

Class Notes

2000–2004

'04 **Josh Miller**, BS computer information systems, was recently hired as an information technology specialist (systems analysis/security) for the FBI's Northwest Cyber Crime Task Force in Seattle. He serves as technical expert on all information technology matters for cyber-related cases and is creating course work to train law enforcement personnel.

'03 **Kris Monaghan**, BA recreation management, a 15-year Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour player, was recently named head teaching professional at Taos Country Club in her home state of New Mexico. With two wins on the LPGA Tour, she had previously taught golf in Spokane while a student at EWU.

'02 **Fred Salanoa**, BA recreation management, is head football coach at Radford High School (his alma mater) in Honolulu. Quarterback for the Eagles in 2001, he put the pads on again this summer as a member of Team Hawaii USA to face an all-star team from Japan's X-League in the Japan-USA Bowl in Tokyo.

'02 **Gregory Newell Smith**, BM and MFA, is a writer living in Moscow, Idaho. His first book, *The Solitude of the Open Sea*, a collection of narrative travel essays, was published this year and was nominated for a National Outdoor Book of the Year Award.

'01 **David Chamberlain**, BS chemistry, recently completed his doctorate in pharmacy at the University of Washington and has begun work as a clinical pharmacist at Providence Everett Medical Center.

'05 Kiyoshi Sakai, MBA, and '04 Kodo Yokozawa, MBA

Kiyoshi and Kodo recently got together in their native Japan with Eastern faculty who were visiting Asia University. Kiyoshi and Kodo talked about what an important part of their lives their experiences at EWU will always be. Kiyoshi and Dave Gorton, Eastern's MBA director, easily slipped back into their custom of swapping fishing stories (they both love to fish), just as they had done when Kiyoshi was a student at Eastern.



It was then that they had their ah-ha moment. Time was carved out, and the three of them went to a small stream in west Tokyo for the better part of a day of fishing (that's Kiyoshi with one of the dozen or so river carp they caught and released). The two alums also had to fish Gorton out of the stream when he slipped off the bank into hip-deep water.

On that trip in June, Gorton was visiting with prospective students throughout Japan and Taiwan, along with Mary Brooks, English Language Institute director, and Atsushi Inoue, assistant professor of computer science. Whenever they met with international alumni, they found them eager for news from their alma mater and eager to stay connected.

Kiyoshi recently started a job with a worldwide steel distributor based in Tokyo. Kodo is in a doctoral program at University of Twente in The Netherlands.

'01 **Tuan Le**, BAB management information systems, is an account executive for American Mortgage Network in Seattle. He was an invitee to the Chairman's Club 2005 for funding \$112 million in mortgage loans in 2004.

'01 **Chris Thew**, BA journalism, was recently hired as a reporter/photographer with *The Omak-Okanogan County Chronicle*.

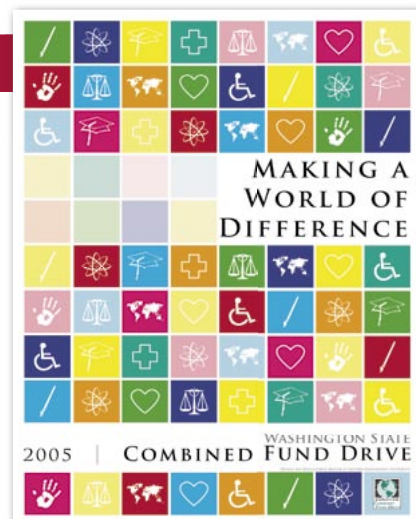
'00 **Tom Snitily**, BA criminal justice, recently received a medal of valor from the Portland Police Department for his bravery in stopping a stabbing in progress at a woman's home. A three-year Portland police officer, Tom wrestled the attacker to the floor until backup arrived.

'04 Lance Kissler, BA graphic communications

Lance was appointed this summer by Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire to a one-year term as the student representative to the state's Higher Education Coordinating Board. Lance, who is now pursuing a master's degree in communications at Eastern, is a health communications specialist for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in Spokane.

Lance and Eastern student Ian Shea (who is scheduled to complete his BA in graphic communications this fall) designed the poster being used in the current Washington State Combined Fund Drive, a state-run charitable-giving program to which state employees annually donate some \$5 million for distribution to local, national and international charities. The poster (6,000 of which have been printed and are on display statewide) is also being used as the cover for the Combined Fund Drive's companion guide to eligible charities.

Lance and Ian have been recognized by the state and the University for their design work on the poster, which was chosen in a statewide competition.



'00 **Chandra Schumacher**, BA business-accounting, and her husband, '01 **Jason Schumacher**, BS mechanical engineering technology, are new business owners in Odessa. This spring, they purchased Voise Sausage (now Voise Sausage by Schumacher), which supplies more than 50 retail outlets.

'00 **Joanna (Phillips) Bennett**, BAE reading, is an elementary school teacher in Las Vegas and recently earned an MA degree in education-curriculum and instruction from the University of Phoenix.

'90s

'99 **Carolbelle Branch**, BA interdisciplinary studies, recently was named public information officer for the city of Spokane Valley. She had served as executive director of the West Plains Chamber of Commerce.

'98 **Laurie Winn Carlson**, MA history, has just had a new book, *William J. Spillman and the Birth of Agricultural Economics*, published by the University of Missouri Press. Spillman is considered the founder of agricultural economics. Laurie, who lives in Cheney, is the author of many books, including *Cattle: An Informal Social History* and *Seduced by the West: Jefferson's America and the Lure of the Land Beyond the Mississippi*.

'97 **Brian Hart**, BAE social science, has been named principal of Sunnyside High School in Sunnyside.

'97 **Mary McDaniel**, BA radio-TV, was one of two speakers at this past winter's 25th anniversary celebration of Seattle's Center for Career Alternatives. She spoke of the help she was given to make a better life for herself, how she has helped her siblings who like herself moved north from rural Mississippi in search of opportunity and how she is giving back to the community by working as a teacher in the Seattle Public Schools.

'97 **Benaya Allison**, MS psychology/community college teaching, works as a psychologist for Grant County's Mattawa School District. She made a sister city visit to Gunpo City, South Korea, in the spring and is now working to forge school relationships between Korean and Grant County schools.

'97 **Thomas Granger**, BA government, is president of Florentine Design & Marketing in Bothell, a web design and development company, which recently opened a second office in Seattle.

'96 **Chief Allan**, BA government, was named chair of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council this spring; he had been vice chair and executive director and had previously worked in legislative affairs for the tribe.

'96 **Nadine Chapman**, MFA creative writing, has had a book of poetry, *On Solitude*, published recently by Finishing Line Press. She is an assistant professor of English at Whitworth College.

'96 **Anita Martinez**, BAB finance, was named chair of the regional board of the National Association of Credit Management. She lives in Spokane.

'96 **Brent Baldwin**, MURP, was recently named community planner for the city of Blaine, having worked previously for the city of Bellingham.

'95 **C. Andrew Coleman**, BA recreation management, has been awarded the Outstanding Professional Award in the Athletic/Fitness Section by the Washington Recreation and Parks Association. He is a recreation specialist for the city of Walla Walla.

'94 **Greg Wendt**, BA urban & regional planning, is assistant director of planning and building for Franklin County in Pasco, where he lives with wife, Heather, and 21-month-old daughter, Allyson. He had been a county planner in Maryland and Oregon.

'93 **Tina Hormel**, BA sociology, is an assistant professor of sociology at Worcester State College in Massachusetts. She was a member of a fact-finding delegation in June for the parliamentary elections in Nagorno Karabagh, a region that declared its independence from Azerbaijan. She will return to Ukraine in 2006 under a Worcester State College grant to continue her research on gender and the informal economy in that country.

'92 **Sheri L. Plucker**, BA recreation management, is a freelance writer who has written extensively about her daughter, Hailey, who has Down syndrome. Her article, "Humor in the Challenges of Life," was in the March/April issue of *MOMsense* magazine; her picture book, *Me, Hailey*, was released in August. Proceeds from her cookbook, *Kiss the Cookbook*, went to Sherwood Community Services, a nonprofit organization providing therapeutic services to children with disabilities. Sheri lives in Snohomish with her husband and children.

Rick Nesbitt, who completed the requirements for a degree in journalism in 1992, recently accepted a position as a field representative with the Washington Federation of State Employees, based in Spokane, where he will be responsible for local meetings and dispute resolution throughout eastern Washington. Rick worked in roofing and maintenance for 10 years at Eastern, where he served as executive vice president, acting president and steward with Local 931 of the classified staff union.

'92 **Ildiko Kalapacs**, BA studio art, is an active visual artist living in Spokane. The native of Hungary has had numerous exhibitions and will be exhibiting soon in Brussels and Budapest. She and her husband, Wayne Kraft, professor of German at Eastern, are involved in Hungarian folk dancing and have held numerous folk dance events in the region.

'92 **Jeff Kophs**, BA business administration, is the owner of the new iSold It franchise in Clackamas, Ore.

'91 **Ken Larsen**, BAE social science, was recently named vice president and assistant manager of residential loan production at Banner Bank's Bellingham administration office.

'80s

'89 **Vincas Greene**, BA liberal studies, is an associate professor of dance and director of dance/chair of Performing Arts at Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga. His wife, '87 **Robin (Henager)**, BA economics, is director of ministry impact for Crown Financial Ministries. They live in Gainesville with their daughters, Sierra and Tessa.

'89 **Mark Mansell**, BAE earth science, is the new superintendent of the La Center School District in southwestern Washington, having served as superintendent for two small eastern Washington school districts previously.

'88 **Uriel Iñiguez**, BAB business administration, was appointed executive director of the Washington State Commission on Hispanic Affairs in May by Gov. Christine Gregoire. He served as interim executive director for a year and has been with the Department of Corrections since 1989. He was featured in the fall 2004 issue of *Perspective*.

'88 **Mimi Blank**, BFA studio art, is the owner of Tiles by Mimi, a Spokane business that creates custom tile murals for homes and commercial clients across the USA.

'88 **John Weimer**, BA liberal studies, and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner in June at their home in Spokane. They were married June 18, 1955, in Columbus, Ohio.

'87 **Steve Worthington**, MPA, has been appointed city manager of Fife. He had been the city's community development director since 1998.

'86 John Welch, BA finance, was promoted to superintendent of Highline Public Schools this past March. He had been deputy superintendent. Previously, he was vice president for business and administrative services at South Seattle Community College.

'86 Joan Juskie, MFA creative writing, is living in Pocatello, Idaho, where she is enjoying temporary retirement. Joan is a poet.

'83 Victor Azar, BA government, is owner of Azar's Food Services in Spokane, which grew out of a small family business begun in 1973.

'83 Michael S. Gardiner, BA government, a commander in the U.S. Coast Guard, was installed this summer as the new commander of the Marine Safety Office in Valdez, Alaska.

'82 Albert Andrews Redstar, BA English, a Nez Perce tribal elder, is part of a project to preserve the spoken Nez Perce language. He led sessions in July at the 18th annual Summer Fishtrap Gathering writers conference at Wallowa Lake in Oregon, sponsored by Fishtrap Inc., a nonprofit organization "promoting clear thinking and good writing in and about the West."

'80 Tom Burnett, BA journalism, is the editor of *The Rathdrum Star*, a weekly newspaper he founded in 2004 that covers community news from Rathdrum and Spirit Lake, Idaho. He was previously editor of *The Post Falls Tribune* in Post Falls, Idaho, and had been a reporter with *The Spokesman-Review*.

'70s

'78 Rik Nelson, BA English and MA English, holds exhibits across the nation displaying artworks that are inspired by traditional quilt motifs. Living in Spokane, he creates collages from recyclables.

'78 Elinor Nuxoll, BA social work and BA journalism, now resides in Keizer, Ore. She is the former editor of Spokane's *Senior Times* and continues to contribute articles to the publication.

'77 Bill Burke, BA marketing, is a community development consultant and owner of Burke Marketing. Once the manager of Spokane's downtown Retail Trade Bureau, Bill is likely most well known for his annual September Pig Out in the Park event in Spokane's Riverfront Park.

'77 Hosey Horton, BA journalism, and his wife, Josephine, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Spokane. They were married May 14, 1955, in Reno.

'76 Brig. Gen. Scott West, BA history, was appointed this summer as commanding general of the 21st Theater Support Command in Kaiserslautern, Germany. He had been commanding general of the U.S. Quartermaster Center and School and deputy commanding general of Fort Lee, Va. He is one of five brigadier generals to have earned a degree at Eastern.

'76 & '80 Cliff Fisher, BA management and MBA, teaches environmental law at Hanover College in Hanover, Ind., where he lives with wife, Lori, and their sons. The Gonzaga Law School graduate is also teaching law classes at Purdue University. As a young man growing up in the Cheney area, he was a page for state Sen. Sam Guess.

'75 & '83 Myrna Gothmann, BA education & MEd reading specialist, and her husband, **'84 Bill**, MBA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June at their Spokane Valley home.

'74 Bonnie Pierce, BA child development, was a winner in *PieceWork* magazine's Needleworker of the Year 2004 contest. The Vancouver resident's white and cream crochet vest earned her the Crocheter of the Year award and was featured in the national magazine's May/June issue.

'89 and '90 LaRae Wiley, BA history and BA education

LaRae is embarking this fall on a two-year immersion project to help recover the Salish language, which she taught at Eastern this past academic year.

An enrolled member of the Colville Confederated Tribes, she will be teaching social studies and science at the Lower Similkameen Indian Band Education Centre's nmtang school in Cawston, B.C. The immersion school teaches in Salish half the day and in English the other half.

LaRae, whose grandmother and great-grandmother spoke Salish, studied the language with Similkameen elder Sarah Peterson, with whom LaRae and her husband, **'89 Christopher Parkin**, BA and BAE Spanish, will be living in Cawston these next two years. They expect to converse only in Salish.

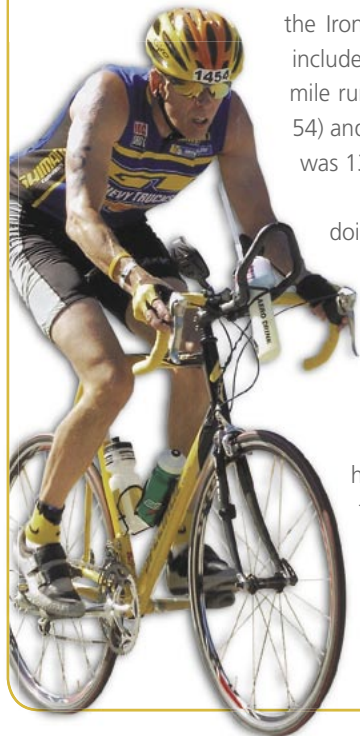
Christopher's company, Idiom Software, is developing Salish language learning software for the school, and he is also helping develop the curriculum there.

LaRae is best known in the region as a singer and musician. She has two adult contemporary (with a Native American influence) CDs on the market, *Kelly Hill* and *Dissonant World*, on which she sings and performs on keyboards, flute, harmonica and drums. Two other CDs are in the works, one in Salish and another adult contemporary offering, both projected for spring release.

"But now, I'm focusing on revitalization of the Salish language," she said. "It's critical because most of the speakers are elderly, and the time is now if the language is to survive."



'74 Peter Turping, BA business administration-marketing



Peter is truly an iron eagle. He participated this summer in the Ironman competition in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – which included a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a 26.2-mile run. He finished 41st of 97 in his age group (male 50-54) and 954th out of 1,761 starters/1,657 finishers. His time was 13 hours, 2 minutes, 57 seconds.

It was Peter's first full Ironman, though he has been doing shorter triathlons since 1982.

"The Ironman has beckoned me for a long time," Peter said. "It has a certain allure for a long-distance athlete – going through a disciplined process (seven months of training) with a single result to focus on. The finish was an emotional high."

He noted that the greatest athletic success he had while attending Eastern was lettering in golf. "It took me a while to figure out that I was more of an endurance athlete than a skill athlete he observed."

Peter is the accounting manager at Lockheed Martin Information Technology in Richland. Lockheed Martin holds the information technology contract for the Hanford Nuclear Site.

'72 **Stephanie Zoldak**, BA English, has been teaching in Post Falls, Idaho, since 1977, and received the Post Falls Middle School 2001 Teacher of the Year Award.

'60s

'67 **Henly "Ed" Reed**, BA communications, was hired recently by the Terrorism Research Center, a counter-terrorism think tank based in the nation's capital. He had been emergency management program manager for seven years in Pierce County, where he and his wife Kathy continue to live on the banks of Puget Sound in Olympia and where he works from his home office.

'67 **Robert "Pat" Patterson**, MEd mathematics, is a retired math teacher from Mercer Island High School. His father was Don Patterson, Eastern's president, 1954-67. Pat says he's excited to see the new EWU @ Bellevue center at Bellevue Community College and his alma mater's outreach in the Puget Sound area.

'62 **Laurel Hansen**, BA education and MA natural science, has just had a book, *Carpenter Ants of the United States and Canada*, published by Cornell University Press. A member of the biology faculty at Spokane Falls Community College, she is a recognized national expert on carpenter ants.

'50s

'58 **Joan (Neff) Brownlee**, BA business education and her husband, '58 and '62 **Phil**, BA physical education and MA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer at their home in Pateros. They both taught in schools in Omak, Pasco and Pateros, as well as farmed in Pateros.

'53 Molly Saty, BA education

Molly is a multiple award-winning poet. One of her works won first prize in the Arizona State Poetry Society's Cinquain Competition.

She and her husband, Bob, attended an April reunion in Virginia for men who served aboard the naval light cruiser *Tucson*. The Satys, who live in Newport and have a summer home in Peoria, Ariz., attended the reunion with friends '52 **Pat Johnson**, B.A. education, and her husband, Roger, who also served aboard the *Tucson*. The Johnsons live in Seattle. Molly and Pat taught in Spokane schools for many years.

Molly, who still teaches summer session English in Newport schools, retired in 1991 from full-time teaching in Spokane.

Wilderness Nights

Death lurks
Deep in the woods
Accustomed to nature's dark ways
I sleep



'57 **Norma J. Williams-Hall**, BA physical education, is retired and living in Bellingham. She earned a PhD in 1983 from the University of Iowa, taught school and was a principal; she now supervises principal interns for City University.

'53 & '61 **Stanley Heath**, BA early childhood education and MA education, was recognized as Volunteer of the Week in May by The Volunteer Center in Olympia. Having served 39 years in the Navy, the retired teacher has been a volunteer with Animal Services and provided help to Thurston County Television and Senior Services for South Sound.

'50 **Whit Workman**, BA elementary teaching, and '51 **Esther Baker Workman**, BA education, celebrated their 54th anniversary in August. They both taught in Colfax and Hooper; he was a special education reading teacher in Edmonds and she was a counselor at Everett High School for 28 years. Now retired, they reside in Edmonds.

'40s

'41 **Richard Heinemann**, BA economics/social science, farmed in Rosalia until retiring in 1995; he also taught traffic safety for Education Service District 101. His wife, '64 **Viola**, BA music, taught in Oakesdale and has been choir director at Rosalia United Methodist Church for 35 years.

'20s

'25 **Norma Rose (Shelton) Wills**, BAE education, celebrated her 100th birthday April 12. The Spokane resident farmed with her husband for many years on a ranch by the Snake River that was only accessible by WWI ferryboat.