



### Summer Theatre Camp Wins Prestigious NEA Grant

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) awarded a \$10,000 grant from its Challenge America Initiative to Eastern Washington University's Stage Door to the Future Summer Theatre Program for Youth.

The award was one of nine grants of either \$5,000 or \$10,000 given to projects within the state of Washington which create "partnerships that will build a healthy and active arts community, and expand understanding about the vital role of the arts in enhancing national creativity, community spirit and the preservation of America's living artistic cultural heritage."

Stage Door to the Future just completed its eighth year offering training in the theatre arts to young people ages 8 to 17. The project is a partnership with Eastern's Department of Theatre, the Boys and Girls Club of Fairchild Air Force Base and rural school districts in the region.

### Chapman Named Accounting Educator of the Year

Gordon Chapman, the E. Clair Daniels Distinguished Professor of Accounting at Eastern Washington University and chair of the EWU Department of Accounting and Information Systems, has been selected Educator of the Year by the Washington Society of CPAs (WSCPA).



Chapman

The WSCPA is a professional association representing more than 9,000 CPAs in the state.

Chapman was nominated for the award by the Spokane Chapter of WSCPA for his work over several years to better improve relations between educators and the accounting profession.

He was cited for his tireless efforts on behalf of his students and his work to improve the accounting program at Eastern.

Chapman has been teaching accounting at Eastern since 1979 and was acting dean of the EWU College of Business Administration 1986-88. He has a Ph.D. in accounting from Arizona State University.

### Kolts Named 2001-2002 "Faculty of the Year"

Russell Kolts, assistant professor of psychology at Eastern, has been named "Faculty of the Year" for 2001-2002 by the Associated Students of EWU.

The Faculty of the Year award honors one faculty member each spring for his or her outstanding commitment to students.

Kolts, who joined Eastern's faculty in fall 1999, clearly takes a student-centered approach to teaching, his students agree.

"Dr. Kolts possesses genuine excitement about teaching," one student said. "His love for psychology is readily shown

through his teaching style, and he brings real life examples and personal anecdotes to the classroom. He is a professor who puts teaching first and looks forward every day to the impact he will have on his students."

Kolts volunteers in the university's Counseling Center and serves as co-coordinator of Eastern's Trauma Response Team, a team which provided much needed service to the campus community after the terrorist attacks of last September 11. He is also a member of the university's Sexual Assault Advisory Board, working toward sexual assault prevention.

He holds a B.S in psychology from Oklahoma State University (1993), an M.S. in psychology from the University of Mississippi (1996) and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Mississippi (1999).

### Dickerson Receives Trustees' Medal at Commencement

Dr. Joan Dickerson, professor of education at Eastern Washington University, received the EWU Trustees' Medal for 2002 at Eastern's Commencement ceremonies June 15.

The Medal – consisting of a bronze medallion and a \$1,500 cash prize from the EWU Foundation – honors teaching excellence, significant contributions to scholarship and research, and accomplishments in the development of academic programs and curricula.

Dickerson's distinguished 24-year career at Eastern was noted by those who nominated her for the award, and by the many people – both at Eastern and in the education community outside the University – who heartily endorsed her nomination.

She serves as director of student teaching and is responsible for the placement of 300-400 pre-student teachers for classroom experiences throughout the region each quarter. She is assistant director of the Bureau of Educational Research and is responsible for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation report this year.



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**Annual Fund Thanks all Who Gave**

The EWU Annual Fund sends out a BIG THANK YOU to all alumni, parents, corporations, foundations and friends of the University for making the 2001-02 Annual Fund a huge success! Contributions in support of EWU through the Annual Fund between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002 totaled \$581,505.00! This represents an increase of approximately \$150,000 over the previous year.

Contributions through the Annual Fund are designated by the donor to general unrestricted support for day to day operations, scholarships, college excellence funds, athletics, the library, student life and many other areas of campus life. To help jump start this year's Annual Fund, make a gift by calling 1-888-EWU-ALUM or give online at [www.ewu.edu/foundation](http://www.ewu.edu/foundation).

**Patty Gregory named Idaho Social Worker of the Year**

Patty Gregory, faculty member of Eastern's School of Social Work and Human Services, was named Idaho Social Worker of the Year at the Idaho National Association of Social Workers in Pocatello.

Gregory graduated from EWU with a bachelor's degree in Social Work in 1971, and a master's in Social Work in 1987. She joined the faculty at EWU School of

Social Work in 1994 as a faculty field instructor in Idaho placing students in child welfare settings in Idaho through a partnership agreement between Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and the School of Social Work. She moved into the position of Director of the Idaho Child Welfare Research & Training Center in 1998.

Gregory has about 20 years social work experience in public child welfare practice. She developed an innovative partnership between IDHW, EWU School of Social Work and the Post Falls School District, and provided student placements in a program called Community Resources for Families (1997). Starting with a field unit of MSW students, last year her efforts to work in partnership with public child welfare in Idaho successfully reinstated child welfare stipends in Idaho and this year we have 30 MSW students placed throughout the state.

**College of Business Unveils Entrepreneurship Center**

Eastern's College of Business has expanded upon its Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurship program (begun in the early '90s) by establishing The Center for Entrepreneurial Activities. The Center's mission will be to stimulate, promote and support the systematic practice of innovative

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This will be accomplished through graduate education developing an entrepreneurial emphasis area in the MBA curriculum, enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities for start-ups and immature profit-driven companies, delivery of seminars and workshops for small businesses, research on entrepreneurial activities, facilitation of entrepreneur networking and service as a clearing house for entrepreneurial information, and creation of its own venture capital fund.

Already on board as Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurship is Dr. Robert G. Schwartz, most recently a full professor with the Stetson School of Business and Economics at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia.