

Class Notes

'00s

'06 **Jamie Nash**, BA social work, has earned an MSW in community organization from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

'05 **Melissa Hall**, BA journalism, news editorial, is the sole proprietor of an importing business (gifts and home decor); works part time as a writer/graphic artist at Gibby Media Group, a multimedia film and video production company; works part time at her parents' restaurant and does voiceover/on camera projects for Spokane City Cable 5.

'04 **Jennifer Sherrill**, BA education, graduated in February 2008 with an MEd from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She's engaged to marry Jacob Larson Sept. 6, 2008.

'03 **Victoria Oliver**, BS developmental psychology, and her husband, Todd, welcomed a daughter, Jaida Noelle Oliver, March 11, 2008.

'02 **Derrick L. Peyton**, BA secondary education, is the head football coach and teaches life fitness courses at Lehi High School in Lehi, Utah.

'02 **Josie Tracy**, BA psychology, graduated in May 2008 with a PhD in clinical psychology

from the University of Mississippi. She did a predoctoral internship through the Southwest Consortium in Albuquerque, N.M. She's accepted a postdoctoral fellowship position in substance use disorders at the Seattle VA Hospital, which will begin in October 2008.

'00 **Heidi Sipe**, BA education, has been selected as superintendent of the Umatilla (Ore.) School District. She went to the district in 2000 to teach social studies. In 2002, she began administering the district's Title I programs and took on other programs over time. She served as assistant superintendent prior to being hired as superintendent.

'90s

'98 **Ricardo Chavez**, BA history, and his wife have welcomed a 9-pound, 4-ounce, daughter named Belen (Bethlehem in Spanish).

'98 **Seth Feist**, BA communication studies, recently joined Northwest Insurance Brokers in the Spokane Valley as an insurance agent.

'98 **Sandra Marie Marchand Stenhoff**, BS developmental psychology, earned her MS in 2002 and PhD in May 2008 from Indiana University. She is a college professor, teaching

leadership and psychology courses. She is also a certified fitness instructor. She's married to '05 **Aaron Stenhoff**, BA business administration. He earned his MBA in 2003 from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. He is the director of marketing and e-commerce for Red Roof Inns in Columbus, Ohio.

'94 **Kris Kallem**, BA recreation management. A member of EWU's men's golf team in '93 and '94, Kallem is now a PGA professional and was recently named general manager of the Fairways Golf Course near Cheney. He previously served as assistant golf professional at the Fairways.

'93 **Eric Christensen**, BA government, public administration, was hired as the director of finance for Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue Convention Center Authority, in Bellevue, Wash.

'93 **Kevin B. Dull**, BA government, received his JD/MBA from Willamette University in 1999. He was hired as an adjunct professor for Portland State University. He is teaching the *Strategic Business Management* capstone course for undergraduate business majors and continues to reside in the Portland area with his wife Susan and two boys, Bryce (5) and Tyler (23 months).

Alumni Photo Album

Winter 2008 was an exciting time as Eastern alumni gathered at several events to enjoy some great times. From helping current students network and learn about future careers to hitting the lanes for a little bowling – 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 www.ewu.edu/alumni.

Backpack to Briefcase Networking Lunch, Feb. 8, 2008



Governor Martin Alumni House Gala at the Davenport Hotel, Feb. 15, 2008



GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) bowling at ACME Bowl in Tukwila, Wash., sponsored by Liberty Mutual, March 15, 2008



Class Notes

'90 **Mathew Plank**, BA government, was recently hired as the director of marketing and development for Lilac Services for the Blind in Spokane.

'80s

'88 **Zeid M-AL-Rumaihi**, BS computer science, is working in Saudi Arabia as a country HR manager.

'87 **Keith Meadowcroft**, BA business, received his MBA in 1994 from Portland State University. He recently moved to Spokane to open an office and work as a business broker for Senior Living Investment Brokerage, specializing in brokering of senior housing. He and his wife Julie have a son, Kevin (13), and a daughter, Jenny (9).

'82 **Richard A. Payne**, BA secondary education, released his new book, *The Banjo and the Telescope*, illustrated by Dorothy M. Speiser, and written in English and Russian, on March 17, 2008. Payne previously authored *Charlie the Shy Cowboy*, *Collin the Canada Goose* and *The Real Reel Indians*.

'70s

'78 **Harriet M. Weber**, BA special education, has a new job as school administrator for Quincy (Wash.) Valley School.

'74 **Ken Derby**, BA general studies, and his wife Jacque celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 29, 2007. The couple married in December 1957 in Ramsgate, England.

'72 **Margaret Ennes**, BA education, decided to raise a family and work from home after 12 years of teaching for Rochester (Wash.) School District. Her husband Tim quit working for Weyerhaeuser, and they operated a tree service for 16 years. But she says with old age comes wisdom, so she opened a new business. She is celebrating her 10th anniversary as owner of A Rusty Rooster, Gift and Antique Emporium, in downtown Olympia (one block from the boardwalk and close to the farmer's market).

'60s

'69 **Randy E. Carruthers**, BA physical education, received his master's degree from Pennsylvania State University in 1971, the same year he married **Eileen R. Fisher**. Eileen attended Eastern from 1969-1971 and returned to earn her BA in liberal studies in 1995.

'69 and '57 **Ray Liberg**, MA physical education and BA education, a retired Army colonel and educator for 50 years, was recently honored at a West Valley (Spokane) School District School Board Meeting as the district's You Make a Difference award winner. Liberg's impressive resumé includes teaching 27 years at Argonne Junior High, coaching and administrative duties. He and teaching partner, Connie Stacy, helped develop the state-adopted HIV/AIDS curriculum. Ray and his wife Helen, a retired counselor for the WVSD, raised two sons who attended West Valley schools.

'66 **Alan Acock**, BA political science, holds the Knudson Endowed Chair in Family Research at Oregon State University. In 2007, he was awarded the University Alumni Distinguished Professor by Oregon State University. A fellow of the National Council on Family Relations, that organization honored him in 2007 with the Osborne Award. This national award is given to one scholar every other year for outstanding leadership and teaching. Acock has authored six books, 16 book chapters and more than 100 research articles. He lives with his wife '66 **Toni (Haney)**, who is an artist. They have four sons.

'66 and '59 **Bob Miller**, MA counseling and development and BA social science, and his wife Pat celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 14, 2007.

'64 **Marjorie Pederson**, MA reading specialist, and her husband Leonard celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 3, 2007.

'62 and '59 **Dick Harris**, MA elementary teaching and BA industrial technology, and his wife Jan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 15, 2007.

'62 **Lillis King**, BA education, retired in 2006 after 40 years in education. She taught at Colfax High School, South Kitsap High School, Central Kitsap High School and Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash. King is enjoying cross country skiing, boating, gardening, traveling and visiting her grandsons; two in Seattle and two in Aberdeen, Scotland.

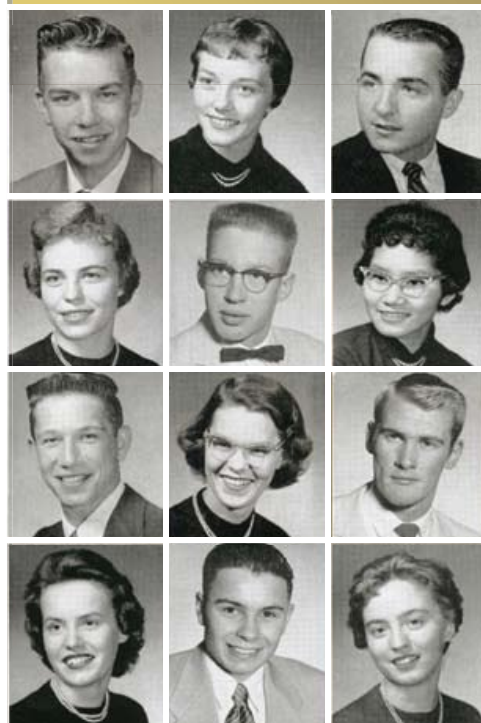
'50s

'58 **Mildred (Millie) Blessing**, BA education, and her husband moved from Washington to Arizona in 2000 after her husband retired. They purchased a home in a retirement community, Mt. Brook Village, located just below the Superstition Mountains.

'56 **Cal E. Milner**, BA education, retired in 1995 after 39 years of teaching – seven in Omak and 32 in Pasco. Cal's wife Nelda passed away in 2001, and he now lives in Richland, Wash.

'56 **JoAnn Richardson**, BA education, and her husband Karl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2007 with a family barbecue at the home of their son and daughter-in-law in Spokane. Their friends, four children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson helped them celebrate. They are retired and living in Burbank, Wash.

'51 **Demitrios (Jim) Prekeges**, BA education, has been elected to the Washington State Mathematics Council Hall of Fame. Prekeges was recognized for his many contributions to mathematics education within the state and across the nation. He retired in 1983 from EWU's Mathematics Department.



1950-1965 Reunion: Golden Memories

Take a step back in time to a golden era at Eastern as we celebrate the classes of 1950-1965 at the 2008 reunion!

Presidential Welcome and Medallion Reception

Kick off reunion by meeting your friends at this special welcome reception. Eastern President Rodolfo Arévalo will present members of the class of '58 with their golden graduate medallion. Hosted beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Campus Luncheon

Take a walk down memory lane on campus with a delicious meal and '50s movie slideshow complete with movie-style popcorn. Top off a great day with the unveiling of a very special Tawanka tribute.

Golden Memory Booklet

Submit your favorite Eastern memory or picture, and we'll include it in this booklet. Memory booklets will be available to take home at the reunion campus luncheon. Submit memories to: Alumni Advancement, 506 F Street, Cheney, WA 99004-2402