



Eastern Alum is Miss Washington

Spokane's own Fianna Dickson (MSC, '03) was named Miss Washington in July with a platform of *Beyond Buckling Up: Saving Lives with Safe Driving*. As of press time for this issue of *Perspective*, she was scheduled to go on to the Miss America Pageant in September in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dickson will be busy during her year of service working with elected officials to assure renewed funding for traffic safety education, advocating for senior citizen retesting and driver training, creating partnerships among auto manufacturers, with parents and students determining key solutions to safety problems.

She will also form a summit with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, youth-oriented Street Law, National Highway Traffic Safety Association, and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety Education to *light the way* for safer roads across America.

Dickson was a 1997 Ferris High graduate who received her AA degree from Spokane Falls Community College, a bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University and her master of science in communications from EWU. She has worked as an intern with the Office of the Mayor for the City of Spokane, a public relations intern for St. Luke's Rehabilitation Institute and as a regional high school/college dance coach.

Her career ambition is to become a successful public relations professional, then attain a Ph.D. to become a tenured professor.

Her scholastic honors include being listed on the National Dean's List, membership in Iota Rho (National Communications Honorary Society) and serving as a Gonzaga University Ambassador, among other accomplishments.

2000-2002

'02 **Trenton Hansen**, BAE Spanish, and '00 **Amber Leonard**, BA journalism, exchanged wedding vows August 2000. Congratulations to Trenton and Amber on the birth of their new son. Trenton teaches Spanish and is the head football and wrestling coach at Jurupa Valley High School in Riverside, Calif.

'01 **Brandon Moen**, BA urban and regional planning, and '01 **Francesca Moen**, BAE mathematics, were married August 2002. Brandon is currently teaching 3rd grade in the Edmonds School District and is a transportation planner for The Transpo Group in Kirkland, Wash. Francesca teaches 8th grade pre-algebra at Meadowdale Middle School in the Edmonds School District.

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'99 **John Hausmann Jr**, MBA business administration, was recently awarded the Chairman's Award from America West Airlines' president and CEO, Doug Parker, in recognition of his work with the airline's safety program. John is a resident of Spokane.

'97 **Anthony Hundt**, BA recreation management, and his wife Becki welcomed their new baby boy September 24, 2002. The family lives in Vancouver, Wash.

'96 **James Olinger**, BS chemistry and mathematics, is now the lead project chemist for Streetprint Coatings at United Coatings Manufacturing located in Spokane. James resides in Spokane with his wife, Renee.

'96 **Sara (Yarbrough) Sandefur**, BA communication disorders and applied psychology, had a new baby boy in May 2002. Sara and husband Mike live in Tacoma.

'95 **Juan Garibay**, BA Spanish history, was the recipient of the Mary Meisenbach Excellence in Education award in June 2002, along with a \$10,000 prize. Congratulations Juan! He resides in Toppenish, Wash., and teaches at White River High School.

'95 **Shannon Muir**, BA radio television and English, regularly writes columns geared towards non-artists in the animation industry. Shannon was accepted to California State University Fullerton's Master's in Communications program in spring 2003.

'94 **Rachelle Anderson**, BA government, works as an attorney in Spokane. Rachelle welcomed a baby girl May 26, 2002.

'94 **Carla (Toombs) Seidel**, MA early childhood education, married Todd Seidel on July 4, 2003. Carla teaches first grade at Miller International Baccalaureate Academy in Las Vegas.

'93 **Erika Gainer**, BA sociology, achieved her goal and reached the summit of Mount Rainier in 1993. Erika has just recently purchased a house in Spokane and works in the field of aging.

'93 **Joseph Hanley**, BA geography/environmental studies, was recently promoted to branch manager of Spokane Teachers Credit Union's downtown branch.

'93 **Chris Pippard**, BA sociology, and his wife, Tracy are proud parents of new baby boy, Tyler Christopher Pippard, born on March 20, 2003. The family resides in Cameron Park, Calif.

The Anniversary that Nearly didn't Happen

Evelyn (B.A., B.S., '53) and Ron McKinney (B.A., '53) celebrated their 50th anniversary in June, a memorable event made even more so given the circumstances of their first meeting *and* first wedding.

Evelyn began her studies at Eastern in 1949. At that time, Ron was in the naval reserve in Korea after completing one year at Eastern. He returned in 1950, the first veteran to return to Eastern that January.

"Right after he had registered," recalls Evelyn, "he walked into a malt shop in Cheney with his parents. I was sitting at a table with my roommate, when Ron pointed his finger at me and said to his mother in a loud voice, 'That's the woman I'm going to marry.' He was amazingly brazen!"

Before long, they were going out together, but she was leery about marrying a serviceman. When she finally changed her mind, he was about to return to service and they had just three days to put together a wedding.

Immediately afterwards, she had to drive Ron to the train station so he could report to San Diego for duty.

As their 50th anniversary approached, they decided to redo the whole wedding, with the entire family, including grandchildren and several of the couple's Eastern roommates and classmates, in attendance.



Montana State vs. Eastern Washington University

Saturday, November 8, 2003

2:05 p.m.*

Joe Albi Stadium, Spokane, WA



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Governor's Cup Highlights and Activities

Friday, November 7

5 p.m. Pep rally at Riverpark Square
7:30 p.m. Royalty Pageant in Cheney in Showalter Auditorium

Saturday, November 8

11 a.m. Pre-game reception at Joe Albi*
2:05 p.m. EWU Football vs. Montana State
7 p.m. Governor's Ball at the Davenport Hotel

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Save the Date!

President's Cup with EWU Basketball vs. Gonzaga will be held on Wednesday, December 31 at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Spokane. More details to come!



ClassNotes

'93 **Stephen Poff**, MSW social work, worked as a social worker for 20 years and is now concentrating on writing. He has published an article and a poem about the horse, Seattle Slew. He lives in Ellensburg, Wash.

'93 **Cindy Towers**, BAE reading, is now teaching 3rd grade at Eastwood Elementary and lives in Roseburg, Ore.

'92 **Erik Humble**, BS mechanical engineering technology, and '93 **Jennifer (Neal) Humble**, BS biology, own a successful engineering and fabrication business in Spokane called *Moco Engineering and Fabrications*. They have two children, ages 5 and 3.

'91 **Michele (Turner) Trent**, BA radio-television, and her husband John, recently adopted three children from Russia. The couple resides in Avondale, Ariz.

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'89 **Cindy Williams**, BAE reading, is in her 5th year as director of the *Corner Stone Private School*, which teaches K-8th grade. Cindy lives in St. Maries, Idaho.

'88 **William Bittner**, MBA business administration, is now the manager of Pitz Sand and Gravel of Spirit Lake, Idaho. It is a business owned by the

National Youth Alliance of America to help finance a nature camp being built on the property near Spirit Lake. William resides in Spokane with his wife, Linda.

'88 **Nancy Hathaway**, BA studio art and theatre, is now the director of the Art Department at Eastern Washington University. Welcome to "Eagle Country," Nancy!

'88 **Jeanne O'Donnell**, BA government/ international affairs, has retired and now lives in Gig Harbor, Wash. Jeanne has two grandsons who attend Eastern.

'86 **Connie Schlothauer**, MA reading, is a retired 1st grade teacher and reading specialist from Campbell County School District in Wyoming. Connie now tutors students in reading and occasionally substitutes.

'86 **Cindy Slette**, BA dental hygiene, married Neil Hines in April 1992. They reside in Kennewick, Wash., with their twin boys, Heath and Troy.

'85 **Hillary Devin**, BA theatre, received her Master's of Business Administration from the University of Colorado-Denver in May 2002. Hillary is currently working for First Data Corporation in Englewood, Colo., as a member of the Corporate CFO group.

'85 **Jeffrey Karr**, BA physical education, played baseball at Eastern and went on to play for four years with the New York Mets. Jeffrey is currently teaching high school health. He also coaches football. He resides in Annapolis, Md., with his four sons.

'81 **Stephen Moore**, BA natural science, exchanged wedding vows with Kerrie Long in September 2002 in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Stephen is currently a captain for Delta Airlines based in Atlanta, Ga.

'81 **Suzanne Knapp**, MA biology, was promoted to district manager of the South Willamette Watershed District with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Suzanne lives in Independence, Ore.

'80 **Larry Mann**, MA history, and '79 **Carole Mann**, BA nursing, exchanged wedding vows July 13, 2003. The couple lives in Mukilteo, Wash., where Larry is a technical writer with the Washington School Information Processing Cooperation and Carole is a nurse-case manager with Snohomish County.

'80 **Vicki Costanzo**, BA radio-television, owns a figure skating and hockey apparel business called Ice Time Apparel in Burbank, Calif.

'80 **Mike Parker**, MA physical education, was

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recently appointed superintendent for the Concrete School District located in Spokane. He is married to **'82 Bobbi Parker**, BA reading,

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'78 Elinor Nuxoll, BA social work and journalism, retired in 1988 after 10 years of working with seniors. She is still active as a freelance writer and advocate for senior issues.

'77 Howie Stalwick, BA journalism, won the 2002 Herb Caen Memorial Award. The National Society of Newspaper Columnists presents the annual award for the top collection of notes/items columns in the nation. Howie also won first-place awards for his columns and sports features that appear in Idaho daily newspapers. He is a freelance sports writer living in Idaho with his wife Jennifer.

'76 Joyce Stockler, BA marketing education, has opened her own vocational school in Illinois, called Healthcare Inservices, after years of teaching.

'75 Lila Bryson, BA child development, retired from the state of Washington Department of Social and Health Services in 2003. Lila lives in Spokane and enjoys time with her seven grandchildren.

'71 Stephen Ames, BS biology, was re-elected Nov. 5 to his 6th term as County Coroner for Walla Walla County.

'71 Patricia Jackson, BA social work, is now a realtor with Tomlinson and Black in north Spokane.

'70 Jean Hordyk, BA recreation and leisure services, retired after 28 years as the director of the Port Angeles Senior Center, in Port Angeles, Wash.

'70 Frank Mace, BA special education, taught for 10 years and retired in 1982. Frank volunteers at the Veterans Hospital and has earned 5,000 hours. He resides in Cheney with his wife Marcia.

'70 Bruce Pennell, BA music, has taught music for kindergarten through 12th grade since 1971. Bruce has taught in three different school districts; South Whidbey, Liberty and Central Valley. He continues to play bass professionally in orchestras and as a substitute on cruise ships and in jazz clubs. He is married to **'68 Bonnie J. Whinnen**, BA education.

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'68 Corinne Anderson, BAE music, is teaching music at the new Emirates National School in Abu Dhabi, located in the United Arab Emirates.

'68 Bill Yeend, BAE speech communication, is the news announcer on KOMO radio in Seattle. **'68 Camilla Yeend**, English, is now the magazine editor for *Nostalgia Magazine*, also located in Seattle. Both are members of the Eastern Washington University Foundation Board.

'66 Jim L. Morasch, BA communication studies, is director of the Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco, Wash. Jim received the American Association of Airport Executives Distinguished Service Award in 2002. This award is given for professionalism and dedication to the industry. He has been involved in aviation for more than 30 years.

'65 Lyle Wirtanen, BA history, retired in 1998 after 33 years in education in Oregon and Washington. Lyle lives in Idaho with his wife, Frances Allard. In 2000, Lyle became director of The Historical Museum at St. Gertrude in Cottonwood, Idaho, and is enjoying his second career.

'63 Kay Gill, BA German, and **'63 Dale Gill**, BA biology, both served as figure skating judges for the past 25 years. Kay works at AAA Superior Laboratory in Spokane and Dale is retired. Their dog has just won the obedience championship title in a recent dog show.

'64 Shirlee Olson, BAE elementary teaching, and **'55 Robert Olson**, ME education, recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They both retired in 2003 from Coeur d'Alene School District #271. Kay taught and Robert was a principal.

'63 JoNell Barber, BA education, is retiring after teaching for 32 years in Eureka, Mont., and Lakeland, Post Falls and Coeur D' Alene, Idaho.

'61 Martha Speelmon, BA sociology, retired from the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System, where she worked as a medical records administrator/medical staff coordinator. She now resides in Long Beach, Calif.

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'53 Barbara Fisher, BA elementary education, is a retired teacher living in Kellogg, Idaho. Barbara retired in 1976.

'53 Robert Nelson, BA education, recently completed 50 years of basketball officiating in the Spokane area. In 1993, Robert was named a member of the Inland Empire Basketball Officials Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Nancy, are both retired and live in Spokane.

'53 Georgina (Rodeck) Nicholls, BAE education, has retired after many years of teaching. Georgina has taught internationally in Thailand; Papua, New Guinea, and China. She is a Tawanka member.

'53 Betty Southwick, BA education, taught for many years in Asotin, Wash.; and now has two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Betty is enjoying retirement and living in Idaho.

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'49 Leslie Taylor, BA economics, served his country during World War II as well as the Korean and Vietnam wars. Leslie retired as a Navy captain in 1972. He lives with his wife, Colleen in Mill Creek, Wash.