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'05 **Krista Jones**, DPT (doctor of physical therapy), recently joined the physical therapy staff at Pullman Sports Physical Therapy.

'05 **Chase Davis**, MURP, serves as regional representative of the Sierra Club in Spokane.

'04 **Meagan Jones**, BA chemistry, a second-year medical student at Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine, spent 10 weeks volunteering at a hospital in Ecuador's capital city of Quito. What helped get her there, she said, was the research project on Spanish- and English-language poetry from South America she completed while in Eastern's Honors Program. She became intrigued and inspired by South American culture and landscapes. "And, this past summer, I was able to experience it firsthand...I am so thankful for having had the opportunity to work with Dr. Perry Higman (Honors director and professor of Spanish), which had such a great impact on my life as a medical student."

'04 **Sesean Stephen Hsu**, BA communication studies, recently joined the John L. Scott Tacoma South realty firm. While a student at EWU, he was an outside linebacker on the Eagles football team.

'03 **Gabriel Schaefer**, BA physical education, was one of the recipients in the Honoring Home-town Heroes event in Spokane in November. The Air National Guard staff sergeant received the hero award for his quick action in helping to save the life of a high school student on the wrestling team Gabe coaches. The young man suffered a seizure and collapsed, and Gabe provided first aid and CPR until medical help arrived. Gabe, who teaches and coaches in Spokane, is a member of the Air Force National Wrestling Team, which trains at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado. He hopes to compete in the Olympics eventually.

'03 **Shawna Hughes**, BA recreation management, is the new recreation director for Fairfax County, Fairfax, Va., where she established a program promoting health and wellness for older Americans.

'03 **Sarah M. Bisom**, BE education-reading, teaches second-language learners in Yuma, Ariz. She recently taught in a rural junior high school in Japan.

'03 **Josh Roys**, BA communications and marketing, was recently named general manager for business operations for the High Desert Mavericks Class A baseball team in Adelanto, Calif. Josh had been director of promotions for the

'02 Matt Hales, BA theatre

Matt Hales is a technical stage designer for some pretty big name talent – like Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones, Billy Joel and Bon Jovi.

Has he ever met any of the stars who perform on the stages he designs? "Well, no, I haven't met any famous people themselves, but I do meet famous people's roadies," said Matt, whose work for Tait Towers rock and roll stage production company in Lititz, Pa., has kept him busy these past few years.

But, the Chewelah native wasn't too busy to return to campus in November to speak to students about his work and to visit with his mentor, Don McLaughlin, EWU Theatre Department's technical director. "I would not be where I am today without the guidance of Don McLaughlin," Matt said. "He is hands down the most inspirational educator I have ever encountered."

Matt, who went on to earn an MFA from Carnegie-Melon University, does a lot of his work using autocad drafting and does some prototyping as well. Some of the results of his artistry can be seen in this 45X30-foot set being used in Paul McCartney's current tour. The stage with a half pipe at the back includes a high-resolution video screen embedded in an aluminum frame on an acrylic lit floor.

"Every project starts from a clean slate," Matt said, "which makes it exciting for me, every time." At holiday time in December, he had completed work for the 2005-2006 Super Bowl halftime show and was working on the technical design and beginning construction of Billy Joel's stage for his tour and in the early phase of design for the next Tim McGraw-Faith Hill tour.



Spokane Chiefs and had been a member of the Eastern hockey team.

'02 **Dan Emerson**, BA health and fitness, is the new assistant men's basketball coach at Seattle University.

'02 **Bethany Luck-Hudson**, BS communications, this fall became destination marketing assistant with the Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau. Previously, she was assistant director of marketing for River Park Square.

'01 **Tinka Schaffer**, MSW, is the development director at Children's Village in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a safe-haven placement center for children.

'01 and '04 **Erik Larson**, BA education-music, BM music and MA music, has a new position as director of music at Wayne M. Henkle Middle School in the White Salmon Valley School District.

'01 **Emily Hammond-Miller**, BA education-reading, is a special education teacher in Bothell. She and her husband, Scott, had a son, Eli, in October 2004.

'00 and '02 **Joelean Copeland**, BA English and MA interdisciplinary, was hired last summer as executive director of the West Plains Chamber of Commerce based in Cheney. While pursuing her master's at EWU, she served as managing editor at the EWU Press.

'00 **Susan Schafer**, MEd-elementary teaching, is the new preschool teacher at Ritzville Elementary School; she taught previously at Ritzville Co-op Preschool.

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'98 **Sandra Marchand Stenhoff**, BS developmental psychology, is an instructor at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis, where she has only to complete her dissertation for her PhD. She is also a college career counselor and fitness instructor. Her husband, '95 **Aaron Stenhoff**, BA business administration, is director of marketing communications for One America (America United Life Insurance); he earned his MBA from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

'98, '01 and '03 **Michelle Mallett**, BA liberal studies, MEd-curriculum and instruction and BA art, is now working as a graphic arts teacher and librarian in the Boise schools, having worked overseas as a curator of education.

'98 **James Moran**, BA education-social science, has been the head coach at Centennial High School for two years. The Nampa, Idaho, resident coached his JV high school boys soccer team to win its first Southern Idaho Conference 5A District championship.

'97 **Michele Starostka**, BA international affairs, works as an agent for NCIS in Bremerton, specializing in domestic violence and child abuse cases. She expects to do an overseas tour – in Japan, she hopes, where she previously participated in a Japanese Exchange Teaching Program. While a student at Eastern, she worked with the English Language Institute and Asia University America Program. She and her husband, Chris, will be participating this March in the Outrigger Canoe World Sprint Championships in New Zealand.

'97 **Heather Crouch**, BA special education, is a new kindergarten teacher at Whitson Elementary School in the White Salmon Valley School District this year. She taught previously in Soap Lake.

'96 **Justin Von Hagel**, BS mechanical engineering technology, is director of engineering at Triumph Composite Systems in Spokane, where he and his wife, Katey, reside with their two children. He earned an MBA in 2001 from Seattle University.

'96 **Estella (Lori) Eldridge-Vaszary**, BA English, owns Lori's Web Design, managing 35 sites across the nation and specializing in websites having problems. She also writes about web design issues and owns three poetry websites.

'96 **Chad Collins**, BS biology, is the new assistant principal at North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo.

'96 and '98 **Deborah Cox**, BA business administration and MPA, was recently promoted to administrative director of Spokane County Fire District 1 (Spokane Valley Fire Department), where she has worked since 1999.

'96 **Elwyn Behnke**, BA music, teaches piano in the Kids on the Block after-school enrichment program in McMinnville, Ore., serves as part-time minister of music at the McMinnville United Methodist Church and performs in the region, both vocally and on keyboards.

'95 **Jason Mikkelsen**, BA recreation management, works in outside sales with Xtra Lease LLC in Albany, Ore.

'95 **Eric Wickwire**, BA education-social science, joined the faculty at Cle Elum High School this fall. He had taught at Sequim High School for the past three years.

'94 and '03 **Ryan Golden**, BA criminal justice and MSW, was a Red Cross volunteer in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita, in Bay Town, Texas, in October and November, helping with client family services. "It was outstanding to see how many people from all across the country volunteered their time to help families in need there," said Ryan, a crisis response specialist with Spokane Mental Health.

'92 Thomas Hampson, BA government

If you know opera, you know Thomas Hampson. The internationally renowned, Vienna-based baritone performs across the globe, singing the title roles in such works as Rossini's *Guillaume Tell* and Mozart's *Don Giovanni*. (His website is <http://www.hampson.com>.)

But, in November, he was on campus having lunch with a group of EWU Honors students, spending a few hours talking, laughing and exchanging stories. This was after giving a benefit performance for the renovation of Spokane's Fox Theatre for the Spokane Symphony and conducting master classes for voice students (he is pictured here, center, with the master class). He's generous that way, said his friend Randel Wagner, director of choral and vocal activities at Eastern.

An international star of opera, musical, oratorio, recital and recording performance, Thomas hails from Kennewick and attended the Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, where he met Wagner and where, as a sophomore, he was cast as a lowly knight in the school's production of *Camelot*, while Wagner, a senior, sang the role of Lancelot.

And, he's the same guy who worked construction in the Tri-Cities, waited on tables and sold advertising in order to attend college. "Student loans kept me alive," he told students at the luncheon.

While earning a baccalaureate degree at Eastern, he served as student body president (and considered a career as an attorney and/or politician) and took piano lessons from the late Gwendoline Harper. "She scared the bejesus out of grown men," he remembered.

He was philosophical, speaking at length to the students about education, which he distinguished from just attaining information. "Education is gaining knowledge." He said there's a perfect word for it in German: *gnos*.

Spelled backwards, *gnos* is song," Thomas said. "Your knowledge is your song."

A sense of humor never far from the surface, he lightened things up by observing: "And, you know, golf spelled backwards is flog, which seems appropriate. To come up with these bits of information, you need inordinate amounts of airplane travel time."



Class Notes

'94 **Karen Azzinnaro**, MEd supervising (clinic) teaching, was named Teacher of the Year for Educational Service District 101 in September. She is a third/fourth-grade teacher at Sunset Elementary School in Airway Heights.

'92 **Ted Hanson**, BA business administration, is the new vice president/commercial team leader in the Spokane Valley branch of Intermountain Community Bank.

'91 **Rich Gibb**, MBA, is the new director of financial services at Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska.

'91 **Shannon Cartier**, BS organizational and mass communications, recently was hired as a news anchor at KVEW-TV, the ABC-TV affiliate in the Tri-Cities.

'91 **Lori Sheldon Byrd**, BA marketing, is a manager at Jenny Craig in Arvada, Colo. She and her husband, Rob, had a son, Jacob, this past April.

'91 **Darren Reed**, BA business, works as a mortgage loan officer at Key Bank in Seattle.

'91 **Charlene Lund**, BA social work, and her husband, '93 **Martin**, BA liberal studies, went to Ukraine last spring to work at a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. Charlene is a program coordinator in Eastern's Academic Support Center.

'80s

'89 **Heidi Wood**, BA business administration, is the new office manager for A.C.T. Video Productions in Fife.

'88 and '98 **Lori Preuss**, BA education-English and MA English, earned her JD from Gonzaga Law School in 2002 and is now a deputy prosecuting attorney for San Juan County, Wash.

'88 **Edward Craner**, BA radio-TV, recently published a novel, *The Saints of God's Country*, a story set around the north Idaho fire of 1910. Edward, who earned his MBA while living in California, also authored a business book, *There's Nothing Gross About Profit*. Both titles are available on Amazon.com. He and his wife, '88 and '91 **Dianna (Watson) Craner**, BA business administration and MPA, live in San Antonio, where he works for AT&T. They have two sons: Nathan, 7, and Nicholas, 4.

'88 **David E. Rogers**, MFA creative writing, is a professor of English at Valencia Community College in Orlando.

'87 and '90 **Patricia Shea**, BA business-marketing and MBA, was appointed by Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire this fall to a five-year term as a member of the Spokane and Spokane Falls Community College Board of Trustees. She is manager of Energy Emergency Services at Avista Utilities in Spokane.

'86 **Bobby Carson Sells**, BA criminal justice, is retired and living in Nashville. While in the Air Force in the 1970s, he served in Japan and Iceland, among other stations.

'85 and '87 **Brad Cardinal**, BA physical education and MS college instruction in physical education, was named Health Educator of the Year 2005 by the Oregon Association for Health Education. Brad, who taught at EWU, 1987-90, is associate professor in the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Sciences at Oregon State University.

'85 **Allan Gainer**, BA radio-TV, was elected mayor of Cheney in November. He owns and operates a bookstore in Cheney.

'84 **Suzanne Endres**, BA English, is a journalism teacher in Kennewick. Her entry into the Blanchard (Idaho) Daze T-shirt design contest last summer won top prize. (Note: Suzanne minored in art at Eastern.)

'84 and '88 **Teri Zillyett**, BA English and MEd school administration, retired this past summer from her post as principal of the junior/senior high school in Montesano.

'89 Tracy (Reeves) Zimmerman, BA radio-TV

Tracy has a new friend named Emmy – Emmy, as in the award from the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences.

At a special black-tie event Oct. 21 in New York City, Tracy and her Nashville-based Piranha Pictures, a film and video production company, won a national Emmy in the Public Service Announcement-Sponsored Commercial category. It was for "Booze It and Lose It," a 30-second PSA that was part of the state of Tennessee's highway safety campaign against driving drunk.

"We really thought we were a long shot," Tracy said. "The other two finalists for the award were the Ad Council and Oxygen Media, which is Oprah's company."

In the winning spot, a man kicks a sleeping grizzly bear, who then begins to growl. The message flashes that this action makes as much sense as driving drunk.

The live grizzly scene was filmed in California with Barney, the grizzly, and his trainer – and, yes, it made her nervous, said Tracy, who before starting Piranha Pictures 10 years ago with her husband, Robert, worked at a radio station in Portland and with an ABC-TV affiliate in Birmingham, Ala.

She gives a lot of credit to the late David Terwische and to Marvin Smith at Eastern for their guidance. "My employers were always impressed that I knew so much right out of the gate," she said. "We did a lot of radio and television production work at Eastern, so I had excellent training."

Tracy lives in Nashville with Robert and their children: Zachary, 11; Jack, 9; and Laura Joy, 19 months. She notes that Barney is scheduled to receive his very own Emmy for the public service announcement, too.

Who gets to hand it to him has yet to be determined.

(Eastern has had three student Emmy winners since 1997, plus other regional and national Emmy award winners among alumni. '85 Scott Schaefer, BA radio-TV, won three National Emmy Awards for Outstanding Writing for Bill Nye, The Science Guy and PBS/Disney, as well as six Northwest Emmy Awards for Writing and Producing on KING-TV's Almost Live!)



'85 Jacque (Liptak) Coe, BA radio-TV

Jacque Coe can make you a millionaire.

Well, in truth, she doesn't do it on her own. One of her duties as communications director for Washington's Lottery is to hand out checks "of extremely large amounts of money to very nice people from all over Washington.

"It's a tough job, but someone's got to do it."

Handing out those six-figure checks is a delight, she says, noting that each of the big winners has a terrific story.

She recalled the Seattle couple who won \$9 million. They were quite financially secure already, so they formed a family foundation to give away their winnings. Then there was the Pasco sergeant who worked at a correctional facility. He was a single father of a 6-year-old girl, and they lived in a one-room studio apartment. He was trying to work out some way to get her into a better school and into a house. He'd buy an occasional lottery ticket "just to dream," Jacque said.

"He won Lucky for Life, which gives him \$1,000 (pre-taxes) a week for the rest of his life. He still has to work, but now he's got a new home in a good neighborhood and the life he dreamed of for his daughter."

Jacque's life is pretty good, too, she said. After graduating from Eastern, the Spokane native worked in broadcast journalism in North Dakota, Oregon and Idaho, and at KREM-TV in Spokane and KING-TV in Seattle. She also worked for the Alliance for Education, the charitable foundation for the Seattle Public Schools. In December, she received her accreditation in public relations from the Public Relations Society of America, making her one of just 4,500 people in the nation with this credential.

And she's quite proud of her alma mater.

"I am really impressed with the new *Eastern* magazine and how improved and visible the University's alumni and development outreach on the west side of the state has become. Eastern is really getting noticed over here," said the Seattle resident. "I'd like to encourage all Eastern alumni to attend an Eastern event to help support fundraising efforts to strengthen our university."

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'83 and '90 **Robert Lamb**, BA physical education and teaching certificate, began his first year as an elementary school counselor at Mountain View Elementary School in Quincy. He taught middle and high school in Soap Lake and Chelan previously.

'82 **Greg Delavan**, BA management, is director of Idaho's Coeur d'Alene Airport and president

of the Coeur d'Alene Lakeshore Property Owner's Association.

'81 **Kris Mikkelsen**, BA business administration-accounting, was elected chair of the EWU Board of Trustees for the 2005-06 academic year. CEO of Inland Power and Light in Spokane, she is a member of the board of directors of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development

Council and Neighborhood Action Programs. She is also a member of the executive board of the EWU Foundation.

'80 **Lance Walker**, BA fine arts, received the 2005 CenturyTel Distinguished Service Award (classified staff) this fall, given in recognition of outstanding service to Eastern. Lance, a systems specialist and Multimedia Lab manager at Eastern, is credited as being the driving force behind changes and improvements to the lab; he is also involved in many volunteer activities at Eastern and in the community.

'80 **Bill Linton**, BA accounting, joined the Bellevue law firm of Inslee Doezie and Ryder, PS; he is also chair of the Downtown Bellevue YMCA board of directors. His wife, '80 **Sharon (Kester)**, is communications manager at Meydenbauer Convention Center. They live in Bellevue with sons, Andrew and Peter.

'80 **Alonda Moran**, BA social work, this past summer opened a Curves health club in Deer Park.

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'79 **Marieta (Alferez) Johnson**, BA criminal justice, serves as chief court administrator for Northern Saint Louis County in Northern Minnesota. The Virginia, Minn., resident was recognized as one of 10 Women in Leadership by the NBC-TV affiliate in the region. Among other accomplishments, she established the Virginia Foundation to raise money to help the community, and the foundation has achieved a \$1.8 million endowment.

'79 **Sam Worth**, BA recreation administration, and his wife, '81 **Rose (Donnelly)**, BA education, celebrated their 25th anniversary in August with a ceremony renewing their vows. Sam manages a NAPA store in Walla Walla, and Rose works for Community Bank.

'77 **Raymond C. Fox**, BA government, was promoted to brigadier general in the U.S. Marine Corps in a special ceremony Nov. 4 in Arlington, Va. Ray is currently stationed at the Pentagon, where he serves as assistant deputy commandant for Programs and Resources. A native of Spokane, the naval aviator served in Desert Storm in 1990 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. He earned a graduate diploma in management from the Australian Army Command and Staff College and has attended the U.S. Army War College. Ray earned his master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg University.

'74 Gratton O'Neal (Neal) Sealock, BA military science, retired from the U.S. Army last May with the rank of brigadier general. In November, he was appointed airport director overseeing Spokane International Airport, Felts Field and the Airport Business Park. In 2001, while serving as U.S. defense attaché in China, he made national headlines as principal negotiator on Hainan Island for the release of the detained crew of an American fighter plane that landed there (that story was profiled in the fall 2002 issue of *Perspective*). Neal received Eastern's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2003.

'72 Tom Crouch, BA finance, is the new business manager for the Deer Park School District; he held a similar position recently with the East Valley School District in Spokane.

'70 Tom Sneva, BA physical education, was inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in August. Now living in Phoenix, the former Spokane resident has 13 Indy Car wins, two national championships and an Indianapolis 500 win during his racing career.

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'69 Lynn Stockwell Showell, BA physical education, chairs the Franklin High School Art Department in Lodi, Calif., and is testing teacher in the internal baccalaureate program. She has taught for 35 years.

'68 and '75 Paul Brueggemeier, BA education-music and MEd-music, is teaching music at Eastern this year. He retired from Spokane Public Schools (Ferris High School) in 2003 and enjoys being back at his alma mater – except that it does limit the amount of time he and his wife, **'67 Sue**, BA education-home economics, have to visit their five grandchildren.

'67 Ed Sullivan, BA social science, taught for 38 years in the Pomeroy School District, retiring this past year.

'65 Georgia Warren Urlacher, BA education-social science, retired this past summer after a 36-year teaching career, mostly in the Belfair area.

'64 George Madrid, BA education, lives in Tracy, Calif., where he is semi-retired, still teaching in an independent-study high school in nearby Livermore and spending weekends in the mountains, RV traveling and woodworking.

'62 Vince Aguirre, BA history, retired to Priest Lake, Idaho, in 1993 after a career teaching in Chelan and Hooper and working in the meat

'68 Bill Yeend, BA education-speech/communications

If you find yourself caught in the gridlock of Seattle's a.m. traffic, Bill's voice on the KOMO morning radio show can always be counted on as a familiar and informative and energetic presence. That, and a latté, can help you through the morning.

Bill just completed his 37th year in radio – most of it in the morning drive-time slot. "I love the energy of it," he said. "I get there at 3:30 a.m., and when the mike goes live at 5 a.m., I'd better have something to say."

Bill has been saying and doing a lot in broadcasting since he married the 1966 Eastern Days Queen, **Camilla Sparks** ('68, BA English), during spring break 1968 (they are both former EWU Foundation Board members). From London, he covered the wedding of Prince Charles and Princess Di for Seattle's KIRO radio in 1981 and, in 1982, was the first to do a week of radio broadcasts from the Soviet Union, which garnered an Edward R. Murrow Award for best radio news station.

He also hosted a TV golf show, 1994-02, *The Golf Club* on KIRO-TV and *Golf Tour Northwest* on Fox Sports Northwest. A devout golfer (he was on Eastern's golf team), his most unforgettable experience was the opportunity to play golf with Arnold Palmer at Indian Summer Golf Course in Lacey.

Of the two mediums he's worked in, he prefers radio. "It's more fun. There's a lot of waiting in TV work – waiting for the light to be right, for camera batteries to be replaced, for all sorts of things. The creative process is largely out of the hands of the performer."

He's been broadcasting for a long time, but he hasn't run out of ideas yet. "As long as I keep having fun, I'm going to keep doing it."



business in the Portland area. He also served 30 years with the U.S. Army.

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'53 Barbara Jean Harwood Fisher, BA elementary teaching, lives in Kellogg, Idaho, where she has been involved in volunteer activities since retiring from teaching. She serves on the Habitat for Humanity board and writes articles for the local paper and Habitat newsletter.

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'48 Wilbur Wagoner, BA early childhood education, retired 25 years ago after a 32-year teaching career and 10 years as a part-time volunteer. He resides in Walla Walla.

'41 and '60 John Cassidy, teaching certificate in education and MA industrial technology, and his wife, **'41 Harriette**, a member of the Tawanka women's service organization, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Spokane Oct. 22. They were married Oct. 19, 1945.

'20s

'29 Neva Swisher Lillquist, education certificate, is a retired school teacher, having taught sixth grade in Newport. At age 96, she lives in a retirement home in Cupertino, Calif.

'28 Theresa (Beleler) Miles, education certificate, celebrated her 100th birthday Sept. 6, 2005. She taught school for 49 years, mostly in the Spokane area, where she lives today.