Parents
WINTER 2006

Welcome!
As a parent or other family member 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, you 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 of Admissions

Develop Your Talent, Passion and Character
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. For more information, visit www.ewu.edu/x363.xml

Washington State Patrol Crime Lab Recently Completed
A dedication ceremony held June 28, 2005, on Eastern Washington University’s campus announced the completion of the highly anticipated Washington State Patrol Crime Lab. Governor Christine Gregoire was joined by Washington State Patrol Chief John Batiste, Eastern Washington University Interim Provost Ron Dalla and State Toxicologist and Crime Lab Director Dr. Barry Logan during the dedication of the new 32,000 square foot building. Located on Washington Street on the Eastern campus, this state-of-the-art facility houses a full staff of 30 forensic scientists.

Services provided at this facility include drug analysis, methamphetamine lab analysis, DNA, microanalysis, firearms and crime response for all eastern Washington. With the larger, more efficient space, the crime lab will now be able to provide training and workshops for law enforcement and criminal justice communities.

Complementing this new laboratory is Eastern’s chemistry-based forensic science degree, which is the only one of its kind in the state of Washington. Furthermore, the new crime lab will make Eastern the only college in the nation with a state crime lab on campus. For more information on Eastern’s forensic science program, visit chemistry.ewu.edu/forensics/

Eagle Women’s Basketball and Volleyball Honored For GPA
Eastern’s women’s basketball and volleyball teams continue to put the “student” into “student-athlete” by receiving national recognition for their high academic performance.

The basketball team has been honored as the nation’s No. 3 team in NCAA Division I on the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Academic Top 25 Honor Roll.

This is the third year that Eastern ranked third or better on the honor roll. The team had a grade point average (GPA) of 3.498 in 2004-2005. On the 2003-2004 WBCA academic Honor Roll, the Eagles were the No.1 team with a 3.626 GPA.

This was the seventh consecutive year that the Eastern Volleyball team achieved national recognition from the American Volleyball Coaches Association and is the only university in the state to achieve the award for 2004-2005. Eastern is tied with Indiana State University for the longest active streak in NCAA Division I.

The award, initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors college and high school teams that displayed excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and a 4.1 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale during the school year.
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, 2006 – 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 ensure receipt by the deadline.

Submitting financial aid forms after the priority deadline may mean the loss of thousands of dollars in grant eligibility. Take financial aid deadlines seriously! EWU students received $82.8 million in financial aid for the 2004-2005 year.

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

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

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 2005-06 rates.

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.

Attend Open House or Eagle Preview

Open House
April 22, 2006

Please join us at Open House for a day of exploration, learning and fun. Open House will give you a chance to meet faculty, staff and students; learn about opportunities and programs; and check out the many facilities that EWU offers.

Eagle Preview
April 9-10, 2006

Eagle Previews are one-day events that include an optional overnight stay, two meals, admission to current campus events and a close look at our academic programs, student services, and student clubs and organizations.

Spokane Information Night
Jan. 19, 2006 6-8 p.m.

For more information about EWU, please join us for the Spokane Information Night at the historic Davenport Hotel. Enjoy the splendor of the hotel while discovering the possibilities awaiting you at EWU. For more information or to RSVP, call (509) 359-2397.

Tours daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Call to Schedule a Visit:
(509) 359-6555 or e-mail: admissions@mail.ewu.edu
Website for local hotel accommodations: www.ewu.edu/x7673.xml

Persons with special needs may make arrangements for accommodations by calling (509) 359-7898 two weeks prior to the visit date.

The Kaplan/Newseek College Catalog recently recognized EWU as a top school in the area of “schools that offer the best value for your tuition dollar.”
Scholarships and Grants

EWU Scholarships
Eastern Washington University students received a total of $4.9 million in scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year. Take the time now to complete our University Scholarship Application. All required materials must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2006, 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.

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 websites:

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, nonresident 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, 2006†;
• have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 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, 2006. 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 Scholarships 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 (scores do not include the writing portion of the test).

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.

Rural American Scholarship
RASF is a scholarship that helps students in rural areas pay for higher education. In 2004-2005, 22 students were awarded with funding. The scholarship not only assists students financially but also offers mentoring and guidance for recipients. For more information, visit www.ruralasf.org/application.htm

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

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**Tuition may be reduced for WUE students.
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EagleNET
Students can register, pay online, check their schedules and find out their grades all with the touch of a mouse by going to 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 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.

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- wants to take some math, English or computer literacy courses to take care of pre-university core requirements
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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
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Undergraduate courses are offered at $119.40 per credit. Room and board costs are approximately $600 per month. For more information, call (509) 359-4860.

Timeline of Enrollment
At this point, you may be a little overwhelmed with the application process. Here are some helpful hints on what to do next at Eastern Washington University:

Priority Application Deadlines
Feb. 1 Scholarships
www.ewu.edu/financialaid
Feb. 15 Financial Aid
www.ewu.edu/financialaid
March 1 Admissions
www.ewu.edu/admissions
May 1 Housing
www.ewu.edu/housing

The Next Steps for Admitted Students
If you haven’t visited campus yet...come and see us! Starting March 1, 2006, full acceptance packets detailing what steps to take next will be mailed to admitted students. The packet will include information about Student Testing, Advising and Registration (STAR) one-day programs. After receiving your acceptance packet, confirm your attendance at www.ewu.edu/confirm.

Financial aid award notices will go out to those with completed files beginning the first part of April.

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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, 2006, will be eligible for a early sign-up bonuses worth 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/housing and click on “Campus Life.” Students who have received application packets may also check out the virtual residence hall tour on the CD-ROM.

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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 2006 who apply for admission to EWU by March 1, 2006 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. (Does not include writing scores.)

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.

Student Creativity And Research On Display
Students from all across campus presented their research and creations during the eighth annual EWU Student Research & Creative Works Symposium. The symposium is intended to promote student research, scholarship and creative activity done in partnership with faculty mentors as a vital component of higher education. The daylong event featured topical sessions of 15-minute oral presentations, an interdisciplinary poster session, as well as artistic performances and displays. Cash awards, certificates and prizes were awarded to the best judged presentations. The next symposium will be held May 16, 2006. For more information, contact the Creative Works Symposium Office at (509) 359-6826.

New Electrical Engineering Degree Finds a Home in $26.2 Million Facility
Demand for qualified technology professionals is expanding faster than projected nationwide and here in the Inland Northwest. 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 is now offering a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. The Electrical Engineering Program located in the new School of Computing and Engineering Sciences marries the disciplines of computer science, technology and physics and is housed in a new 93,242 square-foot, state-of-the-art structure that opened in September.

Expected enrollment for this program will total 20-25 students at the freshman, sophomore, and junior levels and offers a student-to-faculty ratio of 18:1. For more information on the new School of Computing and Engineering Sciences, visit www.ewu.edu/sces.
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 website 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;
• Non-consensual disclosure of the outcome of a disciplinary proceeding against a student in specified circumstances; 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 and Graduate Catalog, Student Handbook, and on the EWU website (http://www.ewu.edu/8050.xml). Questions related to FERPA can be directed to the EWU Records and Registration 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.
• Service under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.
• 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 website (http://www.ewu.edu/x28902.xml and http://www.ewu.edu/x13467.xml). 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.

Information on this disclosure is the Eastern Undergraduate or Graduate catalog, the quarterly Course Announcement, and the EWU website (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 percent of the normal time for graduation or completion.

Information on this disclosure is available from the Office of Institutional Research, Demography, and Assessment (509) 359-4217 or the EWU website at www.ewu.edu/x2303.xml

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 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 website (http://www.ewu.edu/AdminGuide/PoISafety/).

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 percent 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 Records and Registration Office (509) 359-2321, if you did not receive this disclosure.