

Class Notes

2000–2004

'03 **Jeff Boekelman**, B.A.B. management information systems, is an analyst at Weyerhaeuser Corporation headquarters in Federal Way, Wash.

'01 **Aaron Olson**, B.A. psychology, a guard on the Eagles basketball team 1999-2001, played in the Summer Olympics in Athens for the New Zealand men's basketball team. He now resides in Whitehorse, Canada.

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'99 **David Bienus**, B.S. biology, is a senior research technician with the National Cancer Institute at the Frederick Cancer Research Facility in Frederick, Md. He lives in Sandy Ridge, Pa.

'92 & '85 **Jack Marchant**, M.Ed. school administration and B.A.E. physical education, recently received his Ph.D. in educational leadership from Washington State University and now coordinates the Professional Certification Program for WSU Spokane.

'91 **Jeff Stannard**, B.A. communications, is a recruitment manager for Kraft Foods in Seattle. He and his wife '91 **Leslie (DuMont) Stannard**, B.A.B. business administration, live in Kent, Wash., with their children.

'90 **Dale Gredler**, B.A. urban and regional planning, was recently appointed to the U.S. State Department Foreign Service; he lives in Washington, D.C.

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'89 **Sonia Arevalo-Hayes**, B.S. organizational and mass communications, was appointed by Gov. Gary Locke to the Bellingham Technical College Board of Trustees. She is director of student outreach services at Western Washington University, and she and her husband '88 **Thomas Hayes**, B.A. urban and regional planning, own a small business in nearby Blaine – T.C. Trading Co., a federal inspection station for imported meat and poultry and a cold storage warehouse and distribution center serving Canadian and U.S. businesses.

'87 & '83 **Carla McLane**, M.B.A. and B.A. marketing, recently changed careers and is now working in Oregon land use planning, serving as planning director for Morrow County in rural northeast Oregon. Carla is a resident of Umatilla, Ore.

'86 **Rebecca Conry**, B.A. chemistry, was granted tenure at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, where she has taught general and inorganic chemistry since 2000. Rebecca has also conducted research in the areas of bioinorganic and organic metallic chemistry and has received research funding from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, Research Corporation and the American Chemical Society–Petroleum Research Fund.

'84 **Julie Grazian**, B.A. marketing, was elected to the Coronado Unified School District Board of Trustees, Coronado, Calif.

'80 **Mike Parker**, M.A. physical education, is superintendent of the Concrete (Wash.) School District, and his wife '82 **Bobbi Parker**, B.A. reading, is a resource room teacher in Sedro Woolley, Wash. Mike was on Eastern's football team, 1971-72, and Bobbi was a student athletic trainer at Eastern.

'80 **Barbara Thiry**, B.A. early childhood education, recently began her 24th year teaching first grade for Washington's Almira-Coulee-Hartline School District. Her daughter Erica is a sophomore at EWU pursuing a teaching degree.

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'79 **Curt Didier**, B.S. industrial technology, is the owner and operator of an 1,800-acre custom farming business in Eltopia, Wash.

'79 **Sewart Nordal**, B.A. marketing, was re-elected president of the board for the Kitsap Community Development Program in Washington's Kitsap County, a revolving loan fund for start-up and expanding businesses. He lives in Poulsbo, Wash.

'77 **James Walters**, B.A.E. English, has been teaching in a private high school for 26 years. Head of the English Department at O'Dea High School in Seattle, he recently adopted twins from China.



Jeni McNeal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

'93 **Jeni McNeal**, B.S. physical education, was a director of physical preparation for centralized training for the U.S. diving team at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens. As part of the Sport Science and Sports Medicine Team (a group of professionals in nutrition, medicine, physical therapy, sport psychology and biomechanics), she oversaw strength and power training and flexibility of the athletes.

She continues in that role and will be making four to six visits a year to the centralized training site in Indianapolis to evaluate and coordinate training and competition schedules in preparation for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing. (The rest of the time, she coordinates training prescriptions over the Internet.)

In addition to her Olympics responsibilities, Jeni McNeal, who earned a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Utah in 2000, is an associate professor in the EWU Department of Physical Education, Health and Recreation, where she serves as graduate program director.

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'76 & '72 **Wilma (Kosonen) Alkire**, M.A. reading specialist and B.A. speech communication, teaches at Black Lake Elementary School, and her husband **'76 & '72 William Alkire**, B.A. urban and regional planning and B.A. child development, served as Gov. Locke's director of policy and legislation. They live in Lacey, Wash.

'76 **Mike Hopley**, B.A. physical education, owns and operates Alaskan Adventure Charters, an Alaska fishing charter business in Soldotna, Alaska.

'72 **Dan Carper**, B.A. sociology, is a partner in the New York City-based investment firm Lord Abbott, LLC. He and his wife Margie, who also attended Eastern, visited with EWU President Stephen Jordan last fall and gave credit to the late Jeffers Chertok, dean of the EWU College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, for

instilling many of the values and lessons that are important in his life. As a result, they made a gift to the EWU Foundation in Dean Chertok's Memory.

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'67 **David Pietz**, B.A. general business, is president of the Albuquerque Unit of Interfaith Hospitality Network, a nonprofit organization helping homeless families in New Mexico. He is also an environmental consultant for Eveready Battery Co.

'61 **Mescal Greer**, M.A. special education, has written two children's books and is currently living in Petaluma, Calif.

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'54 **Joe Dickinson**, B.A. English, and his partner in the Pocket Sandwich Theatre,

the dinner theatre they formed 24 years ago in Dallas, recently received the Dallas Theatre League's Standing Ovation Award for their outstanding contribution to the Dallas theatre community. The Pocket Sandwich Theatre is the only for-profit theatre in Dallas. Joe retired several years ago from his position in marketing services at Texas Instruments, and his wife **'56 Margaret**, B.S. education, is a retired school teacher. They live in Plano, Texas.

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'49 **Gerald Carlton**, B.A. education, is pleased to report that he and his wife Alma try to play golf once or twice weekly in Yakima. His goal is to achieve a golf score equal to his age, but the best he did in 2004 was an 84.

Marriages

'90 **Dale Gredler**, B.A. urban and regional planning, and Caroline West, Oct. 9, 2004. He works for the U.S. Foreign Service and will be stationed in Jakarta, Indonesia, in May.

'92 **Laura Pomeroy**, B.S. organization and mass communication, and Jason Smith, June 2004; living in Pine Grove, W.Va.

'93 **Katrina Glass**, B.A. history, and Alfred Parise, April 3, 2004. She is an Army major living at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

'96 **Erica Miner**, B.S. dental hygiene, and **'96 Chad Larsen**, B.A. psychology and reading certificate, Oct. 30, 2004. She is a dental hygienist and he is a teacher at Meridian Middle School, Bellingham.

'96 **Todd Aalbu**, B.S. human biology, and **'95 Tamsie Lundberg**, B.S. physical education, April 3, 2004. He works at a physical therapy clinic in Lake Stevens and she works in the Marysville School District in Snohomish.

'96 **Curtis Guy Eccles**, B.A. English, and Kristina Marie Campbell, July 10, 2004. He is employed at Woodland High School in Castle Rock.

'97 **Misty Sun Nichols**, B.A. accounting, and Sean Pierre Norman, July 24, 2004. She is employed by Century 21 in Colville. They reside Springdale.

'98 **Sandra Marchand**, B.S. applied psychology, and **'95 Aaron T. Stenhoff**, B.A. business administration. She works at Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis and he is working at American Trans Airlines.

'99 **Matthew Zuchetto**, B.A. government, and Elisabeth Wright, Sept. 4, 2004. He is an attorney in Spokane.

'99 **Ben Willey**, B.A. communications, and **'97 Jen Heidal**, B.A. liberal studies, Oct. 2, 2004. He works at World Affairs Council in Seattle and she works in public relations for Nordstrom.

'00 **Kimberly Baird**, B.A. reading, and Ryan Yahne, July 24, 2004. She is a math teacher at Glover Middle School in Spokane.

'01 **Beverly Johnson**, B.A. reading, and **'01 Matt Williams**, B.A. human resource management, July 31, 2004. She is a teacher and he is a business analyst in Bellingham.

'01 **Linda Klein**, MSW, and Michael Beard, Jan. 17, 2004; living in Orofino, Idaho.

'02 **Jennifer Brown**, B.A. outdoor recreation, and Jeff Baldwin, Aug. 14, 2004; living in Redmond.

'03 **Lisa Wilson**, B.A. reading, and EWU student Keith Dunlop, Aug. 7, 2004. She is

a first-grade teacher at Medical Lake Elementary. He works for the Spokane School District.

'03 **Trevor Baker**, B.A. general management, and Jaidean Watson, June 28, 2004; living in Spokane.

'03 **Andria Assink**, B.A. human resources and general business management, and Troy Hively, Aug. 21, 2004; living in Spokane.

'03 **Elizabeth Beer**, B.A. art history, and Chris Cowan, July 24, 2004; living in Tacoma.

'04 **Rachel Swinyard**, B.A. general management, and Steve Schuerman, June 11, 2004; living in Spokane.

'04 **Melissa Albert**, B.A. elementary education, and Mike Nettleingham, Sept. 4, 2004; living in Spokane.

'04 **Laci Chipps**, B.A. drug and alcohol studies, and Brian Jamison, Oct. 9, 2004. She works at YFA Connections in Spokane.

'04 **Kimberly Rusch**, B.S. communications, and Toby Rose, July 10, 2004. She works at Lamar Outdoor Advertising and he is an account executive at Comcast television advertising in Spokane.