and Pierce Library are just the starting point for a series of major construction projects on EOU's campus. Renovations to Zabel Hall will follow over the next year and EOU is pursuing funding to remodel the Hoke Union Building as well.

"These updates are tremendous for EOU," said EOU President Bob Davies. "We want to update and upgrade our existing buildings to better serve our students and improve energy efficiencies and ultimately be better stewards of these state resources."

To handle the updates, Pierce Library formally closed its doors Aug. 1 and will greet patrons with a completely redesigned interior a year from now when the \$8 million project is expected to be complete. In the mean time, services that will be accessible from Ackerman Gym include the circulation desk, reserves, computers, printers and photocopiers.

The library reopened in its interim location in September, and for the duration of the renovations, students will continue to access the library's online resources without interruption. The majority of the library's main collection is

in storage in Quinn Coliseum, along with reference titles, microfilm and various other materials. These resources will be pageable, meaning patrons will search for and request items to be delivered to Ackerman gym for pick up.

"Our primary goal during the construction process is to continue to provide services to stu-

dents, faculty, staff and our partners," said Pierce Library Director Karen Clay. "The reward for the transition is a 'new' library we are all very excited about."

Fortis Construction Inc. is the general contractor on all four projects. Allied Works Architecture completed the planning and design



Top: Architectural rendering of the remodeled Pierce Library.

Photo by David Lageson / The newly renovated Ackerman Gym now serves as temporary library space.

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for Pierce Library. Other firms include Hennebery Eddy Architects for Ackerman Gym and Zabel Hall, and SERA Architects for the Hoke Union Building renovation studies. All are Oregon companies.

EOU has worked with Fortis Construction and SERA Architects before, including the LEED certified remodel of Inlow Hall in 2009-10.

“Working with a familiar team like Fortis

funding for the projects, which President Davies said are important not only for EOU, but also the economic benefit of the region. State resources include some deferred maintenance to the original structures approved for renovation.

To help identify priorities for each project, EOU worked with the architecture firms to hold open forums and also conducted surveys with students, staff and community members. In Pierce



Top: Schematic design of the main entry lobby of Zabel Hall. During the renovations slated to begin in December and conclude by September 2012, temporary offices for the building's occupants will be set up in Dorion Park.

Right: The renovation plan includes updates to the exterior of Zabel as well, depicted in the rendering above.

builds on our ability to co-manage these projects,” said EOU Director of Facilities and Planning David Lageson. “We elected to collaborate with one general contractor to expedite construction and save resources, and it’s working.”

The Oregon Legislature approved bond sales for a total of \$15,643,000 for capital construction at EOU during 2009-2011 and \$14,679,000 during 2011-2013. State Rep. Greg Smith and State Sen. David Nelson led the effort in securing

Library’s case, upgrades to the 1949 art moderne building will enhance the strengths inherent to its particular style. Improvements that emerged include better use of floor plans to create open and inviting common areas with more study space, increased patron access to library staff support and technology, improved building circulation and wayfinding.

Soon construction will be underway simultaneously at Pierce and Zabel. The university is also entering the planning and design phase for renovations to Quinn Coliseum set to begin later next year.

“I’m eager to have construction on campus. It shows that EOU is moving forward. This ‘facelift’ means we will match our great programs with equally great facilities,” President Davies said. ■



Ring, ring!

Alumni and friends answer the call to support students and programs!

Giving is making a comeback following a challenging time in the nation’s economy. A peak was pledged in 2006 and will be within reach again, but only with the continued support and giving from committed donors.

Money generated through the EOU Foundation’s annual fund goes to support student scholarships, grants for program development, performing groups and classroom equipment.

“Alumni and friends tell us that they are excited to be able to make and complete pledges,” said Caroline Norelius, ’72, annual fund manager at EOU. “Students also enjoy talking with alumni and other donors about how these gifts help make a difference in their college experience.”

Annual fund letters will reach mailboxes soon. For more information about how to give or to make a year-end gift, contact the EOU Foundation at 541-962-3740, www.eou.edu/foundation or e-mail foundation@eou.edu.

Volleyball triumphs in wake of tragedy

Tragedy struck EOU athletics and the university as a whole when 25-year-old Hailey Pearce, head volleyball coach, died as the result of a car accident near Ritzville, Wash., July 18.

“Hailey made an immediate impact at our university and in the Cascade Collegiate Conference,” said Rob Cashell, EOU athletic director. “She was a fantastic coach and more importantly a wonderful person. Our players, staff and everyone who knew her all feel a great loss.”

Former head coach Kaki McLean Morehead returned as interim and has since been selected permanently for the position. Prior to joining EOU’s coaching staff as McLean Morehead’s replacement in 2010, Pearce was an assistant coach at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont., her alma mater. She grew up in Walla Walla, so returning to the region was like coming home for Hailey.

Under the leadership of McLean Morehead, the volleyball team went on to realize incredible wins this season, setting their best-ever Cascade Collegiate Conference record of 15-3. EOU finished third in the CCC after being picked fifth in the conference preseason poll, with the conference Coach of the Year award going to McLean Morehead.

A scholarship fund has been established in Pearce’s memory. Individuals wishing to support the fund should direct their contributions to the EOU Foundation and indicate the Hailey Pearce Memorial Scholarship.

For more information about the scholarship, contact Jon Larkin in University Advancement at 541-962-3740. ■



Hailey Pearce



Kaki McLean Morehead

2011 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees honored

April Haney – Track and Field Throws

1997-2001

- 5 Time Cascade Collegiate Conference Champion – Shot Put and Discus
- 14 Time All-American, 10 in NAIA, 4 in NCAA Div. III
- 2001 Indoor National Champion – Weight Throw
- Bachelor of Science, Physical Education/Health – 2001

Shea Little – Football

Offensive Line

1992-1997

- Honorable Mention, All-American: Div. II NAIA – 1992
- 1st Team All-American: Div. II NAIA – 1995, 1996
- AFCA Div. II Coaches All-American Team – 1996
- 1st Team Columbia Football Association – 1995, 1996
- Bachelors of Science in Physical Education and Health – 1997
- Masters of Arts in Teaching – 1998



From left, April (Richards) Brock, Jennifer Funk and Abby Peters.

1997 Women’s Cross Country Team

Jennifer Funk, Keri Fezzey, Mishe Simantel, Jami Tuchscherer, Abby Peters, Jenny Newell, April (Richards) Brock

- Cascade Collegiate Conference Champions
- 6th Place NAIA National Meet (highest women’s team finish)
- Record holders of fastest 5,000 meter team time in EOU history
- All seven runners named All-Conference (top 10 in CCC meet)
- Held ranking of 7th in country entering NAIA national meet
- Head Coach Ben Welch named NAIA National Women’s Coach of the Year

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

Grover Memorial Football Scholarship carries on family legacy

Story by Barrett Henderson / Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations

One Saturday in late October proved to be a special day for Mountaineer football. La Grande residents Joe and Carrie Grover presented a check in the amount of \$50,000 to the Mountaineer Athletic Association to establish the Hazel and George Grover Memorial Football Scholarship.

The scholarship is in memory of Joe's parents, who were avid football fans and loved attending Mountaineer games. The scholarship will be geared for a recipient who represents excellence in academics, athletics and citizenship.

These attributes were very important to Hazel and George. The scholarship will assist a deserving football student-



Joe and Carrie Grover pictured with Dillon Bedford, Coach Tim Camp, Marc-Avery Airhart and Chris Ware.

athlete achieve a college education, as well as continue to participate in a sport that he is passionate about. The first recipient will be named in the 2012-13 academic year.

"We are very grateful to Joe and Carrie that they honored Hazel and George with such a generous gift to our football program," said Rob Cashell, EOU athletic director. "Hazel and George were wonderful people and this gift will forever recognize their legacy and that of the entire Grover family."

Hazel Grover was honored in 2009 when she celebrated her 100th birthday with EOU and served as honorary captain at a Mountaineer football game. ■

Coffey has All-American finish in Vancouver

Story by Barrett Henderson / Assistant Athletic Director for Media Relations

EOU track and field athlete Karlee Coffey had an incredible year, highlighted by an indoor national title. She raced to a final time of 9:55.36 in the women's 3,000 meters at the NAIA Indoor National Championships, just over five seconds in front of second place, Courtney Schall of Minot State University in North Dakota.

Coffey, a La Grande native, scored 10 points for the Mountaineer women and earned All-American status at the NAIA National Championships for cross country, outdoor and indoor track and field. It is the sophomore's fourth All-American title. Coffey entered the 3,000-meter final with the fifth-best time in the preliminaries and had the third best seed time coming into the championships.

Prior to 2011, EOU won two indoor national titles. Now the Mountaineers have claimed three wins. Coffey becomes the first women's national champion from EOU since April Haney won the women's pole vault in 2001. Her title is the first

ever women's indoor national title for the school in an event on the track.

Coffey also finished as the national runner-up in the women's 10,000 meters at the NAIA Outdoor National Championships in Marion, Ind. She came into the event as the third seed with a time of 35:07.83, but crossed the line at 35:02.02. The new time broke her previous school record and was the sophomore's fifth All-American finish.

Coffey finished sixth in the 10,000 meters last season at the national championships as an All-American. Her 2010 time was 36:44.45.

An impressive year included Coffey's fourth place finish in the women's 5,000 meters. Her final time of 17:15.71 is only 15 seconds off her personal record and comes at the end of 20,000 meters of racing over three days.

On Nov. 19, Coffey went on to place third overall at the NAIA National Championships in Vancouver, Wash. – her seventh All-American



Karlee Coffey

finish. Her time was 17:42, just five seconds off of her own school record. The EOU men's cross country team finished 17th overall. ■



Allen D. Evans

Teacher education is sustained through deep-rooted history

Guest article by Allen D. Evans, Ph.D. / Professor of Teacher Education

It is just a few minutes after noon on an early October day. The students in my ED 480 “Elementary Learning Cycle” course have completed their routine “housekeeping” items, and are now settling in for today’s topic: Room arrangements in elementary classrooms. “Let’s take a walk” I tell them, and with that we leave our classroom in Ackerman Hall and begin wandering around the building. We poke our heads into other classrooms on the main floor. “See this spot where the elevator is?” I ask. “That used to be the principal’s office.” We walk the stairs up to the second floor auditorium. “See this door here? That leads up to a storage room and crawlspace above the ceiling.” We go down to the basement-level tunnel that leads to the former gym. “This is where we used to walk the kids to PE.” The door to the gym is locked, so we can’t go in. We visit the Alumni Room and the adjacent office housing EOU’s IT department. “What do you think used to be here?” I ask them. The class offers

several guesses, and is slightly surprised when I tell them that this used to be the children’s library. We return to our classroom for the final question: “What used to be here? I ask. Again, several guesses are offered. I reveal the answer: “This used to be the kindergarten classroom, and my own son went to school in this very room.” (He is now 28 years old!) This is the history of the J. H. Ackerman Elementary School—now simply “Ackerman Hall.”

In a very real sense, the history of Ackerman Hall is also the history of Eastern Oregon University. Although the “State Normal School” words are no longer visible above the entrance

ry school. Inlow Hall no longer has classrooms or a theater. Likewise, just as the physical facilities have changed and adapted to new times, so have the teacher education programs. What was once one undergraduate program centered only on the La Grande campus has now expanded to five locations across the state. Likewise, two graduate programs—master of arts in teaching and master of science in education—offer opportunities for distance-based students. Specialty programs such as literacy, special education, and ESOL continue to be in demand at both undergraduate and graduate levels. In short, those deep roots established

decades ago continue to nourish.

Where will EOU’s teacher education programs be in the decades to come? What new technologies and programs will arise? No one knows, nor can anyone predict. One thing we do know, however, is that in whatever form it takes, teacher education will always be central to EOU, due in no small part to the strong heritage established by those educators that came before us. So for the



EOU’s Ackerman Hall, formerly the J.H. Ackerman Elementary School.

to Inlow Hall—recent renovations have finally hidden them—the heritage of teacher education remains deeply rooted and very much alive at EOU. Ackerman Hall is no longer an elementa-

present, we continue to teach teachers. To borrow the words of Milton Caniff: “The good days are now.” ■

The Eddy family's epic journey with EOU as educators

Story by Laura Hancock / Managing Editor

A legacy is something handed down through generations, and the gravitational pull members of the Eddy family feel when it comes to education is an undeniable, even tangible part of their heritage.

It's a tradition that spans decades and includes dozens of aunts, uncles, siblings, nieces, nephews and cousins – all of them teachers. Most received their training at Eastern Oregon University, including Nick and Susan Eddy, of Vale, Ore.

Five of the 11 Eddy siblings attended EOU, four of which earned degrees and went on to become teachers. This in itself is an impressive feat, given the financial hardship of raising a large family in the midst of the Great Depression.

"None of us had any money, but there were ways to make it work," Nick said. He received an academic scholarship to cover tuition and supplemented his income by working at a local service station and as a custodian on campus.

Between Nick's sister, Floribel, who enrolled at Eastern Oregon Normal School in

1941, and his niece, Julia Jean (Eddy) Gonzalez who graduated in 2006, there has virtually been at least one member of the Eddy family attend-

substitute kindergarten teacher and later a full-time teachers aid.

"I was so impressed watching her work with

those little kids," Nick said, remembering the first few times he observed Susan's teaching method.

At the time Nick and Susan were leading separate lives, but their paths crossed several years later in Union County. Nick had relocated to the Imbler



Education is what brought Nick and Susan together after they both relocated to Union County.

ing EOU for more than 65 years.

Although their time as students is separated by nearly 30 years – Nick graduated in 1957 and Susan in 1986 – education is also what brought the couple together and the Eddys are strong supporters of EOU. They first met in rural Huntington, Ore., where Nick was the superintendent and Susan was working as a

School District, where he helped establish the first satellite-teaching program in Oregon, and Susan was living in La Grande following a divorce and attending EOU. It was kismet and they soon married.

Returning to college as a non-traditional student and mother was a challenge for Susan, but just as Nick had found a way to make it



work, she discovered help waiting around every corner. The support of faculty and staff combined with financial aid and a steady job in the campus shipping and receiving department led to Susan's successful completion of her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

"I'd never been in a place where the professors mentored me all along like that," Susan said. "When I graduated I felt ready to go out into the world and be the teacher I wanted to be. It was just superb!"

Susan ultimately attained a master's degree in special education from Western Oregon University. She taught special education at Elgin High School and later at La Grande High School through the Union-Baker Education Service District program.

The majority of her career has been devoted to working with children with disabilities, including autism. For the last five years she was the autism specialist for the InterMountain Education Service District headquartered in Pendleton and provided training for parents and teachers of autistic students ages zero to 21.

"Everyday is a new start for a student in the classroom. This position was a wonderful life experience for me," said Susan, who retired this summer.

Giving up work wasn't easy for the Eddys, as their passion for education kept drawing them back to doing what they love most. Nick's five-decade career working in Oregon schools nearly came to a close in 1992. He was the superintendent of schools for Harney County School District #3 in Burns, and thoughts of retirement were beginning to materialize.

A call from the Naches Valley School District changed his mind. They were in need of a skilled administrator and so the Eddys relocated

from Burns, Ore. to Washington State where Nick served as superintendent for another nine years. Susan taught special education classes for the West Valley School District during that time.

When the Eddys finally returned to Oregon, Nick spent one more year as interim superintendent for Baker School District 5J and also taught classes for an administrative training program delivered by Lewis and Clark College in the southeastern part of the state. He also did some educational consulting while Susan con-

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– Nick Eddy

tinued to employ her experience with autism for the communities served by the Intermountain ESD.

With retirement finally arriving "for good" as Nick put it, they are now enjoying their time at home near the family ranch in Vale.

There are some members of the Eddy family who have pursued careers other than education, at least initially. Nick and Susan's daughter Denise is an example. She received her degree in psychology from EOU, but after graduating

and moving away it wasn't long before she told her parents she wanted to switch careers and pursue a second degree in education.

Nick and Susan knew from the beginning Denise would make a great teacher, but their keen parental instinct told them she had to arrive at the conclusion on her own. Their blended family of six children includes three others who have also found their calling as educators.

Like his daughter, Nick's interests were elsewhere when he thought about the future after high school. Joining the ministry or becoming a lawyer had been likely choices before he decided to enroll in Eastern's teaching program.

"There were so many special people here who became my friends and confidants," Nick said. "Teachers knew how to build their students up."

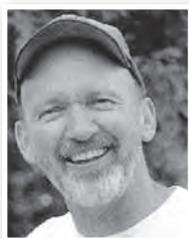
Outside of the classroom, Nick excelled in athletics and was a natural leader for many of the school's intramural programs. He held multiple titles for track and field and was known as "Iron Man Eddy" among his peers. After earning his bachelor's degree in science in education, he completed a master's in school administration, also from EOU.

What draws the Eddys to this particular profession?

"The thing about education is that it's so rewarding," Nick said. "In 51 years I haven't had a bad moment, and if I did I forgot about it. There's no other position that you can come home from at night and feel good about what you did that day."

"I think it's genetic," Susan added with a smile directed at Nick.

For new teachers and education students alike the Eddys proclaim, "Welcome to the best profession on earth!" ■





Sue Dobson, center, visits with graduates of EOU's online programs.

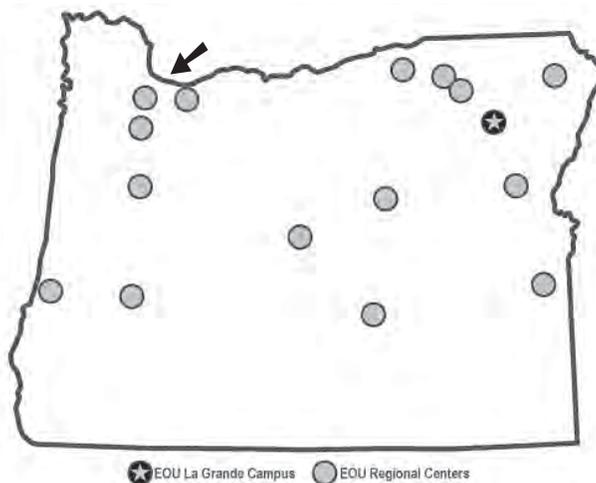
Guest article by Sue Dobson / Regional Director, EOU Portland Center

As a regional director, I regularly advise adult students who are pursuing completion of a bachelor's degree via our online programs. This method of degree completion was fairly unique in the past, but has now often become the only avenue for many students to earn an undergraduate degree. The student population has changed over time, as have the opportunities for available programs to reach the goal of degree completion. In many ways, this situation is mutually inclusive, as more options to reach more learners equates to more enrolled students.

I have seen both the demographics and the dynamics of students change over the years. When I began my role in academia as an adult learner in our program at the age of 46, I was older than the average student. At that time, mid-30s was a typical age. Often, our students in the distance education program were female and the pursuit of a degree was important for potential job promotion or simply a goal that had always

been "on the list" but wasn't possible until now. Today's adult learner, in my experience, has split into two distinct groups: an increased number of 20-somethings, and the previous mid-30s age group, which is now closer to the mid-40s.

My advisees range in age from early 20s to



early 70s. Completion of a bachelor's degree is critical for job security, career advancement and employment possibilities. Rarely is it now simply a personal goal. More traditional age

The ever-changing profile of the adult learner

students are choosing an off campus, online program as a more necessary and efficient approach. On the other hand, the term "new freshmen" now may apply to students in their 50s. These learners are split fairly evenly between male and female, and the frame of mind in terms of learning has changed somewhat as there is often a sense of desperation. Job loss, divorce, employment urgency and similar factors are closer to the norm.

Another paradigm shift is that many adult learners are now considered post-baccalaureate. They completed an original bachelor's degree and are now returning to earn a second degree in an area that may be more likely to help with a job search. While they perhaps were well-served by the original major at some point, or it was just for fun, they are feeling a sense of urgency and the adult learner must once again become a student and go back to school with a very specific goal in mind.

I have also observed changes in variety and diversity over the years, in terms of student age, English speaking capabilities, ethnicity, religious beliefs, physical and mental challenges and so on. The many and varied options for continuing education allow for the many and varied learners to participate in this form of instruction.

EOU has focused on providing quality education for many years and will persist in that effort. We continue to strive to meet the demands of this very diverse student population and, for the most part, are successful in that endeavor. ■

2011 Alumni Award recipients commended at Homecoming

EOU presented awards to three individuals this fall in recognition of their outstanding professional accomplishments and contributions to their communities and alma mater.

The 2011 Alumni Award recipients honored during Homecoming 2011 are Fred Hill, Distinguished Alumnus; Nellie Bogue-Hibbert, Dixie Lund Service Award; and Jim Lundy, Honorary Alumnus and Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal.

Fred Hill

Fred Hill, of La Grande, is a World War II veteran, noted photographer, historian and devoted EOU supporter. In 2010 he donated his entire collection of WWII images to Pierce Library, enabling more than 1,000 historical



negatives to be digitized and made accessible to the public via a searchable online archive.

Hill grew up in Elgin, studied photography under Minor White and also attended EOU. In 1940 he

left college to serve as a sergeant and photo lab chief with the 17th Tactical Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, Fifth Air Force. From 1943-45, he documented life behind the scenes in the South Pacific Theater. Last year Hill and several other original members of the Oregon Air National Guard were honored at the organization's 70th anniversary celebration.

After the war, Hill enrolled at the California School of Fine Arts in San Francisco where he studied with renowned landscape photographer, Ansel Adams. At the conclusion of a successful 39-year career as a commercial photographer, he returned to Union County and continues to do freelance work. Hill's photographs have

appeared in 14 different books including his self-published title "Darkroom Soldier." He celebrated his 91st birthday in June.

Nellie Bogue-Hibbert

Nellie Bogue-Hibbert, of La Grande, is a prolific leader in the community. During her four-year term as Union County Commissioner, EOU's sustainability became a personal priority and the University-County Connections Committee was founded as a result of her efforts.

Representatives from the public and private sector came together under her leadership with the goal of bringing more students to EOU's



campus and establishing stronger connections with current students in the community.

On behalf of EOU, Bogue-Hibbert assisted in organizing a caravan of students and business leaders to testify

before the state legislature about the importance of the university on a local and regional level.

Education is important to Bogue-Hibbert's family. Growing up on a cattle ranch in rural Oregon taught her value of hard work at an early age. She went on to attend Eastern in 1968 while raising three young children, and her oldest daughter graduated from EOU.

Now retired, Bogue-Hibbert's professional experience includes serving as Union County Clerk for 22 years. She also was a court administrator and trial court clerk of the 10th Judicial District for Union and Wallowa counties.

Jim Lundy

Jim Lundy, of Cove, first came to EOU 44 years ago, when he was named the university's business manager and later dean of finance and

administration. During his tenure he played an integral role in building EOU's business program and taught accounting, personal finance and money management courses. He also worked with new student recruitment efforts and was the coach for Eastern's intercollegiate rodeo program for 25 years, earning him a spot in the Mountaineer Athletic Hall of Fame. He is currently a Buckskin-level member of the Mountaineer Athletic Association.

A passionate advocate for the community, Lundy served 10 years as a Cove City Council member and is currently in his third year as the town's mayor. Prior to moving to Cove he was a member of the Island City Council. A host



of other activities include Lundy's support of the Union County 4-H group as a member of the Blue Mt. 4-H Center Board since early in its establishment. Lundy directs summer youth Bible camps and

has done so for the past 30 years and he is also a member of the VFW High Valley Post 4060, having served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

In 1968 Lundy became the treasurer and accountant for the EOU Foundation. He has since seen the non-profit organization's endowment grow from \$750 to \$8 million. His presence spans more than half the life of the university and he is still actively involved, serving as chair of the Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee. ■

Nominations are currently being accepted for 2012 Alumni Awards! Submit your recommendations online at www.eou.edu/alumni/awards.

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*Greetings
from your
Alumni
Association!*

Dear Alumni and Friends of EOU,

Your Alumni Association is off and running in another new year and I am honored to be stepping into the president's position on the executive board. Special thanks to Mike Daugherty for his leadership and vision over the past three years! EOU is a unique and inspiring place and I look forward to working with the board of directors to do all that we can to serve our students, alumni, faculty, volunteers, friends and the surrounding communities of Eastern Oregon and beyond.

I grew up in the Seattle area and arrived at EOU in 1980 when it was known as EOSC. Moving to La Grande was an unusual decision for me, but I am so thankful that I did. My college experience was fantastic...just ask me when we meet and you will hear all about it! In fact my days as a student were so positive that my professional career began as an admissions counselor at EOU, sharing with everyone possible what a great place this is to go to school! Now many years later I am still telling everyone the same thing.

Over the last few years I have been privileged to be a part of the EOU alumni board, an amazing group of individuals who share a genuine passion for doing all they can to support the university through and for our alumni. There are some exciting new things happening with the association and there is constant conversation on how to keep doing the things we have been and making improvements to continue connecting our alumni.

The year kicked off with a great Homecoming weekend and there are many more activities to participate in throughout the year. As always, we love to hear from you and if you haven't already, visit www.eou.edu/alumni to update your information and find out about opportunities to get involved with your alma mater. Go Mountaineers!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly A. Kerfoot".

Holly Kerfoot, '85
President, EOU Alumni Association
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Alumni Association announces new benefits



EOU alumni are eligible to receive special discounts for various products and events. Take advantage of these great rewards available to you as an EOU alumnus!

• Save big with AIA Insurance from Liberty Mutual

The EOU Alumni Association has partnered with American Insurance Administrator, Inc. and Liberty Mutual to provide alumni and the university community with a broad range of insurance products at competitive rates. Home/rental, auto, life and pets are all covered! AIA is also sponsoring events like Homecoming, receptions and honor programs that benefit the university. More information on this and other benefit programs will be available on the alumni homepage at www.eou.edu/alumni.

• Discover EOU Bookstore bargains

Receive a 10 percent discount on clothing and gift items from the EOU Bookstore! Shop online at your convenience, or in person at the newly remodeled store on campus in the Hoke Union Building and the downtown shop located on Adams Avenue. Ten percent discount is available for alumni. Use discount code: AAD-11.

• Explore more with the Outdoor Program

The EOU Outdoor Program is offering a 10 percent discount to alumni on rental equipment. Whether you live in the Grande Ronde Valley or are visiting, get outfitted with everything you need for hiking, canoeing, camping, skiing and more. Ten percent discount is available for alumni. Use discount code: AAD-11.

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Purchase discounted tickets to major concert events held on campus and sponsored by Eastern Student Entertainment! Special rates for the Grandapalooza event during Homecoming and the Spring Fling concert are included. Watch for more information on these offers at www.eou.edu/alumni and www.eou.edu/ese.

Alumni Highlights



Scott Coe, '86, recently completed his seventh marathon in Honolulu. A 20-year federal government employee at the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland, he decided to liven up his daily routine and started running. Since Feb. 2010 he has run in Antarctica, Brazil, Morocco, Athens and Australia. To continue his personal quest he plans to complete marathons in China and the U.S. *"To avoid getting bored, I created personal challenges and started running in the morning before work and then during my lunchtime with colleagues. Before I knew it, my coworkers and I set a goal of running our first marathon in 2003."*



Aaron McNamee, '04, is a working artist and adjunct faculty member at the University of New Orleans, where he earned a master of fine arts in visual arts in 2010. His recent exhibition at Barrister's Gallery received favorable reviews and includes a 25" x 25" x 17" block made of an entire year's worth of Times-Picayune newspapers that he glued together. *"I have so many wonderful memories of my time at EOU, from the friendly and helpful campus community, to the surrounding beauty. All in all, I would have to say that I really cherish the close peer group that I was fortunate enough to work with and be inspired by."*

1990's

Leigh Ann Evans, '94, is the VP senior commercial lender and former branch manager at South Valley Bank and Trust where she handles commercial and agricultural loan portfolios. She earned a bachelor's of science degree in agricultural and natural resource economics from Oregon State University's program at EOU. Lakeview Rotary named her "Boss of the Year" and SVBT presented her with the President's Award for outstanding leadership. Her specialized training includes personnel management and agricultural lending.

2000's

Aaron Worley, '04, relocated from Mt. Angel to Stillwater, Okla., where he accepted a position as an academic adviser for Oklahoma State University. While no longer able to serve as a member of the EOU Alumni Association Board, Worley is interested in helping promote EOU gatherings in the Sooner State.

Kyle Carnine, '07, is the executive director of the Morrow County Farm Service Agency. Born and raised in Stanfield, she commutes to her job in Heppner. She received her bachelor's of science in agriculture business and a minor in crop and soil science. As executive director, she helps administer the farm bill, works with SCP/ACRE, CRP and disaster programs and commodity loans.

Joe Reid, '09, is among the new faces of North Lake School's educational staff where he is a high school business teacher for grades nine through 12. He graduated with a bachelor's of science degree in business administration and also earned his masters in education.

Chelsea Herron, '10, has joined the staff at the La Grande accounting firm of Seydel, Lewis, Poe, Moeller and Gunderson. She earned her degree in accounting and hired on as a staff accountant with the company. She plans to resume studies at EOU soon, aiming for her MBA.

~Weddings & Engagements~

Jessica Ann Billeter, '00 and Jeremy Alan Felkel married July 10, 2010, in Portland. The bride is the daughter of Holly Anderson of Bonney Lake, Wash. She studied multi-disciplinary studies at EOU and is a residential care counselor at Boys and Girls Aid Society of Oregon. The groom is the son of Michael and Fern Felkel of Boise, Idaho. The couple has made their home in Milwaukie.

Katie Randall, '00 and Ryan Birney of Goldendale, Wash., married in October 2010 in Las Vegas. The bride is employed by the Washington State Patrol and is the daughter of Ray and Lynn Randall of Union. The groom is employed by Klickitat County and is the son of Dennis and Virginia Birney of Goldendale.

Kimberly Michelle Jagelski, '09, and Kirk Wayne Harder, married in August 2010 in Worland, Wyo. The bride is the daughter of Aaron and Bea Jagelski of Newcastle, Wyo. She earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education with a minor in Spanish. The groom is the son of Bob and Trish Harder of Worland. Shortly after their wedding the couple spent nine months in Malaga, Spain teaching English.

Laura Johnston, '11, and Jake Rhodes, '11, of La Grande were married Aug. 13, 2011 in Milton-Freewater. The bride works in the Admissions office at EOU and is the daughter of Randall and Sandra Johnston of Athena. The groom is the son of Curt and Debbie Rhodes of Hayden, Idaho.

~Obituaries~

William Frazier, '68, of Canby, died Aug. 16, 2010 shortly after being diagnosed with metastasized small cell lung cancer. He was 63 and was an active member and past president of the EOU Alumni Association. He worked as a language arts teacher in Lebanon while earning his master's degree from the University of Oregon. He later

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joined Willamette Industries as human resources manager for 12 years. After relocating to Los Angeles to work for LA Metropolitan Transportation Authority, he joined his brother's church ministry. In 2001 he moved back to Oregon and settled in Canby. He and his wife Many raised two children, Natalee and Eric. He discovered the joy of barbershop singing while teaching school and continued as a singer, choreographer and international stage presence judge. He was active in St. Francis Episcopal Diocese of Oregon and after his retirement he wrote two novels and a screenplay concerned with issues of faith.

Ralph Lewis, of La Grande, died Dec. 5, 2010 in Seattle following a short battle with terminal cancer. He was a longtime professor of geography at EOU, an active traveler and worked with many faculty, staff and students throughout his career from 1974 to 2005. Hydroplane racing was a lifelong hobby for he and his wife Mary Beth and he served years as director of external affairs for the Unlimited Hydroplane Racing Association.

Edward "John" Price, '39,
Astoria, Jan. 16, 2011

Kathryn P. Hoskins, '42,
Heppner, July 10, 2010

Joe D. Estes, '49,
Elgin, Nov. 12, 2010

Celia Arrieta Holady, '52,
June 9, 2009

Donald Allison Bennett, '54,
Denver, Jan. 21, 2011

Gilbert Allen Damon, '54,
Jan. 13, 2011

Anna L. Scafidi, '56,
Gresham, Nov. 15, 2011

Gary L. Webster, '56,
La Grande, Sept. 5, 2010

Mary Ruth Troyer, '57,
Boise, Jan. 4, 2011

Patsy Reeves Hutchinson, '58,
La Grande, Feb. 10, 2011

Ramona Stock, '58,
Baker City, Nov. 28, 2010

Jessie Hershey, '60,
Lincoln City, Nov. 18, 2010

Dorothy "Jean" Cuthbert, '61,
La Grande, Mar. 15, 2011

David Allan Curtiss, '62,
Boring, Mar. 27, 2011

Charles Adelbert Wetherell, '64,
Beaverton, Mar. 29, 2011

Jeanette Clifton, '69,
Hillsboro, Sept. 29, 2010

Robert L. "Bob" Corey, '70,
Feb. 8, 2011

Frank Thatcher, '70,
La Grande, Oct. 23, 2010

Paul C. Rudd, '73,
La Grande, Sept. 9, 2011

Craig P. Hooton, '80,
Union, Mar. 11, 2011

Donna L. Huntsman, '84,
La Grande, Sept. 27, 2010

Vincent R. Stephens, '84,
La Grande, Nov. 4, 2010

Hans "Bud" Meves, '85,
The Dalles, Jan. 23, 2011

Robert Otto Barnes, Jr., '87,
Laughlin, Nev., Feb. 14, 2011

Nicatie Worrall, '97,
La Grande, Jan. 21, 2011

Gerald "Gerry" Ramey
La Grande, June 27, 2011

Marjorie Francis (Howard) Eusebio
Bend, April 7, 2011

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**"When Jerry passed away we never thought this would be possible, but thanks to the flexibility and accommodation of the Foundation, his dream has come true."
— Arlene Young**

Photos/Laura Hancock

Left: Jerry Young was a faculty member at EOU for 36 years, 15 of which he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences under Eastern President David Gilbert. He retired in 1995 and went on to lead and support the EOU Foundation for many years to come.

Above: Arlene Young and her children Doug Young, of La Grande, Patty Anderson, of Rogue River, Cindy Meyer and her husband Joseph Meyer, of Walla Walla, visit with James McMahan, EOU Foundation president, and Jon Larkin, director of development programs.

Arlene Young and Family

The formation of the Gerald E. Young Endowed Scholarship Fund signifies the fulfillment of a keen desire to make a difference in the lives of others. It was always Gerald's (who we fondly remember as "Jerry") dream to set up a scholarship to benefit EOU students. During the more than three decades spent at the university as a faculty member, dean and later president of the EOU Foundation, Jerry touched the lives of many. Following his death in 2009, Jerry's family came together and with the help of the EOU Foundation established a permanently endowed scholarship in his memory.

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HISTORY IN FLIGHT

Photo submitted by Ray McCord, '44

In 1944, the U.S. Army Air Force operated a college training program at Eastern Oregon College of Education. Ray McCord was a member of squadron "C" pictured at left in front of Inlow Hall. Six weeks of basic training and three months of pre-flight school prepared these aviation students to become bombardiers, navigators and pilots.

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