

Class Notes

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'04 **Carrie Yowell**, BSW, owner of Carrie Lynn Flooring & Installation, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of interior design.

'03 **Gabriel Schaefer**, BA physical education, and '02 **Jennifer (Barnard) Schaefer**, BA business administration, moved to Beaumont, Calif., where Gabriel is a P.E. teacher in the Colton Unified School District. They have a 3-year-old daughter, Grace, and a son, Zander Lee, born July 28, 2008.

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'98 **Kory Kelly**, BAB, human resource management, and his wife, '99 **Tracy Kelly**, BAB, welcomed a 10 lb. 1 oz. boy named Brenden Thomas. Tracy is a human resource specialist for Gonzaga University and Kory works as a territory manager for GAF-Elk Corporation.

'98 **Seth Skipworth**, BA criminal justice, and '98 **Heather Skipworth**, BA psychology, celebrated 10 years of marriage in September. They are living in Olympia with their three daughters, Kyra (6), Taylor (5) and Alyssa (3). Seth is a community corrections officer for the state of Washington and Heather is taking time off as a social worker to raise their children.

'97 **Mike Qunell**, BS biology, lives in Puyallup and has been a Washington State Patrol trooper for four years. He's married to '97 **Kristine (Healy) Qunell**, BA art history, who works as a telecommuter for a dialysis company. The couple had a daughter, Willow, on Aug. 19, 2008.

'95 **Mollie Mangerich**, MA public administration, moved to Santa Rosa, Calif., to become the executive director of the Sonoma County Solid Waste Management Agency.

'90 **Norman Bellas**, MA music, received the Best of Blues Award for keyboard from the Washington State Blues Society in 1992. He has also released a blues album, *Out of the Norm*.

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'84 **Karen Allan**, BA health services administration, is the new director of branch operations for Yakima Valley Credit Union. She has been with the company for 23 years.

'84 **Larry Rencken**, BA marketing, has been named vice president of sales at Raymarine, Inc. Raymarine is a world leader in marine electronics.

'83 **Jeff Orwick**, BA professional accounting, has been named the Washington State Youth Soccer Girls Competitive Coach of the Year for the 2007-2008 season. Orwick coaches the River City Steelers in Spokane Valley, Wash.

'82 **Roger Wallace**, BA therapeutic recreation, was appointed to the PGA of America's Board of Directors. Wallace is the director of golf at Polson Bay Golf Course in Polson, Mont.

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'79 **Todd A. Erickson**, BA management, has taken a position as project manager with Pacific Northwest National Laboratories in the Megaports Initiative. The Initiative is the United States' second line of defense program aimed at detection, identification and interdiction of shipping containers that may hold illicit nuclear material in major international seaports.

'71 **Karen Lindstrom**, BA home economics, retired in 2002 after 30 years of teaching for the Portland Public School District.

'70 and '66 **Don Anderson**, MA and BA industrial technology, and his wife Genon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 24. The couple married on May 17, 1958, in Okanogan, Wash.

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'68 **Les Payne**, BA physical education, was recently honored in the town of Heppner, Ore., where he has coached high school football for 33 years. The Heppner Mustangs dedicated their field to Payne on Aug. 30. Payne played football at Eastern in the '60s and is a member of the 1967 team inducted into the Eastern Athletic Hall of Fame.

Robert Kraut ('76 MA visual art)

Robert Kraut has made a life out of his love for art. Raised in Spokane, Kraut studied fine art at Eastern before heading to the Big Apple, where he lived and worked as an artist for 17 years. Kraut returned to Spokane in 1994.

He says his "30-year obsession" with paint and process has evolved from constant experimentation with various acrylic mediums and methods of application.

"I like to mix my own paints and work with paint from a fluid state on a flat table to jelled pigments on an upright surface," says Kraut. "I believe the images and process create a very unique vision and hope the work will ponder the viewer and hold their attention on numerous levels of concentration."

You can see Kraut's work for yourself this winter.

Kraut has been invited to take part in an exhibit titled "Painting" at the Chase Gallery in Spokane City Hall from Nov. 4-Dec. 31, 2008.



'67 **Carroll Krupke**, BSW, and his wife Carolyn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in May. The couple married on May 8, 1948, in Spokane.

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'59 **Hollis Morris**, BA industrial technology, and his wife Kara celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 15, 2007.

'58 **Mickey Burdge**, BA physical education, taught P.E. for 25 years in San Diego, coached soccer for 30 years, and has retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel. He has four children and six grandchildren.

'57 and '50 **Gene Hoon**, MA school administration, and BA early childhood education and '54 **Julia (Altizer) Hoon**, BA education, are proud to announce their granddaughter, Jessica Richter, was chosen as the NAIA National Women's Basketball Player of the Year and was also named the MVP of the NAIA National Championship Tournament, which her team, Vanguard University, won. Jessica, who will play professionally in Luxembourg this coming season, is the daughter of **Linda Hoon Richter**, who played tennis at Eastern in the late '70s.

Alumni Photo Album

Spring and summer were full of exciting times as Eastern alumni gathered at several events to enjoy some great food and good company. From tasting some of the region's best wines to cheering on the Spokane Shock – there's always something fun going on when Eastern alumni get together. Check out more photos from these and other alumni events and see how you can get in on the good times at <http://alumni.ewu.edu>.



Fifth Annual Spokane Wine Tasting,
Spokane Country Club, May 2



Spokane Indians Baseball Game,
Avista Stadium, July 16



Spokane Shock Tailgate, Holiday
Inn Express, July 19



2008 Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

The following Eastern alumni (pictured left to right, **John Johnson** '75; **Brian Sites** '03; and **Romeal Watson** '05) were nominated by their fellow alumni and selected by committee for the three 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards: Johnson, Outstanding Achievement in Professional Endeavors (for an alum who has a strong record of career achievements); Sites, Community Building (for an alum who has worked to promote equity and worked to advance underrepresented groups); and Watson, Service to the Community (for an alum who has contributed significantly in community or University service through sharing or volunteer work). They were recognized at the annual EWU Benefactors' Dinner, May 29, 2008. Congratulations!