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new president, Bob Davies



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Greetings Alumni,

It is with great pride and appreciation that I write you during a new academic year. This is the 80th time EOU has opened its doors to provide an exceptional educational experience for students, as well as to serve and engage this region.

One of the primary reasons I became interested in EOU's presidency is the connection between the university, alumni and the community. Eastern's founding mission was and is to serve the community and the region, and I am firmly committed to that concept.

By focusing on EOU's promise of access, affordability and engagement with the community, we face the future with an unyielding commitment to personalized service and dedication to our students and their success. My predecessor, President Dixie Lund, provided exemplary leadership in forging relationships, and I look forward to building on her good work to meet our new challenges and demands.

We have an impressive tradition of excellence. We are, therefore, duty bound to think and act on how we can enhance our own efforts, our own structures, our own methods of operation and deliveries, to strengthen and grow.

In all of what is happening in our world, we are holding true to the philosophical basis of what we are and what we do: we educate, we serve, we create, we motivate. We change lives.

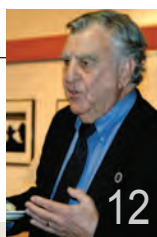
Even though we have these challenges and others ahead of us, I need to say that I am invigorated to meet them, as I also see the immense opportunities we have to expand our reach, enhance our quality programs, and further our impact on the region and state. I look forward to working with you and for this great university.



President Bob Davies

Bob Davies

President, EOU



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## Fall enrollment marks milestone

Enrollment is pushing steadily upward at Eastern Oregon University with the largest percentage increase in newly admitted freshmen in the entire Oregon University System. The new class of 473 freshmen represents a 34.8 percent increase over fall 2008—the biggest incoming class EOU has seen. Official fourth week enrollment data was released by OUS for all seven institutions in November.

“We are incredibly pleased that EOU is a leader in enrollment growth and retention,” said Bob Davies, EOU president. “These numbers are the direct result of the hard work put forth by our staff and faculty. Since my arrival at EOU, I’ve heard a great deal about the important role we serve and I believe it wholeheartedly.”

On-campus student numbers total 1,806, reflecting an increase of 13.6 percent compared to last fall. With such a large freshmen class, the number of students living on campus in the residence halls jumped to 378.

EOU’s full-time enrollment increased by 10.8 percent and total headcount reached 4,000 students by the end of the term, an increase of 8.67 percent increase over fall 2008. Total credit hours are also up 11 percent.

New transfer admissions are up in both resident and nonresident students, as are admitted graduates. Retention of freshmen and sophomores is at 72.1 percent and EOU is focusing on additional efforts in orientation and early alert programs to help students stay on track.

“Students and families are looking to us for an accessible, affordable and engaged education,” Davies said. “We will continue to do everything in our power to provide opportunities for higher education.”

## Hunt Hall opens to accommodate surge in enrollment

With its three residence halls full to capacity, EOU has opened Hunt Hall to serve the increasing number of students living on campus. “We are thrilled with the large increase in our resident population,” said Stephen Jenkins, director of Housing and Student Involvement. “I am convinced that the strong recruitment and outreach effort by the

university, along with EOU’s commitment to providing access by keeping costs low, has raised our stature across the state and the region.”

There are currently 378 students living in the halls. The largest increase is in the number of first-year freshmen, who make up the majority of the resident student population.

## Inlow Hall renovations underway

A \$6.42 million capital investment project is moving full speed ahead as EOU prepares for major renovations to Inlow Hall. A tight construction schedule has been set to complete the project by the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year. EOU was appropriated funding in 2007 by the legislature to make critical updates to the historic administration building. Specifics include reduced deferred maintenance, improved seismic stability and energy efficiency upgrades. Changes will include the location of essential student services such as Admissions, Financial Aid, Enrollment Services, Student Accounts and the Registrar’s Office.

“Creating a central location where we can provide students with the best assistance on a daily basis is an important outcome of this renovation,” said Bob Davies, EOU president. “We want our students to have a positive experience from the moment they step through the door to the time they graduate.”

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**EOU welcomed 473 new freshmen for fall '09.**

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*Cover photo: EOU President Bob Davies is known for his weekly campus “walkabouts.” Photo by Laura Hancock.*

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# President Davies brings a return to EOU's roots

Story and photos by Laura Hancock

**B**ob Davies became Eastern Oregon University's 11th president in March and following his appointment by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education, he assumed the duties July 1, 2009. During a recent interview, President Davies shared his vision for EOU's future.

**Laura Hancock: Now that you've been on the job for several months, do you feel settled into the position and the community?**

**President Bob Davies:** Yes and no. To really learn about a community and develop a comfort level within a position, you need to complete a year. Like anything, there are

ebb and flows and you have to go through that experience to truly appreciate and understand the rhythm. Am I enjoying it and am I excited about the opportunities? Absolutely! The community has been tremendous and welcoming to my family and me. So, am I comfortable? Yes! The transition is going extremely well and I learn something new every single day.

**LH: What is the most exciting experience you've had to date?**

**BD:** Riding on horseback in the Pendleton Round-Up Westward Ho! Parade. It was an experience I will never forget, at least not anytime soon! I would also say that my first address to the faculty and staff during opening session was a very emotional moment. It was my first real opportunity to address the entire university in a collective manner and it was an important occasion for me. The outpouring of support we received following that address is something I cherish very much. The other surprise is the 9,000 miles I've logged visiting EOU's centers and constituents around the state.

**LH: What are some of the challenges of being a new president?**

**BD:** The economy is what most people view as the tipping point in terms of higher education and the changes we're seeing in society and in the value and ideals of education. These changes represent significant challenges in how we think and operate. The challenge we face is enrollment.

We are an enrollment driven university and we must control our destiny by controlling our enrollment. We will always be state funded and will rely on that funding to provide base support, but we have to think as a privatized university—not private—but privatized, and that means we need to be cognizant of how we create our own financial stability. We will do that through enrollment, gifts, and creating new revenue streams and partnerships. An entrepreneurial spirit is what we need to get back to. EOU has tremendous history and success in this area and what I as a leader look to do is foster that spirit, but it depends on our faculty and staff. What I can do is provide the structure, the mind-set and leadership to make it possible by allowing them to draw on their own abilities and skills.

**LH: EOU is seeing a dramatic increase in enrollment and the number of students living on campus. What do you believe are some of the factors contributing to this growth?**

**BD:** There are several things, and I don't think you can pinpoint one specific element. It comes back to two parts of our mission: access and affordability. We provide education when, where and how a student wants to learn, and we do it in a manner that is extremely affordable. The only barrier a student faces is their own desire to attain a college degree. What I think we've done over the last several years is show a concerted university-wide effort focused on recruitment and retention. It is everyone's job and responsibility to recruit new students and once they're here to make sure they have the ability to progress and ultimately graduate. There is no question that the economy is playing a role in the growth of our student population, but I believe it is less of a factor than at other institutions because of the type of students we are attracting, the procedures we have in place and because we are affordable and accessible.

**LH: You frequently go on "walkabouts" and host "Coffee with Bob" gatherings. Why are these important to you?**

**BD:** The critical part about being a university president is that you have to *be* the university. The university is the collection of our faculty, staff and students and what they all bring to the table, so it's important to know those individuals on a first-name basis and respect what they do and learn from them. The purpose of my walkabouts is to interact in an unstructured environment and enable people to tell me what they think without pulling any punches. I didn't want to get in the rut of coming to work and never leaving my office, so I simply start walking around campus. I pop into offices and meet individuals I never would have before. I'm always respectful and I don't ever want to intrude, but to get in on that level has been really dynamic. One time I met an entire family—the grandparents, parents and



President Davies rides with his family in the 2009 Homecoming Parade.

their two students—walking into the EOU Bookstore. As I was talking with the grandfather he said to me, ‘You know a lot about EOU,’ and I said, ‘Yeah, I work here.’ He asked me what I did and I said, ‘I’m the president.’ His response was, ‘No, seriously, what do you do?’ I just love the reactions when they learn I’m the president! The first is utter surprise and then there is a sense of pride that here, at a university, the grandmas and grandpas, the moms and dads and the students themselves, have the opportunity to talk with the president and tell him what’s right, what’s wrong, what needs to be changed and what should stay the same. The “Coffee with Bob” gatherings follow the tradition of going down to the local coffee house and talking to people about what’s on their minds. There is no formal program or agenda. We’ve done several on campus and in the community and we involve our online students and faculty in a virtual “Coffee with Bob.” I’m there with a cup of coffee inviting conversation. It’s all about being open and transparent, being accessible and talking about the issues, our successes and where we’re going with EOU and the opportunities and challenges. I cannot get that information in an unfiltered way by staying in my office.

**LH: You, your wife Cindy and daughter Katie recently made a \$120,000 donation to the EOU Foundation. Why did your family feel compelled to give and what will the funds support?**

**BD:** Over the course of the next 15 years, we are going to ask a lot of people to give to EOU. We are going to ask them to give financially and contribute their time, energy and expertise in support of EOU. We are going to ask people to give their sons and daughters to us for four years. In order for me to be sincere in those asks I’ve got to be giving and my wife and daughter have to be giving. This is also an institution where our gift will make a significant difference in the lives of students, faculty and staff. Another part of our decision goes back to some of the unique natures of American higher education. The outcome of a college degree is not just about a job, it’s about improving society, and as a society we need to help fund that cause because in the end it benefits everyone. We chose to support the

things we believe in and we also looked at the needs of the university. One of the greatest needs is to have funds available to students to help offset the cost of tuition and help pay for books and other expenses. We also chose to support students who are sophomores, juniors and seniors because they typically have less scholarship dollars available to them than freshmen. We specifically outlined our gift so funds will not necessarily go to the student who earns straight A’s, but to the student who has good grades and is doing great things in the community and outside of the classroom. Another portion will support faculty projects to help ensure that our professors are the best they can be. We also provided support for student organizations, the EOU Alumni Association, athletics and the Foundation itself.

**LH: What are your expectations one year from now?**

**BD:** We will have the beginning of a stable enrollment projection. In her presidency, Dixie Lund did a tremendous job of turning our enrollment around and this year we are seeing dramatic growth. Right now we have a peak and next year I want to see the initial start of our enrollment trend. I also want to have a much stronger presence on the West side of Oregon and

*“ . . . if we learn from our history and look back at EOU in its infancy when it established its core mission of access, affordability and engagement with the community, it thrived.”*

I want the State Board of Higher Education, the Chancellor’s Office and the legislature to better understand what we’re all about—that we are different, but we are great. We also have some important hires coming up to complete our administrative team and we’ll be offering additional programs at some of our centers, such as master’s degrees.

**LH: In October you were formally invested as EOU’s 11th president. What is the significance of the investiture ceremony?**

**BD:** The ceremony is a chance for the university to celebrate its history, its traditions and also its future. It is a time for the university community to come together and acknowledge our successes and the opportunities ahead of us. It is a ritual in higher education to mark the occasion of new beginnings and gives us the opportunity to say ‘we are a great university and we are working hard.’ It’s wonderful that the investiture was held in conjunction with Homecoming. Tying the events together sets the right tone and sends the message that we are building off the rich history, traditions and success of EOU. We’re applying those principles and core values to the new paradigm we face. Yes, we will make changes and face tough decisions, but if we learn from our history and look back at EOU in its infancy when it established its core mission of access, affordability and engagement with the community, it thrived. Let’s return to those roots and apply them to the new paradigm and move forward.

To read more of President Davies’ interview, log on to [www.eou.edu/president](http://www.eou.edu/president) and click on “Q & A with the President.”

# EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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## 2008 Annual Giving Report

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The EOU Mountaineer Booster Club established a category for Lifetime Membership in 2005. Lifetime Members have pledged a minimum of \$10,000 to benefit athletic scholarships.

## Lifetime Membership

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Furniture West, Inc.	Mountain West Moving & Storage	

# The Eastern Oregon University Foundation Year in Review

## Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2008

### ASSETS

Cash	\$ 960,321
Accrued interest receivable	577
Investments	3,907,902
Pledges receivable, net	121,692
Intangible assets, net	9,333
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,999,825</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

#### LIABILITIES:

Refundable advances	130,497
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 130,497</b>

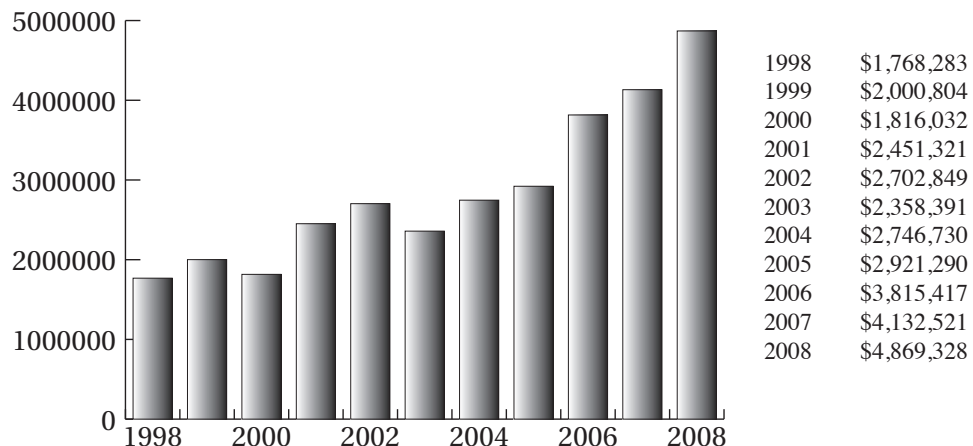
#### NET ASSETS:

Unrestricted:	
Undesignated	\$ 317,978
Designated by Board for University capital projects	52,890
Temporarily restricted	1,686,336
Permanently restricted	2,812,124
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,869,328</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,999,825</b>



Students have the opportunity to meet scholarship donors at the EOU Foundation's annual Tea and Trumpets event.

## FOUNDATION TOTAL ASSETS

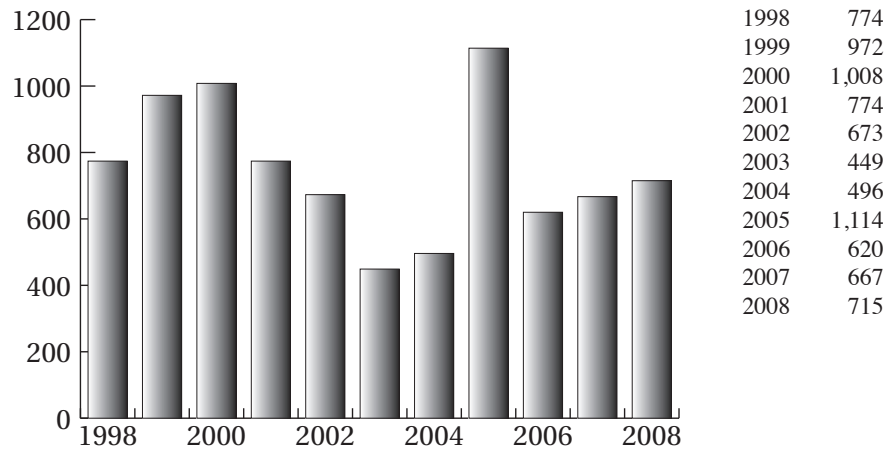




**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2008**

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
<b>REVENUE AND GAINS</b>				
Contributions	\$ 605,615	\$ 1,302,804	\$ 137,043	\$ 2,045,462
Investment income (loss)	(265,070)	(578,462)	-	(843,532)
Administrative assessments	18,839	-	-	18,839
Special event revenue	1,192	8,669	-	9,861
Other revenue	7,473	61,864	-	69,337
<b>Total revenues and gains</b>	<b>368,049</b>	<b>794,875</b>	<b>137,043</b>	<b>1,299,967</b>
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</b>				
Expiration of program and time restrictions	455,685	(455,685)	-	-
<b>Total revenues, gains and other support</b>	<b>823,734</b>	<b>339,190</b>	<b>137,043</b>	<b>1,299,967</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Administrative and general	96,405	-	-	96,405
Fundraising support	18,060	-	-	18,060
Other University support	448,695	-	-	448,695
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>563,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>563,160</b>
Increase (decrease) in net assets	260,574	339,190	137,043	736,807
Net assets, beginning of year	110,294	1,347,146	2,675,081	4,132,521
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 370,868</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,336</u>	<u>\$ 2,812,124</u>	<u>\$ 4,869,328</u>

**EOU FOUNDATION TOTAL DONORS BY YEAR**



**PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Permanently restricted net assets consist of the following at year end:

**PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:**

Endowment gifts received	\$ 2,751,707
Endowment pledges receivable net of allowance for uncollectable amounts, at estimated present value	60,417
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Total permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 2,812,124</u>

**DONORS HAVE PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR BENEFIT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Academic support	\$ 67,272
Student aid	2,576,597
Other University support	168,255
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Total permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 2,812,124</u>

**TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at year end:

**TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:**

Gifts received	\$ 1,636,370
Pledges receivable net of allowance for uncollectable amounts, at estimated present value	49,966
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Total temporarily restricted net assets	<u>\$ 1,686,336</u>

**DONORS HAVE TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR BENEFIT OF THE FOLLOWING:**

Academic support	\$ 116,003
Student aid	1,425,737
Other University support	144,596
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Total permanently restricted net assets	<u>\$ 1,686,336</u>



Supporting the EOU Foundation ensures the university is able to continue providing the highest quality education to students at an affordable cost.

# Honor Roll of Donors

The EOU Foundation wishes to recognize and thank all of our donors in 2008. The following list recognizes each donor who gave to the Foundation, including gifts to the EOU Booster Club, EOU Chamber Choir and many other organizations around campus. Donors are listed by the total amount given in 2008.

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# EOU honors alumni during Homecoming

Each year EOU salutes the accomplishments and contributions of alumni during Homecoming. The recipients of the 2009 Alumni Awards were honored at a reception and ceremony held Oct. 16.



## **James Rose, Distinguished Alumni Award**

James Rose, of Portland, first began his career as a student at Eastern Oregon College in 1944. The 17-year-old took a leave of absence from his studies to serve in the U.S. Air Force, returning after a three-year tour to earn his teaching certificate in 1951 and a bachelor's of science degree in elementary education in 1953. He received his doctorate in education from

the University of Oregon in 1967. Now a professor of education emeritus at the University of Colorado-Boulder, Rose got his start in teaching in the Milton-Freewater and Junction City school districts. He later moved to Lake Oswego where he served as a classroom teacher, school principal and assistant superintendent of schools for seven years. He has directed numerous education development projects and served on national boards. His expertise took him overseas as an education consultant working in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and China. Following his retirement in 1986, Rose continued to consult internationally on projects in The Gambia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Laos.



## **Gerald Young, Dixie Lund Service Award (posthumous)**

Gerald Young served EOU for more than three decades as a faculty member, dean and later as president of the EOU Foundation. He passed away April 29 of lymphoma at the age of 76. Young was born and raised in the La Grande area and his family has deep roots in the Grande Ronde Valley. He graduated from

La Grande High School in 1951 and attended Eastern Oregon State College for two years. He later attended Oregon State University, earning a degree in agriculture in 1955, followed by a Ph.D. in general science with a chemistry emphasis in 1969. Young joined Eastern's faculty as a chemistry professor in 1959 and later became division head of the science department and then dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. After retiring in 1995, Young continued serving EOU. He was a member of the EOU Foundation and part of the recent presidential search committee. On the civic front Young was also ever present and was a member of numerous boards and outreach organizations.



## **Craig Braseth, Dixie Lund Service Award**

Craig Braseth, of La Grande, is a founding member of the EOU Mountaineer Booster Club and is serving his seventh consecutive year as the club's president. In 1999, he joined other key community members to form the Booster Club as a way to help foster a connection with the community to support student athletes at EOU. In the past five years the Booster Club has awarded \$180,000 in scholarships for

student-athletes, and under Braseth's leadership the club has established a solid endowment for scholarships with 26 lifetime memberships. Braseth is the owner of Mountain West Moving and Storage Company and he often employs students who have received Booster Club scholarships. He is involved with countless other organizations that help young people succeed and his business is a major sponsor for the United Way of Eastern Oregon Tradition Golf Tournament.

The EOU Athletic Department also inducted the following new members into the Mountaineer Hall of Fame:

- Sean Nesbitt, cross-country/track and field (1993-97)**
- Ron Scott, baseball (1967-71)**
- Steve Carter, baseball (1970-72)**
- Roger Rada, football (1970-71)**
- Greg Nelson, wrestling (1968-72)**

## ***Nominations open for 2010 awards!***

Help us honor outstanding EOU alumni and friends by nominating someone today! Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2010. For more information visit [www.eou.edu/alumni/awards.html](http://www.eou.edu/alumni/awards.html).

# Mountaineer Tracks



## Greetings from the Alumni Association

Dear Alumni, Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the officers and Board of Directors of the EOU Alumni Association, I bring you our warmest regards and best wishes! It has been my honor and privilege to

serve this past year as president of the association and I look forward to the second year of my term with both enthusiasm and humility.

I chose to attend Eastern 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 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 this university, I can say the things we loved most about Eastern 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 university 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 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.

Visit [www.eou.edu/alumni](http://www.eou.edu/alumni) and update your information, check out the calendar of events, and most importantly, join us when you can. I hope to have the opportunity to see you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Daugherty, '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](http://www.eou.edu/alumni), update your address and enter your news in the "Mountaineer Tracks Update" box. We'll print as many updates as space allows!

## Class notes



### 1940s

**June Leafgren, '49**, is searching for others who attended Eastern Oregon College during the same time. Contact the Alumni Programs Office at (541) 962-3740 or e-mail [alumni@eou.edu](mailto:alumni@eou.edu).

### 1960s

**Bill Lewis, '66, '67**, taught art in La Grande and John Day and retired in Bend where he started his own business "Artsmart Packs - Art Lessons in a Box."

### 1980s

**Thomas J. Hironaka, '80**, transferred from Seattle Pacific's head basketball coach to WSU's assistant men's basketball coach.

**Lori L. Fischer, '81**, has been teaching for 25 years at Enterprise Elementary School. She and husband Rick commend their daughters for continuing the EOU tradition. Lynna graduated from EOU in 2006 and Alyse in 2008. Both are employed in Idaho as educators.

**Ginger Kennedy, '81**, retired from education in 2004. Since her retirement, she volunteers and takes classes to keep current in education. Her son, Johnathan, is at COCC in Bend pursuing an A.A. in criminal Justice. Her daughter, Kayla, will graduate in 2010 from Brookings Harbor and plans to attend OSU.

**Ryan L. Wardell, '81**, and his wife, Cheryl (attended) live in Hillsboro. They have two sons - Cole and Caleb. Ryan is Category Manager for Pacific Seafood. Cheryl is a physical education/health teacher in the Beaverton School District.

**Eric R. DeLora, '83, '90**, is currently the arts instructor at the Maybeck High School in Berkeley, Ca., teaching theatre production, acting, film, music history and theatre history.

**Cheryl (Bayne) Landes, '84**, was recognized as an Associate Fellow at an honors banquet sponsored by the Society for Technical Communication, (STC), at its



international conference in Atlanta in May. After graduating from EOU, Landes completed a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Oregon and moved into a career as a technical writer. For more than 18 years she has worked in a variety of industries, including computer software development, HVAC, marine transportation and Internet technologies. Landes has also published more than 100 Northwest travel and history articles and three books. She is the owner of Tabby Cat Communications in Seattle and is currently studying for a Ph.D. from Capella University.

**Jack Lane, '86**, and his wife Sandy (attended), live in Moscow, Idaho. They love to boat, fish, hike and visit friends from EOU. Jack tries hard to return for Homecoming every year and he invites old friends and teammates to join him as Boosters for the Athletic Department. Sandy and Jack met at EOU and married before their senior year, so EOU holds a special place in their hearts. Jack has been retired since 2002 and enjoys all outdoor activities and returning to EOU as much as possible.

2000s

**Stacy M. Chilton, '02**, graduated with her doctorate in chiropractics from Palmer college in 2008. She will be starting a clinic in Longview, Wash., the summer of 2009.

**Michael R. Eby, '08**, former EOU standout was named the Defensive Rookie of the Year in the IFL.

Births

Dashiell Brown was born Nov. 3, 2008 to **Lori Brown, '95**, and Shaun Brown in Salem. He joins big sister, Clara, who turned three in Sept. 2009.



Jonah Lyman was born Sept. 15, 2007 to **Courtney and Jason Lyman, '01**, of Enterprise.

Aissa Elizabeth Anne was born Jan. 27, 2009 to **Sherri and Kyle Erkel, '98**, in Iowa City.

Matthew Mitchell Neilson was born April 3, 2009 to **Jennifer and Mitchell Neilson, '01**, in Hillsboro.

Claire Elizabeth Fullenwider was born May 14, 2009 to **Lindsey M. Fullenwider, '00**, in Gresham.

Weddings & Engagements

**Connie Nelson, '99**, and Derek Kruse were married April 19, 2008. The bride is a graduate of La Grande High School and is the area market director for Jenny Craig Weight Loss Corporation. She is the daughter of Suzanne Nelson, '70, and Lyle Nelson, faculty, '69-80. The groom is a graduate



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

Obituaries

**Gordon B. Faires, '33**, passed away April 22, 2009, at the Odd Fellows Home; he was 98. Gordon is survived by his three grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, daughter and siblings.

**Matthew Peter Higgins** died April 26, 2009, after a four-year battle with cancer. He was 55. Matthew was born in Baker City on April 9, 1954. He attended St. Francis Academy and Baker High School, EOU and OSU, graduating in 1978 with a degree in forest management.

**Marell Huntsman, '35**, was born July 27, 1916 at Mt. Glen, Oregon to Appy and C. Ella Waite. She passed away July 17, 2009 in Boise, Idaho just shy of her 93rd birthday. Marell went to EOU when it was called Eastern Oregon Normal School and graduated with a life time teaching certificate. She taught school for 5 years in a one room school and then married Conrad C. Huntsman in 1942. They had 5 sons and 5 daughters, most who attended EOC with several graduating from the institution. The Huntsmans raised their children in La Grande and then 25 years ago moved to Boise to work in the LDS Temple located there. She is survived by 9 of her children, 51 grandchildren and 71 great grandchildren.

**George W. Jones, '50**, passed away on May 16, 2009. He was 88. George is survived by wife Louise, daughter Kristy Jones and three grandchildren, Caleb, Kylie and Kinleigh Jones.

**Janet M. Taylor, '51**, passed away Jan. 6, 2009 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton. Janet Maud Culp Taylor was born in Payette, Idaho. She was the fourth of six children born to George and Johannah Culp. Janet was raised on the family farm outside Vale. She graduated from Vale Union High School in 1948 and went on to attend college at Eastern Oregon College, where she received her teaching certificate. While at college, she met and married Thomas

William Taylor of North Powder. They were married June 17, 1951.

**Steven M. Lyell, '69**, died January 16 at the age of 61. Steve was born May 20, 1947, in La Grande. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1965 and from Eastern Oregon College in 1969. He finished his master's degree in counseling from the University of Oregon in 1974. Steve was married 36 years to the love of his life, Jean Baker. He taught school in La Grande prior to moving to Dallas in 1977. He was a guidance counselor at Dallas High School for 19 years, helping students with their schedules, graduation requirements and applying for scholarships. Steve finished his teaching career at LaCreole Middle School where he taught sixth grade, including speech, social studies, history and drama. Steve also coached his daughters in softball and coached the high school golf team. He joined the Dallas Volunteer Fire Department in 1981 and received the rookie of the year award in 1982. He became an engineer and later a captain. Steve enjoyed riding motorcycles. He rode to Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in 2003 with several friends from Dallas.

**James F. Holton, '69**, passed away on Sunday, April 5, in Pacific City, Ore., of natural causes. He was 66. Jim is survived by his wife Verla and their children, stepson, his mother and his sister.

**Mary E. Goode, '87**, Mary passed away from cancer at home on Sunday, April 26, 2009. She was preceded in death by parents, and brothers. Mary is survived by her husband of 30 years, son, and daughter, granddaughter and brothers.

**Jon E. Christensen, '88**, died on January 6 at the age of 44. Jon was born December 17, 1964, to Gail Wickan and Richard Christensen in Portland. Jon grew up in Corvallis and moved to La Grande his senior year of high school, graduating with the class of 1983. He attended Eastern Oregon State College, earning a bachelor of science degree in chemistry with a minor in geology in 1988. Jon married his high school sweetheart, Kathy Gilmore, on March 26, 1988. The couple moved to Tri-Cities in 1989 where Jon worked as a chemist for Westinghouse Hanford Co. for six years. Jon enjoyed golfing, hunting and shooting with his sons, brothers, and brother-in-law.

**William "Bill" Henry Spence, Jr., '69**, of Dallas, died Jan. 21, 2009. He was born in Wallowa to William H. Spence, Sr., and Mina E. Allen Spence. His grandparents homesteaded in Wallowa County in the 1880s. Bill grew up in Enterprise and graduated from high school in 1935. He joined the Navy in 1941 and after the war he was selected for appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He declined and returned to Enterprise and purchased an 80-acre farm. Bill married Elizabeth Cook in 1947 and the couple made their home on a dairy farm on Alder Slope. At the age of 48, Bill enrolled at Eastern Oregon College with the intent to pursue a career in teaching. He completed his degree in three years and taught fifth-grade in Joseph for 12 years. In 1985 the couple sold their farm and moved to Dallas to be closer to family.

**Georgia Viola Anderson**, of Seal Rock, Ore., passed away Jan. 15, 2009 in Waldport. She was 91. Born to Irving Hamilton Jones and Rhoda Elizabeth Stout Jones in Mitchell, Ore., Georgia attended Monmouth Normal School and graduated from Linfield College in 1937. Georgia went on to earn a master's degree in nursing from Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1940. Later, while heading the Student Health Services at Eastern Oregon College, she became a nurse practitioner. She married Eric Bjorn Osterholme and together they had five children. The family settled in Astoria where Georgia was the administrator for St. Mary's Hospital. In 1958 Georgia moved to La Grande to run the Eastern Oregon Student Health Services and teach classes. She retired from the college in 1977. That same year she married James L. Smith and moved to Clatskanie, Sweet Home and finally Seal Rock. After James' death, she married Houston Anderson.

**Gerald Young** served EOU for more than three decades as a faculty member, dean and later as president of the EOU Foundation. He passed away April 29, 2009, of lymphoma at the age of 76. Young was born and raised in the La Grande area and his family has deep roots in the Grande Ronde Valley. He graduated from La Grande High School in 1951. A member of his graduating class was Arlene Anderson, whom he married in 1955. The couple celebrated their 53rd anniversary last summer. Young attended Eastern Oregon State College for





two years and earned a degree in agriculture from Oregon State University in 1955 and a Ph.D. in general science with a chemistry emphasis in 1969. Young joined Eastern's faculty as a chemistry professor in 1959 and later became division head of the science department and then dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. After retiring in 1995, Young continued serving EOU. He was a member of the EOU Foundation and part of the recent presidential search committee. On the civic front Young was also ever present and was a member of numerous boards and outreach organizations.

**Thomas Gerard "Gerry" McNamee** died of colon cancer June 6 at home in La Grande. He was 66. Gerry was born Aug. 1, 1942, in Philadelphia, Pa., to Isabelle and Thomas F. McNamee. For the last 32 years Gerry lived in La Grande, doing various jobs, including juvenile counselor, rand hand, construction worker river guide, career rehabilitation counselor and electrician. But the job he enjoyed the most was teaching English and international studies at EOU from 1994 until his retirement in 2007.

**William Douglas Spear**, age 81, died May 25, 2009, at his home in Tigard after



a long illness. He was born Jan. 19, 1928, to William McLelland Spear, M.D. and Elsie Doak Spear. He graduated

from University High School in Iowa City, Iowa. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa and went on to teach at EOU for 40 years. In 1984 Spear was one of five professors honored for excellence in teaching by the Oregon State

Board of Higher Education. He dedicated himself to educational, charitable and community interests and held positions in city government, church, boards and commissions. In retirement, Spear and his wife Mary Ann enjoyed numerous trips to Europe, Scandinavia, Russia and Australia.

**Jean Neely**, of Cottage Grove, died Jan. 19, 2009 from cancer. She was 81. Born



to Roy and Myrtle (Ford) Neely in 1927, Jean graduated from Grants Pass High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree

from the University of Oregon. She attained a master's degree from the University of Washington and returned to UO for a doctorate of education degree. Jean was a longtime associate professor of women's physical education at Eastern Oregon State College and was named to the Eastern Oregon Hall of Fame as a charter member. After retirement she moved to Cottage Grove to be near her twin sister, Janice Neely.

**Bert L. Wells** passed away Sept. 28, 2009. He was born Nov. 5, 1929, in



Grandview, Wa., to Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Wells. His primary and secondary education was completed in the Grandview area and

he worked various jobs at fruit processing plants throughout high school. After a year of employment at an airport terminal in Point Barrow, Alaska, he took a job at the Hanford Nuclear site outside of the Tri-Cities. He was drafted in 1951 and spent the majority of his service in Japan as secretary to a colonel.

His musical talents were soon recognized and he performed with the band, "Far East Rangers," at officer's clubs while in Japan and continued to play in dance bands in the Tri-Cities, Walla Walla and La Grande after returning home. He married Elinor L. Wells on April 5, 1953 and they moved to Richland to continue his employment at Hanford. He wrote approximately 50 songs in his lifetime, some of which were recorded by Key Records in Hollywood. While music and entertainment continued to play a significant role in his life, his focus turned to college education and his family. He graduated from Walla Walla College, taught high school English, earned a master's degree, became a speech professor at Eastern Oregon University and raised three children. During his 25 years at Eastern he initiated and lead the competitive speaking team and enjoyed competing against larger schools. After retiring from EOU in 1989 he moved to the Oregon coast and in 2003 returned to his roots in south central Washington.

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## 2009-2010 EOU Alumni Association Board

**Pictured from left, back row:** Karin Tsiatsos, '93 (Homecoming Committee Chair), Cory Nelson, '04, (BS) and '06 (MBA) (Regional Events Chair), Holly Kerfoot, '85 (Vice President), Karen Schimmel, '69 (Secretary), Scott Coe, '86.  
**Front row:** Jon Larkin, '00 (director of Annual Giving and Alumni Programs), Mike Daugherty, '74 (Alumni Association President), Robert Kiser, '97, Bob Davies (EOU president), Mary Jo Lemon, '67 (past president of the Alumni Association, Homecoming Parade Chair), Jeffrey Church, '95, Larry Glaze, '74, John Patterson, '68 (Treasurer), and Bob McMillan, '68.  
**Not pictured:** Tricia Haddock, '04, Julie Gassner, '92 and Jeannie Goynes, '06.



## Outreach efforts earn national accolades

Against a backdrop of the periodic table of the elements, Anna Cavinato joined a small group of scientists on the stage in the Presidential Ballroom at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. From under the bright lights, Cavinato looked out at hundreds of members of the American Chemical Society there to celebrate the accomplishments of local chapters. Cavinato was called upon to accept an award on behalf of the committee she chairs—the Women and Minority Affairs Committee of the Richland Section of the ACS. The award: A ChemLuminary. The ceremony: Oscar-worthy.

Cavinato, a professor of chemistry at Eastern Oregon University, shares the honor with a group of dedicated individuals in the Richland, Yakima and Tri-Cities area and at EOU. More than 13,000 people from the U.S. and around the world attended the Fall 2009 National Meeting and Exposition of the ACS. During the meeting, the Women Chemists Committee presented the Richland Section with a ChemLuminary for Outstanding Performance. It is the only Outstanding ChemLuminary award given by the committee this year and the seventh one garnered by the Richland section for its outreach activities.

“The award recognizes many people,” Cavinato said. “It is a big honor. Richland is not a very large section, so for us to receive this award really speaks to the effort we put into the activities that involve women and minorities.”

Among the activities Cavinato refers to is Girls in Science, an annual program spearheaded jointly with the Northeast Oregon Area Health Education Center under the leadership of Sandy Ryman. EOU faculty, staff and student volunteers also play an integral role in the event. Other efforts include the Saturday Science Program presented for the first time last year in Ontario. In addition to fun scientific exploration for the students, parents also get involved in this event. EOU admissions counselors hold a session focusing on ways parents can help prepare their children for college. All the programs are hands-on and involve experiments in science and math, with participants gaining access to some of today’s latest high-tech research equipment in labs at EOU.

“The overall dedication of the Richland section and other individuals really make the chapter stand out,” Cavinato said. “The award is a result of the efforts of many. These programs give a glimpse of opportunity to students and contribute to their education. That is very powerful.”

Cavinato is the national secretary of the American Chemical Society’s Division of Analytical Chemistry and has been teaching at EOU since 1992.



Anna Cavinato, Ph.D.

## EOU named Military Friendly School

Eastern Oregon University joins the ranks of the nation’s leading institutions of higher learning doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students. “G.I. Jobs” magazine recently announced its 2010 list of Military Friendly Schools. EOU is among the top 15 percent of institutions qualifying for the honor.

A range of state universities and private colleges, community colleges and trade schools are included on the list compiled through a “G.I. Jobs” poll of more than 7,000 schools nationwide. All the schools share a priority of recruiting students with military experience. They also offer additional benefits to student veterans such as on-campus veterans programs, credit for service, military spouse programs and more. Criteria for making the list includes efforts to recruit and retain military and veteran students, results in recruiting military and veteran students and academic accreditations.

EOU’s resources for student veterans recently received a boost. Since the beginning of fall term a state appointed Veteran Service Officer has been on campus to assist veterans in pursuing benefits and be a referral source to other university resources. EOU also administers a Service to Country Scholarship, which all admitted student veterans are eligible to apply for.

For more information on resources for student veterans at EOU contact the campus Veterans’ Affairs Office at (541) 962-3504.

## “Best Buy” in business

EOU’s online degree in business administration is a real value and has been ranked a “Best Buy” out of 83 colleges and universities nationwide. A biennial survey conducted by GetEducated.com ranked EOU’s program 13th on the list of 54 accredited institutions making the cut. The survey focused on the most affordable online bachelor’s degrees in business and management. Schools considered a “Best Buy” offer degrees under \$43,000.

EOU’s rank holds steady with the results of the last survey completed by GetEducated in 2006, which paired the list down to the top 25 affordable business programs. With no out-of-state tuition charge, the estimated total cost to complete a four-year online degree in business administration is \$25,430.

Additional business programs offered by EOU are available at Mt. Hood, Chemeketa, Treasure Valley and Blue Mountain community colleges. To find out more visit the College of Business website at [www.eou.edu/business](http://www.eou.edu/business).



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# DONOR SPOTLIGHT—ROBBIE WALLER



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*Giving the gift of education*

The woman responsible for the sound of crystalline chimes ringing out across the Eastern Oregon University campus isn't a carillonist, but she is someone who appreciates music in its many forms. Robbie Waller particularly enjoys the music of bells, so much so that she gifted the funds to the EOU Foundation enabling the purchase of a new carillon. The carillon has an internal library of over 400 songs and can also be programmed to play original music, such as EOU's alma mater. An important benefit is that the new carillon has the capability for audio broadcast to use in emergency situations.

Waller's gift also included the funding for a new clock tower in the center of the campus quad. The clock's four faces light up at night. Both the carillon and clock tower are named in honor of Waller's father, C.W. Hoffman, founder of Rhonde Valley Lumber Company in Union in 1950, Eagle Truck and Machine in 1977 and many other area enterprises. Waller's father was also an avid musician.

*“What better place to share my father’s love of music and his passion for collecting timepieces than at EOU, the university in my front yard.”*

*—ROBBIE WALLER, LA GRANDE*

To find out how your gift can make a difference, please contact the EOU Foundation in the Office of Marketing, Development and Public Affairs at (541) 962-3740 or e-mail [foundation@eou.edu](mailto:foundation@eou.edu).



## 2010 Alumni Calendar

### February

Portland area alumni reunion  
College of Idaho basketball

### March

Tri-Cities student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Kennewick  
Baker County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Baker City  
Malheur County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Ontario

### April

Umatilla County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Hermiston  
Grant County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in John Day  
Harney County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Burns

### May

Wallowa County student recruitment tour and President's Reception in Joseph  
Rollin Schimmel Memorial Spring Football Scrimmage in Pendleton  
Spring Term Sunday Sundae

### June

Commencement Ceremonies  
Spokane regional alumni reunion

### July

Walla Walla President's Reception and wine-tasting  
Portland Timbers soccer game  
Chief Joseph Days Celebration

### August

Union County Fair and Parade  
Boise Hawks baseball game

### September

Pendleton Round-Up Parade and alumni reunion picnic

For more information on these and other upcoming events and activities, visit [www.eou.edu](http://www.eou.edu) or [www.eou.edu/alumni](http://www.eou.edu/alumni).

A complete listing of Mountaineer athletic events is available at [www.eou.edu/athletics](http://www.eou.edu/athletics).