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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Alumni,

On behalf of all Eastern Oregon University students, faculty and staff, I would like to humbly thank you for your wonderful support. As we prepare for Eastern's next president to step into their leadership role, I reflect on everything you have helped us accomplish. Our challenges have been great, and the ways in which you have responded to assist us are many.

Financial giving to the EOU Foundation for increased scholarship opportunities has made a difference in whether some students attended at all, or were able to stay once admitted and enrolled. Donors made additional gifts or provided special funding for students, and others helped us initiate the 100/\$100 Club in which businesses and individuals were asked to contribute \$100 to a Union County Pride Scholarship. Our goal for this new scholarship was \$10,000, and for 2009-10, we were able to award \$1,500 each to seven local students. These gifts have truly made a huge difference in the lives of individuals and have helped us with our enrollment growth—thank you.

Many of you have been attending more EOU events. Your involvement on the campus and in the lives of our students enriches our environment and demonstrates the bond that must exist in a region where we truly ARE all in this together. Still others of you volunteer

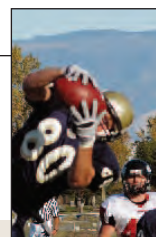


while serving on the Alumni Association Board, university-community committees, on the boards of foundations connected to Eastern and with the Booster Club—thank you.

As we move forward into the future with its additional challenges and unknowns, I am confident that we will work together, as we have so clearly done in the recent past. EOU will continue to be, as our mission statement proudly states, "the educational, cultural, and scholarly center that connects the rural regions of Oregon to a wider world." You are all an important part of that mission, and I sincerely thank you for the many ways in which you help to support us and to increase and retain our student enrollments.

Gratefully,

Dixie Lund
Interim President, EOU



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Davies named EOU president

Dr. Bob Davies, currently vice president for university relations at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, has been named the new president of EOU. The State Board of Higher Education voted unanimously to appoint Davies as president and he will replace interim president Dixie Lund, who has served in this role since July 2007.



Dr. Bob Davies

"The appointment of Dr. Davies as president of EOU is an exciting beginning to a new chapter in Eastern's history of serving rural Oregon," said Paul Kelly, Board president. "His higher education background in managing community outreach and partnerships, in fundraising, and in advocating for universities with numerous constituents makes him a perfect fit for EOU and its important regional mission. He will be a wonderful new leader and partner in Eastern Oregon and I know that he will be embraced by the La Grande and the larger regional community."

Davies, who will begin at EOU around July 1, has served as vice president for university relations at Indiana University of Pennsylvania since 2006.

"I am very excited about joining the EOU community as its next president," Davies said. "I have been so warmly welcomed by the Eastern and La Grande community that I already feel like a resident. EOU has been a transformative force for so many Oregon students who have experienced campus life, and students from all over the state as well through its stellar distance education programs. I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, and EOU's many community partners to further the campus' mission and service in Oregon. I can't wait to call myself an Eastern Oregonian."

The search committee for the president of EOU, which began its work early last fall, was chaired by Board vice president Tony van Vliet.

For more on Davies visit www.eou.edu/president and watch for the next issue of "The Mountaineer."

Preservation best option for Grand Staircase

The results of a comprehensive study on the restoration of EOU's Grand Staircase and View Terrace are in and the Grand Staircase Task Force, assisted by SERA Architects, has developed a vision for preservation of the historic structure.

Members of the task force worked closely with SERA since last spring to develop a plan for the staircase located adjacent to Inlow Hall. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members appointed to the committee by EOU President Dixie Lund spent months reviewing extensive reports and discussing the vision and purpose of the property.

Three possibilities were considered for the project that included restoration, partial restoration and preservation. The task force ultimately chose preservation as the most viable avenue to save the whole structure. This provides for a permanent but reversible barrier system that saves the historic edifice from further deterioration while addressing the hazard posed by its currently unsafe condition.

Hill International, an independent cost estimator, provided budgets for each possibility. The task force reviewed each one and chose what it considered to be the most fiscally responsible option that also benefited EOU and the community.



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Cover photo: EOU President Dixie Lund and her husband Ed are looking forward to spending quality time with friends and family—and road trips—once Dixie retires. Photo by Laura Hancock.

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EOU Foundation receives \$1.5 million gift

In October, the EOU Foundation received two contributions from an anonymous donor totaling \$1.5 million—the largest single private contribution in EOU’s 79-year history.

The first \$1 million gift is restricted to scholarships and will provide financial assistance in priority order to women, under-represented minorities and all eligible EOU students. A second \$500,000 donation will provide unrestricted funds for Foundation-supported programs.

“Providing financial support to students in the form of scholarships is vitally important, especially in the midst of this difficult economic

climate,” said Steve Joseph, president of the EOU Foundation. “These tremendous gifts will enable the Foundation to help even more students and continue to support EOU’s mission far into the future.”

Tim Seydel, associate vice president for Marketing, Development and Public Affairs at EOU, said the Foundation will place the funds into endowments and earnings should be available for scholarships to students beginning next fall. The total \$1.5 million charitable contribution equals approximately one-third of the Foundation’s current endowment.



Photo by Laura Hancock

Funds received from an anonymous benefactor will be available for scholarships beginning next fall.

Daugherty Hall named after long-time EOU supporters



Photo by Laura Hancock

President Dixie Lund, left, commends Mike and Sue Daugherty for their contributions to EOU during the ceremony dedicating one of EOU’s two new residence halls in their honor.

During EOU’s 2008 Homecoming and Oktoberfest celebration, two alumni were recognized for contributions that make a difference in the

lives of a multitude of students. South Hall, one of EOU’s two new residence halls, was named Michael and Susan Daugherty Residence Hall in

honor of Mike and Sue Daugherty of La Grande.

“Mike and Sue are, to us, symbols of what makes EOU so special,” said Dixie Lund, EOU president. “Their years of passionate, tireless and ongoing dedication to the university, significant contributions to the EOU Foundation, and commitment to higher education make Eastern a better place—now and in the future. They embody all that is good about EOU.”

Mike Daugherty may be best known for the leadership role he filled as director of residence life at EOU. He retired in 2008 from his nearly 30-year career, but his history at Eastern goes back to when he was a student in the early 1970s. Mike graduated summa cum laude from EOU in 1974 and Sue graduated in 1976 with a degree in education.

The Daugherty’s contributions to EOU include an estate gift to the EOU Foundation. Their gift has been designated for scholarships for residence hall directors and students majoring in education and will also provide unrestricted support for the Foundation.

Community member's gift contributes to campus safety and aesthetics



Photo by Laura Hancock

The new clock tower gracing the campus quad is part of a generous gift from Robbie Waller, of La Grande, which also included funding for a new carillon that doubles as an emergency notification device.

The individual responsible for the crystalline melodies ringing out across campus isn't a carillonist, but she is someone who appreciates music in its many forms.

Robbie Waller, of La Grande, particularly enjoys the music of bells, so much so that she gifted the funds to the EOU Foundation enabling the university to purchase a new carillon. The state-of-the-art, automated musical instrument was installed in the Hoke Union Building last spring.

The carillon has an internal library of over 400 songs and can also be programmed to play original music, such as Eastern's alma mater tune. Melodies produced by the new carillon are not only pleasing to the ear, the customizable features also enable it to function as an emergency notification device. The system will enable EOU to quickly alert students, faculty and staff in the event of an emergency by delivering specific, attention-getting tones, followed by a verbal message with detailed information about the situation and specific instructions for

people on campus to follow.

Regular tests of the system will be conducted throughout the academic year and it is just one of the tools EOU will use to alert the campus community during an emergency. Internal voicemail, e-mail and the school's Web site are already being utilized. EOU is also partnering with other Oregon University System schools to implement a text-messaging system. The system is subscriber-based to disseminate information as quickly as possible among students and other subscribers via cell phones, landlines and e-mail systems.

Waller's gift also included funding for a substantial clock tower installed in the campus quad. The tower has four clock faces that light up at night, featuring the EOU logo. Both the carillon and clock tower will be named in honor of Waller's father, C.W. Hoffman. Hoffman founded Rhonde Valley Lumber Company in Union in 1950, Eagle Trucking in 1977 and many other area enterprises. He was also an avid musician.

Club generates scholarships for local students

A new club is quickly gaining momentum in Union County. It's not a chess or scrapbook club, a fantasy football league or online gaming forum. Think of it as a fan club for EOU students.

In its first months of operation, the Union County 100/\$100 Scholarship Club experienced huge success, surpassing the goal of attracting

100 donors to contribute a minimum of \$100 to raise \$10,000 annually in scholarships for EOU students. The University-County Connections Committee chaired by Nellie Bogue-Hibbert, a Union County Commissioner, formed the club.

On-campus students who have lived in Union County for at least two years are eligible for

awards, but Bogue-Hibbert hopes the project will become a model for other counties to follow as well. Anyone who gives \$100 or more can become a member. For more information contact the Marketing, Development and Public Affairs Office at (541) 962-3740 or e-mail mdpa@eou.edu.

Memorial honors pioneers, American Indians buried in historic cemetery



Left: EOU's historic Inlow Hall, circa 1938.

Below: A Nez Perce text inscribed on the memorial reads "Our people lived all over this Grande Ronde. They are buried here under this ground. We will never forget all the families. And now we sanctify this land."

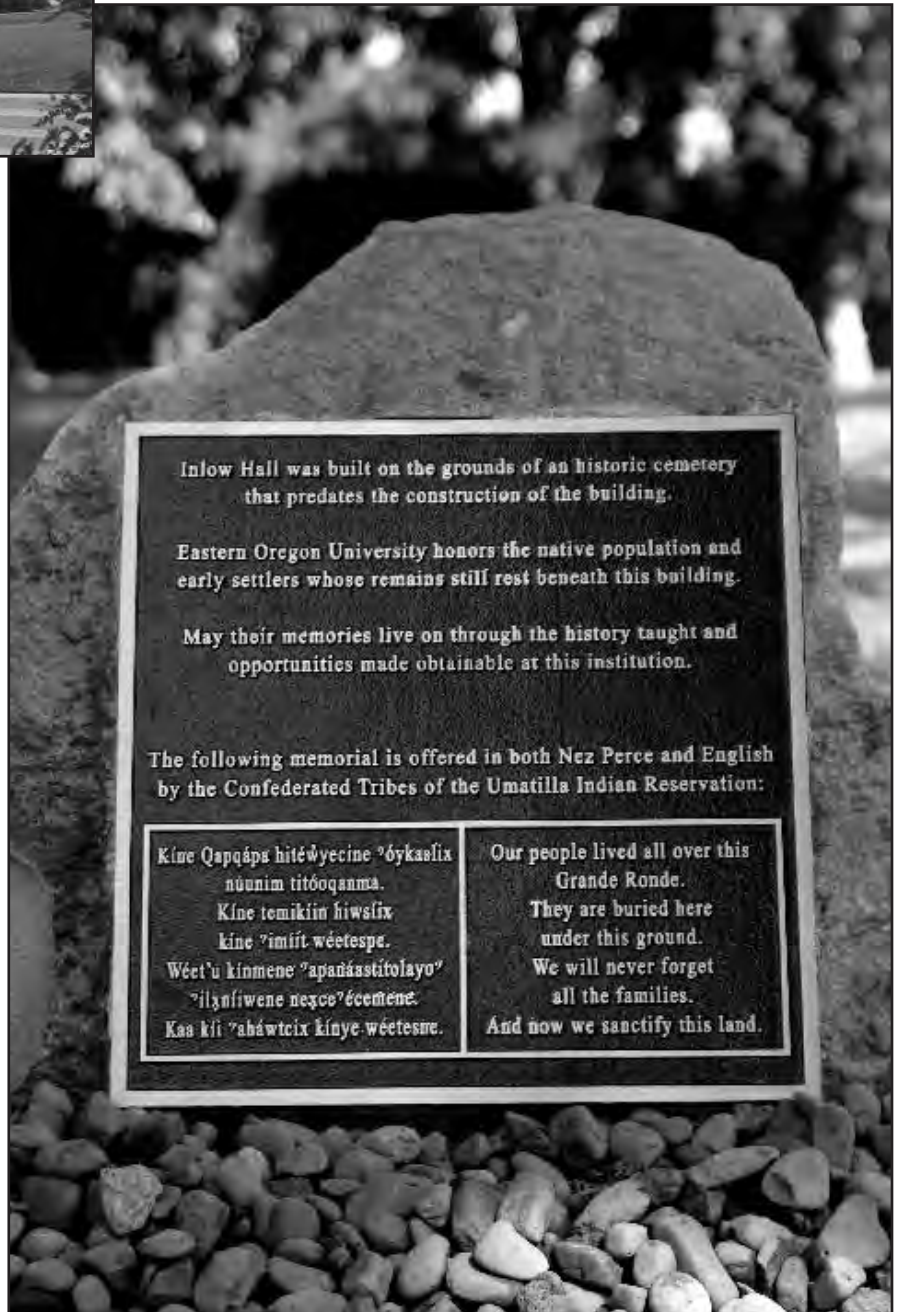
EOU and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, (CTUIR), unveiled a memorial late last summer commemorating Inlow Hall as the site of a historical pioneer cemetery.

Representatives from the CTUIR performed a cleansing ceremony at the site, which may have also served as an American Indian burial ground. Armand Minthorn, speaking on behalf of the CTUIR, expressed gratitude to EOU and the community for honoring the individuals buried under Inlow Hall and recognizing the strong connection the tribes have with the Grande Ronde Valley.

Inlow Hall was constructed in 1929 and during the initial excavation process, burial plots dating back to the mid 1800s were uncovered and relocated. However, some of the graves were left intact and exposed human remains were later discovered under the building.

In 2005, EOU hired Blue Mountain Consulting to complete a detailed archeological survey of the site. After gathering input from the community and the CTUIR, the decision was made to install a permanent cement cap encasing the crawl space where the bodies were found.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's Historic Cemeteries Program provided funding for the memorial and Inlow Hall and the surrounding area are now recognized as a state cultural site.



2009 Alumni Awards and Athletic Hall of Fame

Every year during Homecoming, EOU salutes the accomplishments and contributions of graduates with the presentation of Alumni Awards and induction of new members to the Athletic Hall of Fame. Nominations are being accepted now for 2009. The recipients will be recognized at the Alumni Honors Ceremony on October 16 at EOU.

The Alumni Association has redefined the awards for 2009 and the criteria for each follows:

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award is given to former EOU students who, through their professional and personal endeavors, have made significant contributions in service to their alma mater, community, state, and/or nation that have brought honor to themselves and acclaim to EOU. This award is the highest honor and recognition conferred by the EOU Alumni Association and is a once-in-a-lifetime recognition.

Honorary Alumni Award

The Honorary Alumni Award is the highest honor conferred on an individual who has not been a student of EOU, but through exemplary service or involvement has made significant contributions to the advancement, reputation, and/or well being of the university and its community. This award may also be conferred posthumously for students of the university who have been recommended by the executive administration of EOU and endorsed by the EOU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Dixie Lund Service Award

Dixie Lund is a 1973 graduate of EOU and served the university as a member of the teaching faculty, Dean of Distance Education and twice as Interim President of the university. Her extraordinary and meritorious service exemplifies the highest traditions of service, support, and devotion to EOU. This award is given in recognition of meritorious service to EOU in support of the goals, traditions, and mission of the university and/or Alumni Association.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The EOU Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1987 to recognize the outstanding achievements of Eastern athletes. In 2002 the Hall of Fame selection committee was formed. The charge of the committee was to formulate categories and criteria for selection. In addition, the committee created a process to accept and review nominations and in 2002 a revised recognition process that included a formal induction ceremony was started. Categories include; team, individual athlete, coach and meritorious service. Nominations are accepted annually between May 1 and June 15 via the EOU athletic web page at www.eou.edu/athletics.

** Current EOU Alumni Association Board of Directors and EOU Foundation Executive Board members are ineligible for consideration for alumni awards while in active service.*

2008 Alumni Award Recipients



Richard Dillon, '71
Payette, Idaho
*Distinguished
Alumni Award*



Arthur Derbyshire, '69
Hermiston
Alumni Merit Award



**Mohsen "Max"
Mohammadi, '82**
Boise, Idaho
Community Partner Award

Nominate an alum you know for 2009! Go to www.eou.edu/alumni/awards.

2008 Athletic Hall of Fame Recipients



Norman and Amy Lou Werst, accepting the honor on behalf of their grandson, **Jason Werst, '95**, of Wallowa Cross Country/Track & Field.



Jim Fryback, '73,
Springfield
Baseball



John Kruesi, '71
Medford
Wrestling

Mountaineer teams in peak performance

By Isaac Williams & Dave Haglund / EOU Athletics

Eastern Oregon University athletics enjoyed outstanding performances on the field and court this season. There were many breathtaking games, exciting last minute scores, and thrilling finishes that kept fans on the edge of their seats.

The hard work paid off for the men's basketball team this year. The Mountaineers advanced to the elite eight of the NAIA Division II and went on to compete in the quarterfinals of the national tournament for the first time in EOU's history. Taking the court in Point Lookout, Mo., the men defeated King College (Tenn.) and went on to oust Northwood University (Fla.).

In a back and forth game, it came down to the last possession for EOU in the quarterfinal match-up with top-seeded and No. 1-ranked Oklahoma Wesleyan University. The Mountaineers were defeated 80-79. The men ended their season 25-8, the last of four Cascade Collegiate Conference, (CCC), teams remaining in the 32-team field.

The cross country teams both finished in the top five with the men taking fourth in the Cascade Conference Championships, while the women took fifth. Head coach Ben Welch's teams sent two members from both the men's and women's teams to the national meet in Kenosha, Wis.

The EOU women's soccer team also made great strides. The team improved as the season progressed, capturing three of their five wins in the last month of the season.

EOU's football team, under the direction of new head coach Tim Camp, had many thrilling moments en route to a 5-6 season that saw the Eastern offense put a lot of points on the board. Five different times this year the team scored 30 or more points and scored 76 in one home game this year against Rocky Mountain College. The defense was also strong for the Mountaineers,

holding their opponents to 14 points or less on three different occasions.

Volleyball at Eastern has also seen a great improvement under head coach Kaki McLean. The team finished the year fourth in a very tough Cascade Conference, and hosted one of the most exciting games EOU sports fans have seen. In the first round of the CCC playoffs, the Mountaineers were trailing



Photo/Isaac Williams

One of the most memorable plays in EOU football history was completed by quarterback Chris Ware and wideout Gavin Watson, securing EOU's victory over the University of Montana-Western.

2-0 in the best-of-five match against the Concordia Cavaliers. The team rallied to win three straight games and defeat the Cavaliers in front of a packed Quinn Coliseum. The team finished the season with a 20-10 record, the first 20-win season since 1990.

For complete spring sports schedules visit www.eou.edu/athletics.



Photo submitted by Grant Hudkins

High flying senior Neil Fryer throws down a dunk over The College of Idaho's Bryan Champ. In his four seasons in Mountaineer uniform, Fryer has contributed to 92 wins, two Cascade Conference titles and two trips to the NAIA National Tournament.

Giving back to the community

The visible presence of EOU student-athletes in community programs reflects a commitment to the core value of servant leadership. When they're not in class or at practice, athletes are doing their part to give something back to the community.

Take the women's basketball team, which presents fun basketball training opportunities for students in schools in Union County and around the region. Team members also help out with the local Fire and Safety Fair, (often disguised as Smokey the Bear), the Drug Free Relay and Shelter from the Storm, a non-profit organization that provides support to victims of domestic violence.

Watching a quarterback read with an elementary school student is a common sight at the Reading Buddies program in La Grande schools. And when it came time to harvest crops in the Grande Ronde Valley, the entire football team pitched in to help glean produce to benefit area food banks.

Every autumn when accumulating yard debris can easily become too much to handle, the EOU softball team rakes leaves for donations at more than a hundred houses around town. It's a project the team started in 1995 and people have come to rely on their help. Beginning as early as September, team members rake leaves six days a week until Thanksgiving break.

EOU coaches participate in Coaches vs. Cancer



Anya Shultz, left, of Molalla, and Samantha Pedro, of Boardman, spent several hours each day raking leaves last fall with other members of the EOU softball team.

Photos by Laura Hancock

and the Pink Zone Initiative to help raise cancer awareness, and each year all the EOU teams pitch in for a campus-wide clean-up day. The list goes on.

These demonstrations of servant leadership are part of the reason the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, (NAIA), named EOU a Champions of Character institution for the 2007-08 academic year. EOU exemplified involvement in the five core values that define a successful collegiate athletic program: respect; integrity; responsibility; servant leadership; and sportsmanship. A total of 199 colleges and universities were acknowledged nation-wide.

Overtime

Cashell named Athletic Director of the Year

The Cascade Collegiate Conference honored Rob Cashell, director of athletics at EOU, for outstanding leadership during what proved to be a banner year for the Mountaineers, on and off the field.



Rob Cashell

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Cascade Collegiate Conference and my peers," Cashell said. "I have a wonderful group of dedicated professionals and outstanding student-athletes at EOU that I am blessed to work with, and I share this with them."

Cashell played an instrumental role in the recent athletic facility development on the EOU campus, including the completion of renovations and upgrades to Quinn Coliseum, the replacement of the track and field throws facilities, and the renovation and naming of a softball field.

The CCC also awarded EOU the 2007-08 All-Sports Trophy, which is given annually to the most successful athletic program in the 11-member conference. EOU won or shared four league titles and recorded top three finishes in six out of eight sports.

Leading with compassion and conviction

President Dixie Lund relies on her faith and family when facing tough decisions

By Laura Hancock

"Are you ready to go? Come on, Sunny!" The golden retriever wags her tail enthusiastically. Ed Lund is off for his usual winter morning routine. Take Sunny for a drive to the post office and then to Wal-Mart where Sunny stays snug, sleeping in the back of the car while Ed walks laps with a friend.

"Bye honey! I'll see you after work!" Dixie Lund calls to her husband as he heads out the door.

Before long, Dixie will be free to enjoy the simple pleasures of an AM ritual that doesn't revolve solely around her job as president of Eastern Oregon University.

Soon, a new leader of the institution she loves so dearly will be appointed. It hasn't been easy for Lund, who has helped usher EOU through a dramatic transformation in the past year and half. Within months of her appointment as interim president in July 2007, Lund faced the challenge of trimming \$4.1 million from EOU's budget. Working with members of a Budget and Repositioning Team, Lund defined a Repositioning Plan that was released in early January 2008. The plan outlined the budget reductions and highlighted strategies for EOU to improve efficiency and services to students.

A 36-year career veteran of public higher education, Lund still struggled with the personnel reductions that were part of the repositioning process. Her concern for the university transcends to the individual.

"I am wired to be a one-on-one person," Lund said. "Having to think of the university as a whole and maybe less so of the effect on an individual was a very difficult thing for me to do."

President Lund holds her relationship with the

campus and community close to her heart. Even when she initially retired after serving as interim president in 2003 she remained connected to the university. She admits that the tension created by the layoffs did begin to take its toll, but in most instances Lund was present when employees received notice.

"Although it was a hard thing for me to do, I preferred to be involved rather than be distant," Lund said. "It's important to take the time to let people know that you care about them, but that you still have a job to do."

The hands-on leadership style Lund purveys is a reflection of her core belief in elbow grease, and as she likes to put it, "good old-fashioned teamwork."

"It has never bothered me to roll up my sleeves and get to work. That's just how I approach things," she said.

In graduate school Lund studied different styles of management. Situational leadership and servant leadership were the techniques that resonated with her the most. A combination of the two is what Lund strives to demonstrate every day on the job.

Before she began her career at EOU, Lund worked as a secretary for a stock brokerage firm. She remembers how some of the secretaries were offended when asked to make coffee or sew a loose button.

"It never seemed like an issue to me, because we were all in it together," Lund said. "There



are times when you're the servant and other times when you're the leader, so servant leadership and working as a team are a natural fit for me."

The ability to make tough decisions is a prerequisite if you're a university president. During her first term as interim in 2003, Lund took measures to drop Eastern's dual inter-collegiate athletic affiliation. She devoted a

significant amount of time researching the divisions to determine which would be the right fit for Eastern. Ultimately, she made the decision to move EOU to NAIA affiliation. Her conclusion was met with some criticism, but Lund did not waiver.

"When I know in my heart it is the right thing for EOU, I can make those decisions, hold firm and be like steel," Lund said.

The strong resolve behind her warm smile is met with respect on campus and in the community. The Lunds have lived in La Grande since the early 1970s and have cultivated innumerable friendships through the years. Ed is retired from the Children Services Division of the Oregon Department of Human Services and Dixie has served on the Grande Ronde Hospital Board.

These connections helped bring the community together in support of EOU during what proved to be a trying time. Lund believes the local media also played a vital part.

"The media realized the incredibly critical role they had in reporting the news and also in helping Eastern's image get turned around," Lund said. "They took that to heart immediately and the coverage we've gotten is almost embarrassing because it is so prolific and positive!"

Lund encourages community members to attend events on campus, and something as simple as wearing blue and gold on Friday is another way people around town are showing their EOU spirit. Area businesses have added "Home of Eastern Oregon University" to their letterhead and several new signs have gone up touting the same adage.

"It has been very encouraging and the support from the community has just been fabulous," Lund said.

When the call came from OUS Chancellor George Pernsteiner, Dixie and Ed were celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary. They were preparing to leave for her 40th high school reunion in John Day, so when the phone rang, Dixie let the answering machine pick up.

"Since Ed and I both have degrees from Portland State, I assumed it was the alumni association making a fundraising call," Lund said. "Then I heard a voice on the line, which is unusual for fundraisers to leave a message. I walked back into the room and it was the Chancellor saying he wanted to talk to me. At one point, my heart stopped because I knew there were some difficulties with the administration at EOU, but on the other hand, I thought maybe he just wanted my opinion."

Dr. Khosrow Fatemi announced his resignation as president of EOU in July 2007 and Lund had been following the news. She called the Chancellor back and was still on the phone when Ed returned from running errands. When she finally put down the receiver and began to explain what she had been asked her to do, tears



Dixie and Ed Lund by their classic '51 Chevy.

Photos by Laura Hancock

choked back her words.

Lund told the Chancellor she needed the weekend to think and pray before coming to a decision. A spiritual person, Lund relies on her faith and family for strength, and she turned to Ed for the support she needed at a pivotal moment.

"He told me to look up Colossians 3:23," Lund said. "When I asked why, he said 'because it's written across this sports card I just found.'"

One of Ed's hobbies is collecting sports cards. During her phone call with the Chancellor he had been searching online for new cards. The verse featured on the card read, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

"Talk about an amazing message," Lund said.

The following morning Lund said she felt a strong impulse to pick up her Bible and turn to Ezekiel.

"I'd never read Ezekiel, so I didn't even really know what I was looking for, but the impulse was so profound I thought I'd better start reading."

When studying scripture, Lund underlines certain words or phrases that have personal meaning.

After while, she stopped. Nothing seemed to resonate, but when she turned back to the open pages she saw a passage she had underlined in four different places. It said, "Do not be afraid."

Lund knew she had to call the Chancellor and tell him her answer was yes. She knew it was the right thing to do and she was ready to give it her all as interim president.

"EOU needed to heal, as did the relations between EOU and the community," Lund said. "The State Board of Higher Education and the Chancellor also needed to get to know the heartbeat of EOU and I think that's what I was gifted to do."

If anyone has a finger on EOU's pulse, it's Lund. She experienced first-hand the many changes since she was hired as an instructor in the Division of Social Science

and Business in 1973. Later as dean of the Division of Distance Education, she watched an entire system be transformed by the advances of technology. Not only have EOU's programs and delivery modes changed, so has the campus. Seven buildings are either completely new or have undergone substantial renovations.

Experience tells Lund she is not the right president to carry EOU into the future and she believes the next leader must be a visionary in order to do so. Lund is looking forward to retirement, when being more available to family and friends and taking road trips with Ed will top her to-do list.

As her term draws to a close, there are a few things she'll miss about being president.

"I'm going to miss the opportunity to represent a university that I respect, am committed to and truly believe in," Lund said. "I'll also miss the connection I feel with the students on campus."

Though she is ready to move on, rest assured that EOU, (and her reserved parking spot in front of Inlow Hall), will always have a special place in President Lund's heart.



Mary Jo Lemon carries on the tradition of commitment to EOU that is five generations strong and counting.

To say “legacy” when describing the connection between Mary Jo Lemon and EOU is an understatement. Five generations of her family have attended. Lemon’s great-grandmother, grandmother, mother, two sisters, an uncle, her husband and their two children are alumni and her enthusiasm for EOU doesn’t wane.

Lemon is the immediate past president of the EOU Alumni Association. She has served on the board of directors since 2001 and as president since 2005, but her relationship with the university began long before.

Lemon’s mother, Betty Peck, began working for EOU before she graduated from high school in 1934. In 1936 she received her degree from Eastern and made her career there. Thus began a commitment to the university that has carried on through the decades.

“Mother loved her work at the college,” Lemon said. “She adored the professors and everyone who worked there. They were like part of the family. The university was her life.”

Peck served seven EOU presidents, beginning with Dr. Harvey Inlow, the first president of Eastern Oregon Normal School.

Peck retired in 1982 and her dedication was honored posthumously in 2007 by a plaque on

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By Stephanie Brookhart

the Walk of Fame. Situated next to a red maple tree between Pierce Library and Inlow Hall, the plaque memorializes her extraordinary contribution to EOU.

Lemon graduated from EOU in 1967 with a degree in education and went to work teaching the first grade at S.E. Miller Elementary School in Union. She said EOU did a great job preparing her for her career in education, which spanned 32 years.

Lemon shares her mother’s love and dedication for EOU. When she was little, Lemon said her mother always told her that she would go to Eastern. Lemon never doubted that, and in fact, told her children the same thing. When she doled out their allowances, half of

the money went for spending and the other half was set aside for their Eastern college accounts.

Her son, Greg Lemon, received a degree in English from EOU in 2000, and went on to earn a master’s degree in journalism at the University of Montana. He is now editor of the “The Sun” newspaper in Bozeman, and recently wrote a biography of Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer published in 2008.

Daughter Jennifer also graduated from EOU in 2000 from the nursing program. She is a registered nurse in Boise, Idaho and she and her husband recently welcomed a new addition to the family, Noah, born in June.

Lemon said her term as Alumni Association president was very re-

warding and she received a great deal of support from her husband, Terry.

“Terry is absolutely wonderful. He is always right there helping with events. During Homecoming we open up our home so that alumni can stay with us and enjoy the festivities. He’s a real trooper.”

Just because she’s retired doesn’t mean Lemon is taking life slow and easy these days. She is co-president of St. Anne’s Guild at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church and is involved in several fraternal organizations in the community. She and Terry, along with their dog, Keisha, make their home in La Grande in the house they built in the 1970s.



Submitted photos

During her 48-year career at EOU, Lemon’s mother, Betty Peck, served under seven presidents. Her duties ranged from maintaining financial records and preparing the budget, to advising students and carrying out secretarial duties for faculty.

Distance education program proves a perfect fit

By Stephanie Brookhart

The online distance education program at EOU is creating family legacies across the country, not just here in Oregon.

For Lori Cummings, completion of her degree from EOU has led to such an exciting career path that her son has been inspired to finish his degree as well.

Cummings attended college briefly right after high school, but due to family commitments she wasn't able to finish. At age 30 she returned to the classroom for the next three years at Auburn University-Montgomery, Ala. At the beginning of her fourth year in school she was hired by the Montgomery CBS-TV network station. With just a couple of semesters left, a family to support and a great job offer, Cummings decided to put off finishing her degree.

"I took a break from school because I couldn't go to school full-time and work full-time," Cummings said. "I always wanted to be a television journalist and felt this huge job opportunity would help me reach that goal."

Her career path took another unexpected turn when she was hired as an associate producer for the PBS affiliate in Alabama.

"I had to have my degree to keep working at Alabama Public Television but it was too difficult to go to school and work full-time," Cummings said. "I did some web research and found EOU."

Because she was working on a political television program, Cummings decided to add political science to her interdisciplinary studies. She graduated from EOU in 2002 with a degree in liberal studies, including subject areas in communications and political science and a

minor in theatre.

"So many people told me that women over 30 never make it in television," Cummings said. "I proved them wrong. If you work hard you can accomplish anything that you put your mind to. You just have to want it! Working full-time and going to EOU worked for me and my family. I did a lot of homework at night but I was home and could also help my sons with their homework if they needed me."

Distance education is working for her son, Lee Biela, as well. Biela is the head baseball coach at Crenshaw Christian Academy, a private high school in Alabama, and also has a family to support. He found himself facing the same situation as his mother, needing to finish his degree while working in order to continue in his job. Cummings suggested that he contact

"Working full-time and going to EOU worked for me and my family."

—LORI CUMMINGS, '02



Submitted photo

Lori Cummings poses with musicians Kris Kristofferson and Donnie Fritts. Fritts was recently inducted into the Alabama Music Hall of Fame and has toured the world with Kristofferson as his keyboard player.

Elizabeth Burton, director of EOU's regional center in Baker City, because she was so pleased with Burton's expertise and encouragement during her studies.

Biela is currently majoring in liberal studies with an individualized plan in physical education and history and Burton is his adviser.

After nine years at APT, Cummings now hosts and produces three shows, "Face to Face,"

"Capitol Journal" and "Alabama Stories," which can be viewed online

at www.aptv.org.

Her duties

include

research,

interviews, writing

scripts and editing. Cum-

mings said that as a producer, she is responsible for the entire content of the show.

"You are never too old to follow your dream," Cummings said, "and EOU helped make my dream become a reality!"



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Mountaineer Tracks



Greetings from the Alumni Association

Dear Alumni, Friends and Supporters of EOU,

I bring you greetings on behalf of the Eastern Oregon University Alumni Association executive officers and Board of Directors. I am both humbled and honored to have been elected to serve the association and EOU as the President of the Alumni Association for this year.

I chose EOU as an undergraduate because of the 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. Having spent 31 years as a professional in student services at EOU, I can say the things we loved most about EOU still thrive. The resilience of the university even in these challenging times is inspiring. 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 who are a cherished part of the EOU family. 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. Go online to www.eou.edu/alumni, 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, '74
President, EOU Alumni Association

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

Class notes



1960s

Maridee Symons, '68. Maridee retired in June 2008 from 40 years of teaching, 20 of which was spent in public education and the rest in cooperative/private preschool and substitute teaching. She spent the last 18 years teaching kindergarten in Philomath.

Robert J. Miller, '60, is a professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland. His expertise in Indian law has led him to publish numerous articles and book chapters and he has presented at conferences around the country. His book, "Native America, Discovered and Conquered: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, and Manifest Destiny," was released in paperback by University of Nebraska Press in April 2008. Robert is a citizen of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma.

1970s

Dr. Colleen Kelley, '72, recently published the book "Post-9/11 American Presidential Rhetoric: A Study of Protofascist Discourse," (Lexington Books, 2007). Dr. Kelley also traveled to Wellington, New Zealand in July 2008 as an invited participant in the annual meeting of the Australian and New Zealand Communication Association and to attend a launch of her new book.

Bill Carroll, '73-'75, recently retired from the Oregon Department of Justice's Criminal Division after a 35-year career in law enforcement. Carroll spent the past 23 years working for the Criminal Justice Division as an investigator in

the Organized Crime Section and the District Attorney Assistance Section. Prior to that he worked for the Woodburn Police Department. He is the owner of Carroll Consulting, LLC.

1990s

Laurie Marker, '90, was named a finalist for the 2008 Indianapolis Prize, the world's leading award for animal conservation. Laurie is the founder and executive director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund. She has led the conservation program from humble beginnings in rural Namibia to an unparalleled model for predator conservation. "Time Magazine" named her a Hero for the Planet in 2000, and in 2007 she completed a breakthrough research study on captive cheetah reproduction. Laurie also appeared on the cover of the March 2008 edition of the "Smithsonian" magazine.

Shawn Perkins, '94, head football coach at Mark Morris High School in Longview, Wash., was honored as a High School Coach of the Week. Shawn was recognized during a Seattle Seahawks football game last fall with his name appearing on the giant Hawk Vision screen. Sterling Savings Bank presented Shawn with the award.



2000s

Kimberly McCabe, '07. After graduation, Kimberly relocated to Paris, France to complete a master's degree in management and economy, specialized in luxury goods and fashion industries. She is now looking to attend a top tier MBA school.

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Wayne Reinhardt, '07, writes, "Working with EOU to complete my degree was very rewarding. I have been working on this degree for many years and to complete it is a wonderful feeling."

Wandalene Beck, '08, writes, "I have had a wonderful experience as a student at EOU. On June 14, 2008, it was 60 years since I received my high school diploma. It has taken me a while, but at last I have my education."

Births

Jaime June Maly, '99, and Burr Maly gave birth to their child Camden David Maly in Soldotna, Alaska, on August 17, 2008.

Milt Apple, '00, and Isabella Apple gave birth to their baby Bonnie Apple on October 7, 2007, in Susanville, Calif.

Romona and Owen Thomas, '95, announced the birth of their child Avery Nicole Thomas on March 14, 2008.

Sarah Anderson, '02, and Wesley Anderson gave birth to Gavin Wesley Anderson on July 8, 2008. Sarah is currently a sixth-grade teacher for the North Wasco County School District and Wesley works for Les Schwab Tire Center.

Natty Marie C. Kaneshi, '07, and Leo Anthony T. Torres gave birth to Darron Anthony Kaneshi Torres on April 22, 2008 in Boise, Idaho.

Weddings & Engagements

Connie Nelson, '99, and Derek Kruse were married in Riviera Maya, Mexico, on April 19, 2008. The bride is a graduate of La Grande High School. She is the area market director for Jenny Craig Weight Loss Camp. The groom is a graduate of Wilsonville High



School. He is the service department manager for Assisted Technology Group Rehab in Milwaukie and Bellevue. The couple has made their home in Oregon City.

Shawn Wilson, '99, and Melissa Sullivan were married in Hood River on August 16, 2008. Many EOU alumni attended. Shawn is an accountant in Hillsboro and Melissa is a social worker in Vancouver. The couple resides in Tualatin.

Carissa Carpenter, '00, and Michael Shelton were married on May 20, 2008, in Waimanalo, Hawaii. Carissa is a licensed mental health counselor and Michael is a design engineer at B/E Aerospace.

Rachel Ritenour, '00, and Doug Grove were married on August 8, 2008, in Iowa.

Kenzie L. Satter, '01, and J. Ipolito Maloy were married on July 8, 2008, in Kapolei, Hawaii. The bride works for Peterson Clinic and the groom works for Campus Life in Hermiston.

Jodie Marie Carlson, '02, and Ryan Lee Matteson. Jodie graduated in 2002 and earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 2007 from Oregon Health and Science University through EOU. She is employed as a nurse in St. Anthony Hospital's Family Birth Center in Pendleton. Ryan graduated in 2001 from Heppner and attended Walla Walla Community College for two years. He is employed with McLaughlin Landscaping in Pendleton.

Jamie Jo Cant, '04, and **Anthony Boyd Haddock, '04**, of Caldwell, Idaho, recently married. A graduate of OHSU, the bride is the service care coordinator for spine surgery at St. Lukes Regional Medical Center in Boise. The groom is a graduate of EOU. He is currently finishing his master's of education degree at Northwest Nazarene University and plans to teach physical education and math for the Notus School District.

Sarah Herrmann, '04, and **Kristofer Asla, '04**, of Beaverton, recently married. A 2000 graduate of La Grande High School and a 2004 graduate of EOU, the bride is a registered nurse at Emanuel Hospital. The groom is a 1999 graduate of Century High School in Hillsboro and a 2004 graduate of EOU. He now works for Pacific University as the assistant director of admissions.

Marne Wilkins, '06, and Patrick Curtis were married on March 24, 2007 in Gooding, Idaho. Marne is currently a teacher in the Gooding School District and Patrick is an insurance agent for the Muffley Insurance Agency.

Jill Sorey, '06, '07, and **Corey Miller, '04**, have announced their engagement. Jill is a 2002 graduate of Griswold High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business in 2006 and a master's degree in teacher education in 2007. She is currently a teacher at Stanfield Secondary School. Corey is a 2000 graduate of Heppner High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture business and a minor in crop science in 2004 and is currently a farmer in the Morrow County area.

Dara Faye Williams and Aaron David Worden, '06, both of Pendleton, have announced their engagement. She attended Pendleton High School and is currently attending Blue Mountain Community College where she is studying anthropology. He graduated in 2000 from Pendleton High School and earned a liberal arts degree in 2006. He is employed with Cayuse Technology in Pendleton as a business analyst.

Erin Williams and Jacob Hughes, '07, were married on July 28, 2007. Erin graduated from Forest Grove High School with the class of 2001. She attended the Oregon Health Science University, where she graduated in 2005. She also attended EOU and is currently employed as a pediatric registered nurse. Jacob graduated from Lathrop High School with the class of 2003 and attended EOU, where he graduated in 2007. He is employed as a fisheries biological technician.

Rachel Cordery, '07, and **Steven James Larson, '07**, were married December 8, 2007, in Hawaii. Steve is currently working at Wells Fargo Bank and Rachel is working for ComCast while finishing massage therapy school.

Lacey Jaye Lofstedt, '08, of Gresham and Andrew Donald Swift of Boring, recently announced their engagement. The bride is a 2008 graduate of EOU, where she earned her bachelor's degree in business. Lacey is a sales associate for Rose City Transportation. The groom-to-be earned his liberal arts degree in 2008 from Portland State University. Andrew is a merchandiser

for Costco and a member of Main Street Militia. The couple plans to be married Aug. 22, 2009.

Emily Folkestad, '08, and **Bryan Pearson, '06**, of La Grande were married April 26, 2008. Emily works for Beef Northwest Feeders in North Powder and Bryan is employed as an equipment systems specialist at EOU.

Obituaries

Joseph H. Kosai, '59, was born May 7, 1934 in Tacoma to Gizo and Waki Kosai. He passed away November 4, 2008. Joseph's family relocated to Tule Lake, Ca., and Minidoka, Idaho due to the executive order removing all those of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast. The Kosai family eventually settled in Ontario, Ore. He attended the University of Washington, served in the U.S. Army from 1956-58, and completed his bachelor's of science degree in education with a major in mathematics from EOU. In 2005 the Japanese government honored Joseph with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosettes Award.

Thomas Jefferson Crow, '50, '55, passed away April 24, 2008 in Madras. He was born April 16, 1925, in Seattle to Walter Robert and Ella Edna Rogers Crow. Tom began his teaching career in Madras in 1950. He retired in 1982 after 32 years.

David Mark Mayes, '86, died July 18, 2008 at the age of 43. David was born September 1, 1964, in Sacramento. He attended EOU and graduated in 1986 with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and physics. He accepted a full scholarship to the University of Washington where he graduated in 1990 with a doctorate in chemistry. David married Anna Cavinato in September of 1993.

Michael William Farmer, '82, died May 23, 2008. He was born August 29, 1960, in Corvallis. He graduated from West Albany High School and from EOU. He was a district manager for OfficeMax and moved to Tigard in 1992. In 1984, he married Valorie Young.

Harriet Turner, '45, was born Sept. 13, 1925, in La Grande, where she was raised. She graduated from EOU and the University

of Oregon. She was a bookkeeper for the family business, Schumacher Dental Lab and in 1949, she married Howard Schumacher.

Tom Enright, '67, died on May 30, 2008, at the age of 63. He was born on April 25, 1945. He attended EOU and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education. He married Jane O'Neil on December 30, 1965 and taught school in Echo for 30 years, retiring in 1997.

Claudia May Conley, '39, died May 6, 2008. She was born January 3, 1920, in Portland, to Edward Vern Gabriel and Emma L. (McFarland) Gabriel. On May 29, 1939, she received her teaching certificate from EOU. She met her husband while teaching at The White River School. They were married in Albany on June 8, 1940.

Andrew Loron Marlette, '05, of Baker City died April 24, 2008 in Milwaukee, Wis. Andy was born on October 14, 1968, in Portland. He attended EOU and it was there in 1994 that he met and later married Kazue Kinjo in the spring of 1998. After he graduated from EOU, Andy decided to pursue a career in dentistry. He was accepted into Marquette University Dental School in Milwaukee and he and Kaz relocated there in 2005.

Wesley Dale Fallow, '50, known as Dale, passed away at Three Rivers Hospital on June 17, 2008. Dale was born on May 18, 1925 in La Grande. He attended La Grande High School and EOU where he received a master's degree in education. He worked

for Josephine County School District as a teacher, principal, and administrator from 1950 until 1982. Dale was the co-founder of Southern Oregon Federal Credit Union with account number 1. He also served two years in the United States Navy. He was married to Katherine on June 20, 1948 in La Grande. The couple met while attending EOU.

Zella Mae Twidwell Conner, '36, '64, passed away July 3, 2008 at the age of 91. She was born May 2, 1917 in La Grande. She graduated from La Grande High School in 1934. She attended Eastern Oregon Normal School, graduating with an education degree. She started her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Wallowa County in 1936. She later taught at Starkey Lumber Camp, Wolfe Creek, Nyssa, Lostine, Wallowa and Enterprise. She continued her education at EOU and graduated with a bachelor's of science in education in 1964. She married Donald R. Conner in 1941 and ended her 40-plus years of teaching as the Elementary Librarian in Enterprise.

Edith Patricia "Pat" Pridgen, '66, '69 died August 17 at the age of 82. Pat was born January 12, 1926, to William Albert and Jesse Farrell Smith in Baker City. She graduated from Baker City High School and attended Eastern Oregon State College where she obtained her bachelor of arts degree in 1966 and her master's degree in 1969. She was a member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. She married Vern Pridgen in October of 1945.

Gerald Avon Sherman, '71, of La Grande, died September 11 at the age of 72. Gerald was born December 8, 1935, in Baker. He was raised and educated in Baker where he attended St. Frances Academy. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958. He married Judy Atteberry on Jan. 16, 1960 and he was a member of many community organizations.

Simone Celene Moore, '63, died August 4 at the age of 85. Simone was born August 24, 1922, in Baker. On April 5, 1942, she married James Kelly Moore in Baker. In 1947 she began playing viola with the Grande Ronde Symphony. She played with the symphony for 51 years. She obtained a teaching certificate from EOU and was a substitute teacher in the La Grande area for several years.

Richard Gardner, '56, passed away on September 17, 2008 at East Lansing, Mich. Richard was born in Southgate, Ca., on November 16, 1930. On June 10, 1951, he married Cathleen Grace Houle in La Grande. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict 1951-1955. Richard completed his undergraduate degree in education and embarked upon his nearly 40-year teaching career. He was an avid outdoorsman, athlete and sports fan.

Ardythe Wood, '62, of Pendleton died October 31, 2008 at the age of 68. Mrs. Wood was born January 30, 1940, in Union. She graduated from Union High School. She briefly taught school in California

and at Washington School in Pendleton. She married Duane G. Wood in the LDS Temple—Logan, Utah, in 1963. She spent her life in the service of her family, church and community.

Gary Lee Noble, '01, of Lolo, Mont., died October 13, 2008 at the age of 42. Gary was born June 12, 1966, in Medford. Shortly after graduating at Colfax, Wash., he entered the U.S. Army. In 1999, he moved to La Grande to pursue his education and he graduated from EOU with a bachelor's degree in physical education and health, with an emphasis in athletic training. Gary married Jeannette Berglund on June 23, 2001. Gary received a master's degree from Northern State University and completed coursework for a doctorate in Anderson, Ind.

Bethmyrl McLin, '31, died November 14, 2008. She was born on June 17, 1911. Bethmyrl graduated from Lincoln High in Portland in 1929, and received her teaching certificate from Eastern Oregon Normal School two years later. She earned a bachelor of arts from Southern Oregon College. Bethmyrl was a dedicated elementary school teacher for over 30 years. While teaching school in La Grande, she met Floyd McLin. They married in June 1936.

Steven Adams, '70, died August 3, 2008. He was born on January 5, 1951, in Eugene. He was a 1969 Pleasant Hill High School graduate. He attended EOU and Oregon State University at Corvallis where he received his degree in microbiology in 1974.

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He then attended the School of Dentistry at Oregon Health & Sciences University in Portland where he earned his doctor of dental medicine in 1978. After graduation, he established the Adams Family Dental Clinic in Baker City.

Donald Eugene Campbell died December 8, at the age of 85. He was born in Farmer, S.D., on January 4, 1922. Don retired in 1986 from Oregon State University in the school of Health and Human Performance after 17 years there. Prior to that he taught at the University of Texas, Austin, for five years and at EOU for seven years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1948.

Harold C. "Shorty" Dorn, died at the age of 83 at his home in Reston, Virginia. Shorty was born April 10, 1925 in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. During World War II he served in the Pacific with the U.S. Marine Corps. He married Ethel Weber in 1948 and moved to Nebraska where Shorty attended the University of Nebraska. He received a master's degree in journalism. Shorty taught at Doane College in Nebraska and EOU.

Carlos E. Easley, died May 10, 2008 at his home in La Grande. He was 91. Carlos was born April 7, 1917 in Chillicothe, Tex. He attended college at Fort Lewis, Colo., and graduated from the University of Colorado in Boulder. On July 6, 1940, he married Wilma C. Thomas. He taught

physics at Boulder High School for a year before coming to Oregon in 1942 and was hired to teach pre-flight training classes as part of the war training program to Naval and Army cadets. In 1945 he was offered a position at Eastern Oregon College teaching radio-electronics. He went on to become director of education at EOU in the early 1960s and taught many extension classes. In 1965 he became dean of instruction at EOU and in 1973 served as interim president during a presidential search. Carlos retired from the college in 1977 after 34 years.

Verne Osgood died April 13, 2008, at the age 83. Verne Osgood was born October 27, 1924, in Portland. He graduated from Benson High School and served in the Navy during World War II. He moved to La Grande in 1968 and was a carpenter for Eastern Oregon University. He moved back to the Portland area in 1990 and lived in Canby. He married Miriam Shroll in 1948.

James W. "Woody" Simmons died August 30, 2008, at the age of 91. James was born on Dec. 11, 1916, in Texas. He grew up in El Paso and married Lois Eileen Hodges in 1939. James enlisted in the U.S. Army in the late 1930s. After graduating from Willamette, he taught high school English and Spanish in Oregon and California. He continued his education at the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Washington. He later started libraries at the College of the Siskiyous and Lane

Community College in Eugene. He came to La Grande to work as a librarian in 1967 and he remained at EOU's Pierce Library for 11 years before retiring in the late 1970s. He served as the library's director for much of this time.

James "Jim" William Wilson, 72, died August 5, 2008, at his home in La Grande following a short, yet courageous battle with throat cancer. Jim was born April 15, 1936, in Eugene. He attended grade school there and graduated from Willamette High School in 1955. He married Sharon M. Redfield on Dec. 22, 1959. Employed with International Telephone and Telegraph, Jim traveled to different job sites in the United States until 1963 when he returned to Oregon. In 1966, the family moved to La Grande where Jim was employed by Eastern Oregon College. He worked there for 30 years before retiring in 1997.

Georgia Viola Anderson, 91, of Seal Rock and formerly of La Grande, died January 15, 2009 in Waldport. Georgia was born Feb. 6, 1917 in Mitchell. She attended college at Monmouth Normal School and graduated from Linfield in 1937. She graduated from Western Reserve University in Cleveland with a master's degree in nursing in 1940. She moved to La Grande in 1958 to run the Eastern Oregon Student Health Services and teach classes. She retired from Eastern Oregon College in 1977.

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

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

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Rema Fleener knows the importance of continuing education. She also understands the economic challenges that often make the goal of obtaining a college degree seem out of reach.

That's why Rema and her late sister Ella Gould established a scholarship fund with the EOU Foundation to help students from rural communities reach their potential. Rema grew up on a ranch near the remote town of Juntura, between John Day and Ontario. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Eastern in 1939-40 and went on to teach for 38 consecutive years.

"People were so kind and helpful to me and I've had a love for Eastern ever since," Rema said. "The school focused on recruiting students from rural communities and that really impressed me."

At age 93, Rema's enthusiasm proves she is still a teacher at heart. "I think everybody should go to college... it opens doors," she said. "The letters I've received from past scholarship recipients are just priceless."

The Fleener-Gould Scholarship Endowment Fund helps to provide students with high financial need, particularly those from rural communities, the opportunity to complete their education.

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Giving the gift of education

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2009 Alumni Calendar

April

14 President's Reception in Pendleton, alumni and recruitment, location TBD

21 President's Reception in Baker City, alumni and recruitment, location TBD

29 President's Reception in Baker City, Outpost Restaurant, 6 – 8 p.m.

30 President's Reception in Burns, alumni and recruitment, location TBD

May

1 President's Reception in John Day, alumni and recruitment, location TBD

9 Alumni Association Board Meeting

16 Rollin Schimmel Memorial Spring Football Scrimmage in Pendleton

26 President's Reception in Joseph, alumni and recruitment, location TBD

June

7 Spring Term Sunday Sundae

13 2009 Commencement Ceremonies

July

TBA Union County Fair Alumni Booth

August

TBA PGE Park Reunion

September

TBA Boise Alumni Weekend

TBA New Student Move-In Day

October

16 – 17 Homecoming & Oktoberfest



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