



*Eastern's Woodward Stadium received a dramatic facelift in 2002, with a stunning new entry arch, decorative brickwork and other improvements.*

## **New Members, Chair, Appointed to EWU Board of Trustees**

Paul Tanaka, county administrative officer for King County, and Bertha Ortega, assistant vice president for community relations at Heritage College in Toppenish, have been appointed to the Eastern Washington University Board of Trustees.

Neil McReynolds, a Seattle business and civic leader, has been elected chair for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Gov. Gary Locke appointed Tanaka to a three-year term, through Sept. 30, 2005, replacing Cindy Shiota, a Seattle businesswoman who stepped down from the board for health reasons.

The governor appointed Ortega to a five-year term ending Sept. 30, 2007. She replaced Michael Ormsby, a Spokane attorney who served on the board for 18 years.

"While we will clearly miss the guidance and insight we received from both Cindy Shiota and Mike Ormsby, I am pleased at the caliber of individuals the governor has appointed to help set policy for Eastern as we move forward into challenging financial times for higher education," said Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, EWU president. "Our senior administration looks forward to working with them."

"The EWU Board of Trustees is pleased with the great strides Eastern has made in recent years under the presidency of Steve Jordan," says incoming chair McReynolds, "but we are very concerned about the impact of state budget cuts and the outlook for state funding in the near future. Trying to find a long-term funding solution and helping the administration deal with the budget cuts on campus will be high priorities for the board in the year ahead."

## **Computer Science Students tops in the state**

Eastern's Eagle 1 team of computer science students ranked seventh in the Pacific Region – and tops in the state – in the recent Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Pacific Region Programming Contest. EWU was the only Washington institution placing in the top 10.

This is the second year in a row that EWU was the state champion in the competition which challenged 75 teams of high caliber computer science students from 32 colleges and universities to solve six complex, real-world problems, with a five hour deadline. The competition was held Nov. 9 in Fremont, Calif., and Federal Way, Wash.

EWU's Eagle 3 team placed 11th. A team from the University of Oregon solved all six problems, ranking them number one in the region, which consists of colleges and universities from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, northern/central California and western Nevada.

## **EWU Bomb Threat Causes Campus Evacuation**

Eastern Washington University evacuated its Cheney campus shortly before noon on November 13, when a bomb threat was called into the campus and refer-

enced Al Qaeda.

The campus was closed and students, staff and faculty asked to leave the grounds as campus police, supported by various other law enforcement agencies, scoured the campus and ultimately reopened the campus that evening.

"This brings home to us in a very tangible way the very different world we live in since the events of September 11," said EWU President Stephen Jordan in a letter to the campus community after the event.

"We gained assurance in the knowledge that we truly are a community that cares for one another and that we can respond quickly in an emergency," the letter continued.

"We lost something very important, as well. As a community of learners, as a community that values open discourse and the free exchange of ideas, as a community that cherishes our differences and sees in them a commonality of mankind – we are diminished by events that cause distrust and suspicion, that narrow our thinking or engender a creeping sense of us versus them. I hope we will discuss this in an atmosphere of light and illumination and that we will grow in our knowledge – and not let ourselves be diminished."