Welcome!
As a family member or parent of a prospective Eastern student, we want you to get to know our University community. We hope this newsletter will help you to do just that.

We at Eastern Washington University hope the college selection process is going well for you and your student. By this time, students should have received a freshman application packet, which offers helpful information to assist you and your student in the decision process. If there’s any other information you believe would be helpful to have, please don’t hesitate to call our office at (509) 359-2397.

– Shannon Carr
Director, Office of Admissions

Experience Eastern...
At Eastern, we take a great deal of pride in our mission, which includes being a student-centered university. All we do, we do with the student first in mind.

New School of Computing and Engineering Sciences Adds Electrical Engineering Major
Demand for qualified technology professionals is expanding faster than projected. This need is being felt acutely by regional business, especially in the fields of engineering technology, computer science and information systems.

In response to this increased demand, Eastern Washington University will begin offering a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering beginning fall 2005. The Electrical Engineering Program in the new School of Computing and Engineering Sciences marries the disciplines of computer science, technology and physics and will be housed in a new state-of-the-art building that is scheduled to open in May 2005.

For more information on the new School of Computing and Engineering Sciences, visit www.ewu.edu/sces

Updates to EWU’s College of Business and Public Administration
Exciting things are happening in the College of Business and Public Administration to enhance the learning experience of our students at EWU. The college has made adjustments to its admissions requirements and added a new Health Services Administration Program. EWU’s College of Business and Public Administration provides students a solid theoretical foundation balanced with practical application.

Students who wish to be admitted to the Business Program must earn a total of 45 quarter credits and successfully complete six business core requirements.

The new Health Services Administration Program is designed for students interested in a variety of careers in the private sector, public sector and long-term care. The College of Business and Public Administration offers a bachelor of arts in health services administration as well as graduate courses leading to a certificate in health services administration (HSAD). This is an exciting time for the program as it seeks to more fully serve the needs of the Spokane and regional health care system, which collectively is the largest employer in the area.

Visit www.cbpa.ewu.edu for up-to-date information on the new admissions requirements and programs.
Faculty Involvement

- All professors at Eastern have office hours for students
- Eastern maintains small class sizes – with a student-to-faculty ratio of 24:1 and an average class size of 24, students not only learn from professors, but also from one another
- 93 percent of our tenured or tenure-track faculty members hold doctorate or other terminal degrees in their fields

Campus Safety

The safety of students, faculty and staff is a high priority at EWU. Safety is overseen by University Police, who provide many services, including education classes on personal safety and alcohol-drug-related matters, operating a service to escort students back to their on-campus residences at night, investigation of crimes and patrolling the campus (on foot, vehicle and bicycle).

The University has 11 Code Blue lights on campus that send direct 911 calls in emergencies. Published crime statistics show Eastern to be one of the safest campuses among the state’s universities. We are working to keep it that way with involved student groups, proactive safety measures and a community-oriented policing approach.

How Delaying Can Cost You Money

Though everyone wants to receive the maximum financial aid available for college, many remain unaware of the vast differences in the amount of financial aid students receive depending on when they have submitted financial aid materials. Eastern’s priority deadline for financial aid is Feb. 15, 2005 – this is the date that the FAFSA form must be at the Federal Processor. You should mail the form or apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov in January to be safe.

Submitting financial aid forms after a priority deadline may mean the loss of thousands of dollars in grant eligibility. Take financial aid deadlines seriously! EWU students received more than $73.1 million in financial aid for the 2003-2004 year.

This sample chart illustrates the difference in financial aid packages based upon when forms are submitted.

Sample Aid Package for a High-Need Eastern Student
(Freshman Class Standing)

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This is a sample only. Packages will vary based on financial need.

*This amount includes all costs including tuition, fees, housing, books, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. Based on 2004-05 rates.
Scholarships and Grants

EWU Scholarships
Eastern Washington University students received a total of $5.5 million in scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. Take the time now to complete our University Scholarship Application. All required materials must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2005, to be considered. You may apply or obtain a printable application online at www.ewu.edu/financialaid and click “EWU Scholarships.”

Washington Scholars
The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) selects three Washington Scholars from each Washington Legislative District each year. The selections are made in the spring of the student’s senior year of high school. Washington Scholars who attend Eastern receive a grant from the HECB plus a scholarship of $2,000 per year from Eastern for a total of 12 quarters, provided renewal criteria is maintained. Washington Scholars should contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at (509) 359-2314.

Washington Promise Scholarship
The legislature and Governor Gary Locke created a college scholarship program for low-and middle-income students. The scholarship is available to students graduating from Washington high schools in the top 15 percent of their senior class who meet certain family income limits. The value of the award depends on how many eligible students qualify for the scholarship. For the 2004-2005 school year, the award amount was $1,176 per recipient. The scholarship is renewable for one additional year. Application forms and additional information may be obtained from Washington high schools or from the Higher Education Coordinating Board Web site at www.HECB.wa.gov

Department Scholarships
Some academic departments at EWU also have scholarships for their student-majors. Contact the specific department for more information. Departmental phone numbers can be obtained by calling EWU Information at (509) 359-6200.

Private Donor Scholarships
The Financial Aid and Scholarship Office maintains listings and applications for off-campus scholarships. Visit www.ewu.edu/financialaid and select “Non-EWU Scholarships” for a current, online list of sources. In addition, free scholarship search services are offered on the following Web sites:
www.finaid.org/scholarships
www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.srnexpress.com

Do not pay fees for scholarship searches! All the information is available on the Web at no cost.

EWU Grants
Eastern awards special grants of up to $3,000 to Washington students with financial need. This is part of the Eastern commitment to minimize student loan debt.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
Eastern belongs to the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program, designed to lower tuition rates for out-of-state students. As a WUE participant, non-resident students pay 150 percent of the resident tuition amount. There is no application for the award; offers are based on your admission application to EWU. To qualify, you must:
- Be a legal resident of a participating WUE state (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah or Wyoming);
- Apply for admission to EWU by March 1, 2005*
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher; and
- Attend EWU as a full-time student (12 credits or more per quarter).
*Students meeting the state residency and GPA requirements are guaranteed the WUE award if they apply for admission to EWU by March 1, 2005. After that date, tuition discounts may be offered on a funds available basis.

Hope Tax Credit
A federal tax credit is available to parents and students during the first two years of undergraduate study. Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at (509) 359-2314 for an informational guide or consult your tax adviser.

Freshman Honors
The University Honors Program at Eastern offers several renewable scholarships each fall. Applicants must
- Have a 3.6 cumulative high school GPA or better
- 1200+ combined SAT score or 26+ ACT comprehensive score

For details, contact Mary Benham at (509) 359-2822 or mbenham@mail.ewu.edu

National Merit Finalists and Semi-Finalists
National Merit Finalists or Semi-Finalists may receive a $3,000 scholarship if they enter Eastern as freshmen. The scholarship is renewable for three years as long as a 3.5 GPA is maintained. Contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at (509) 359-2314 for additional information.

Financing an EWU Education
Cost of Attendance (2005-2006)*

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*2004 - 2005 tuition, fees, room and board rates are estimated pending action from the EWU Board of Trustees.
**Incentive grants may reduce the residence hall rates by an additional $500 for students who commit to the residence hall system by May 1, 2005.
***Tuition may be reduced for WUE students.
Timeline of Enrollment
At this point, your student may be a little overwhelmed with the college selection process. Here are some helpful items on what to do next at Eastern Washington University:

Priority Deadlines!
- Scholarships: Feb. 1
  www.ewu.edu/financialaid
- Financial Aid: Feb. 15
  www.ewu.edu/financialaid
- Admissions: March 1
  www.ewu.edu/admissions
- Housing Deposit: May 1*
  www.ewu.edu

*Students who apply and pay the deposit by this date will be eligible for housing incentives worth up to $500.

Students:
- If you haven’t applied already—do so now!
- If you haven’t visited already—do so now!
Students who are already admitted will receive full acceptance packets beginning March 1, 2005, highlighting the Eastern experience and detailing what steps to take next.
- Confirm attendance by May 1, 2005, by going online to
  www2.ewu.edu/admissions/files/confirmation.pdf
  or by using the card in the confirmation packet.
- Financial aid award notices will go out to those with completed files beginning the first part of April.
  After the confirmation is received, students will receive a Student Testing, Advising and Registration (STAR) brochure with all the one-day program dates.

Summer Bridge Program
EWU is committed to providing students with every opportunity to succeed. One opportunity students can take advantage of is the Summer Bridge Program. This program is perfect for a student who:
- wants to take some math, English, or computer literacy courses to take care of pre-university core requirements
- or
- wants to take a "crash course" in math to improve his/her scores on the math placement tests
The Summer Bridge Program is offered the four weeks prior to the beginning of the fall term. Students may live in the residential halls while taking courses to give them a jump start into college.

Students benefit from the program in a variety of ways:
- Their classes are small — providing them with more individualized attention from the instructors
- They have the opportunity to meet their new classmates in a very relaxed environment, free from the stresses of meeting 9,000 students all at once
- They get a jump on earning credits for their freshman year
- They earn their degrees faster

Courses are offered at $119.40 per credit for undergraduate and $192.40 for graduate. Room and board costs are approximately $600 per month.

For more information, call Pamella Piro, director of Summer Session, at (509) 359-4860.

Housing and Residential Life
For every new college student, a decision must be made about where to live. At EWU, we do not require our students to live on campus, but we do strongly encourage it. Students who live in the residence halls have a smoother transition from high school to college and earn better grades.

Living in a residence hall is like no other experience a student will have. It is a scenario of cooperative living that makes college...well, college. Sure, you can just go to college. Or you can experience college. Campus life provides structure which teaches good habits. It lends support and encourages accountability and smart choices. It also raises awareness of others and builds tolerance.

Students who commit to live in the residence halls by May 1, 2005, will be eligible for a housing incentive of up to $500. To check out the residence halls for yourself, schedule a campus tour by calling (509) 359-6555 or visit www.ewu.edu and click on “Campus Life.” Students who have received application packets may also check out the virtual residence hall tour on the CD-ROM.

Technology @ EWU
Hit the highway – the virtual highway, that is! Our students have several technological resources right at their fingertips.

EagleNET
Students can register, pay online, check their schedules and find out their grades all with the touch of a mouse by going to http://eaglenet.ewu.edu

Computer Labs
Eastern has four state-of-the-art computer labs – two on our Cheney campus, one at the Spokane Center, and one at Riverpoint. Check out http://labs.ewu.edu for more information.

MARS (Multimedia Activities Resource Services)
The MARS staff and new multimedia facilities help Eastern students and faculty members enhance their presentations and projects. Also, laptops, digital video projectors, and digital video and still cameras are available for checkout. Located in Monroe Hall, you can find out more information by logging on to www.ewu.edu/marslab

CyberCafe
The CyberCafe is a cozy space where students can browse the Internet for free. There are also comfy booths and chairs for a quiet place to study.

TechEZE
TechEZE is a tech “help desk” for Eastern students. By going to http://tech-eze.ewu.edu students can find answers to their tech-related questions via e-mail, live online assistance or by surfing an extensive database of FAQs.
Top Scholars Need Not Apply!
That’s right, no application for a $2,000 scholarship. How is this possible, you ask. It’s the EWU Presidential Scholarship!

Three years ago, EWU administration made a commitment to recognize outstanding high school seniors with a scholarship award. New freshmen entering EWU in fall 2005 who apply for admission to EWU by March 1, 2005 will be automatically considered. To qualify, the student must be a Washington resident and have a 3.8 or higher cumulative high school GPA OR a 1250+ SAT or 28+ ACT.

And, even better, the $2,000 award may be renewed for one additional year to those students who maintain a cumulative 3.5 EWU GPA during their first year. That means the Presidential award could be worth up to $4,000.

EWU fans and began singing the fight song. Many of the fans leaving the stadium were buzzing about the team spirit and respect for their fans as being an artifact of the past in sports and the image this carried many miles away is a huge positive comment on your university and your team.”

EWU Football Carries Eagle Pride to Playoffs
After clinching the Big Sky Conference co-championship title, the Eastern football team played the Southern Illinois Salukis in the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs.

Salukis alumnus John O. Gillmore said, “(The Salukis fans) were impressed with the warming display of team spirit and bonding that was shown by the Eagle Football team when the players gathered in front of their faithful

Career Planning: Chart A Career
Career Services would like to provide your student with an outline of the career tasks associated with each year of your college experience. EWU can provide comprehensive resources for every stage of a career development.

Encourage Your Student to:
• Identify interests, abilities, and values which are relevant to your student by completing self-assessment inventories with our career advisor.
• Try a variety of classes to help identify interests and skills.
• Explore options by gathering information. The Career Services library and lab offers workshops, books, software and Internet access to help investigate majors and related occupations (see http://careers.ewu.edu/students/career_planning/MajorDecision/). Other areas to explore include salary projections and statewide job trends. Individual career advising and group workshops are available to help your student navigate through the information highway.

No matter what stage your student is in at EWU, Career Services can answer your questions. Call (509) 359-6365.
Notice of Required Disclosures
Federal regulations (Part 668.41 – Student Assistance General Provisions) require that a Notice of Required Disclosures be provided to all enrolled students on an annual basis, and to all prospective students. Following is a list of the required disclosures, summary descriptions, and information on how to obtain a detailed copy of each disclosure. Disclosures not available from the EWU Web site may be requested in paper form.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
FERPA, also known as the Buckley Amendment, was passed by Congress in 1974 and later amended several times. It gives students the right to:

- Access their educational records.
- Consent to release a record to a third party.
- Challenge information in their records.
- Be notified of their privacy rights.

In addition, the Education Department issued final regulations July 6, 2000 to amend the FERPA. The amendments implement sections 951 and 952 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 (HEA). The final regulations allow:

- The disclosure of education records to the Attorney General for certain purposes;
- Non-consensual disclosure to courts of a disciplinary proceeding brought by a parent or student against an institution of higher education, or by an institution against a parent or student; and
- Non-consensual disclosure to parents and legal guardians of students under age 21 if the student broke laws or violated policies relating to the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Information on FERPA is published in the Eastern Undergraduate Catalog, Graduate Catalog, Student Handbook, and on the EWU Web site (http://www.ewu.edu/AcademicInfo/DegOff/pdf/forms.pdf).

Questions related to FERPA can be directed to the EWU Registrar's Office (509-359-2321).

Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Deferments for Peace Corps or Volunteer Service
This disclosure provides information on the terms and conditions of student loan deferments for:

- Service in the Peace Corps.
- Comparable volunteer service for a tax-exempt organization of demonstrated effectiveness in the field of community service.

Students who became new borrowers after July 1, 1993, and are serving in the designated organizations may qualify for deferment under the economic hardship provisions of the law.

Information on this disclosure is available from the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (509-359-2314) and in the loan materials provided with each Stafford and PLUS loan application.

Available Financial Assistance
This disclosure provides information on all available federal, state, local, private, and institutional financial need-based and non-need-based assistance programs.

Information on this disclosure is available in the Financing Your Education brochure and the Award Information and Instructions brochure published by the Eastern Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, and from the EWU Web site (http://www.ewu.edu/StudentServ/finaid). Questions related to this information can be directed to the EWU Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (509-359-2314).

Institutional Information
This disclosure provides general information related to Eastern, including, but not limited to; cost of attendance, procedures to withdraw from school, refund policies, return of Title IV funds, academic programs, accrediting agencies, special services for disabled students, study abroad, and availability of employees responsible for the dissemination of this information.

The primary source of this information is the Eastern Undergraduate or Graduate catalog, the quarterly Course Announcement, and the EWU Web site (www.ewu.edu). Questions related to cost of attendance, refunds, return of Title IV funds, and study abroad can be directed to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office (509-359-2314). All other questions related to this disclosure can be directed to the EWU Student Affairs Office (509-359-6015).

Completion/Graduation Rates
This disclosure provides information on the completion or graduation rate of a cohort of certificate or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduates who graduated or completed their program within 150% of the normal time for graduation or completion.

Information on this disclosure is available from the EWU Registrar's Office (509-359-2321), EWU Student Affairs Office (509-359-6015), or the EWU Web site at www.ewu.edu/StudentLife/StudentAffairs/cds/9900.html.

Campus Security Report
This disclosure provides comprehensive statistics on campus safety and crime for the three most recent calendar years. Policies and procedures for reporting crimes; policies concerning the security of and access to campus facilities; policies concerning campus law enforcement, and campus safety and crime prevention programs (including drug, alcohol, and sex offense education programs).

Information on this disclosure is published in the EWU quarterly Course Announcement, and is available from the EWU Campus Security Office (509-359-6300), the Dean of Students Office (509-359-2292), and the EWU Web site (http://www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PolSafety/).

Athletic Participation Rates and Financial Support Data
This disclosure provides information on the number and gender of full-time undergraduates participating in intercollegiate athletic competitions and on each team. Also included is information on coaches, coaching salaries, and the revenues and expenses associated with each sport.

Information on this disclosure is available from the EWU Athletic Department (509-359-2463).

Report on Completion/Graduation Rates for Student Athletes
This disclosure provides information on the completion or graduation rate, by race and gender within each sport, of a cohort of certificate or degree-seeking, full-time undergraduates who received athletically-related aid and graduated or completed their program within 150% of the normal time for graduation or completion.

The Higher Education Act of 1998 requires EWU to provide this information to a student and the student's parents at the time the institution offers the student athletically related student aid. Please contact the EWU Athletic Department (509-359-2463) or the EWU Registrar's Office (509-359-2321) if you did not receive this disclosure.