Academic Affairs:
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A newsletter published by the provost for the faculty and staff of Eastern Washington University

Provost’s Message

Happy New Year! By now you are well into the winter academic term, and I hope that your classes are off to a great beginning. This year promises to be filled with exciting initiatives related to the university strategic plan. Foremost among these are: 1) advising—we are moving forward in developing a world-class advising system; 2) teaching academy or (as I prefer to think of it) an institute for excellence in learning—we will be working on a new approach to faculty and professional development to help our students excel and graduate; and 3) alternative degree pathways—we will be developing ways to assist students in improving their time-to-degree and will be promoting four-year ‘flight plans’ for each academic major.

In this edition of the newsletter, you will see updates on progress made in a wide range of initiatives. Of utmost importance is the upcoming accreditation visit related to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). NWCCU will conduct its Year Seven evaluation and site visit at EWU from May 4-6, 2015. And our countdown to NCUR 2015 continues! Finally, I am pleased to report that we have gathered equipment requests from deans and unit heads for funding consideration in 2015-2016.

In Closing …

Thank you for your commitment to academic excellence. I look forward to celebrating the completion of projects-in-progress as they come to fruition and improve the educational experiences of our students.

Best wishes,

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Equipment Fund Provides Divisional Support for EWU Mission

Beginning in fall 2012, $450,000 in one-time funds were earmarked as a way for academic areas to augment or replace outdated equipment and software not covered under other replacement programs. This year, the $500,000 in one-time funds was prioritized for proposals directly related to components of the university’s strategic plan: student success, innovation and opportunity, and community engagement. All colleges and JFK Libraries received funding; awarded funds must be expended by June 30, 2015.

**College of Arts, Letters and Education:** Film lab equipment, including sound, lighting, cyclorama, and green screen (Film); cycle ergometer and surface electromyography system (Physical Education, Health and Recreation); digital large format printer and 3D printer, hardware, software, and worktables/stools (Art); upright pianos, contrabass clarinet, and soprano saxophone (Music).
College of Business and Public Administration: Video conference for Bellevue College; language learning center (computers with Rosetta Stone software); computer for Thomson and Reuters database; ceiling projector for Riverpoint Phase 1 Building conference room.

College of Health Science and Public Health: A ten-computer research lab for master’s and doctoral programs in Riverpoint Phase 1 Building; equipment for child language and literacy lab (Communication Disorders); collaborative stations (Physical Therapy).

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work: Lab tables and chairs and a replacement van (Anthropology/Geography); mounted projector and speakers (Women’s and Gender Studies).

College of Science, Health and Engineering: Whiteboards for study alcoves (Mathematics); LiCor portable photosynthesis and fluorescence system, PCR detection, spectrophotometers, thermocycler, and LM-SOE imaging workstation (Biology); chromatographic flame ionization detection systems (Chemistry/Biochemistry); differential scanning calorimeter (Chemistry and Engineering and Design); XRF spectrometer (Chemistry and Geology); hood for flow analyzer and block digester for analysis for total nitrogen and phosphorous (Environmental Science); Triaxial test stand and load cell for characterizing stress-strain relationships for soil and rock, stream flow meters, research-grade meter, and metallurgical microscopes (Geology).

JFK Libraries: Staff, student, and public workstations.

EWU Partners with ACE Internationalization Lab

To develop a robust protocol for internationalization at home and engagement with global issues and partners, EWU has been named one of thirteen institutions in the twelfth cohort of the American Council on Education’s (ACE) Internationalization Lab. The lab is a two-year learning community that facilitates infusing an international and intercultural dimension into all aspects of an institution’s teaching, learning, research, service, and outreach. Dr. Barbara Hill, ACE senior associate for internationalization, visited EWU recently to get a sense of the university’s distinctiveness. After a review of the university’s successes in previous initiatives as well as faculty, student and staff surveys of skill sets, Dr. Hill will consult on the creation of an EWU internationalization lab team and a communication plan to engage the broader university community.

GSAs, NRTSes, and WICHE Waivers Requested

Now is the time for department chairs and program directors to submit to their deans requests for 2015-2016 graduate service appointments (resident and non-resident); non-resident tuition waiver scholarships (NRTS); and WICHE waivers (Creative Writing, Communication Disorders, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Social Work). Combined requests are due on January 16 from the deans to the Office of Academic Planning, Graduate Programs, Grants and Institutional Research. Waiver allocation results should be available in February 2015; questions may be directed to Vice Provost Colin Ormsby.

Grants

EWU faculty and staff are facilitating ongoing partnerships and forging new alliances with local, state, and national granting agencies. The Grants Office is pleased to announce that, in December, the university received $332,398 in grant funds for a total of $5,018,025.25 for the first six months of the current fiscal year. The following grant award details illustrate EWU faculty and staff’s level of scholarship in their disciplines, commitment to advancing knowledge, and service to students.
CWTAP: Directed by Diana Patterson, LICSW, EWU’s Title-IV-E Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program (CWTAPP) grant has been renewed for 2014-2015 for $1,764.396. CWTAP is an Alliance program; the Alliance for Child Welfare Excellence is Washington’s first comprehensive statewide partnership dedicated to developing professional expertise for individuals working with vulnerable children and families. Three higher-education institutions—University of Washington, University of Washington Tacoma, and Eastern Washington University—joined forces with the state’s Children’s Administration and Partners for Our Children, a policy and analysis group, to ensure efficient, effective and accessible competency-based training and education. This innovative approach is a first in the nation.

Inside the Activist Studio—A Conversation with Winona LaDuke and Liz Moore: One of only six grants funded by Humanities Washington and directed by EWU Professors Sally Winkle and Deirdre Almeida, this $7,447 grant will partner EWU’s American Indian Studies and Women’s and Gender Studies programs. This project will bring activists from distinctly different communities and cultures together to engage in a panel discussion that will take place in April 2015. These speakers will explore the dynamics and effectiveness of different approaches to activism: Winona LaDuke is an internationally recognized Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) author, speaker, and activist; Liz Moore is an engaged local activist and director of Spokane’s Peace and Justice Action League.

College Spark/Successful Transitions to College—Collaboration for Alignment to the Common Core State Standards: The Successful Transitions to College project had its kickoff meeting on October 25, 2014. Funded by College Spark Washington, EWU, and the Community Colleges of Spokane, with more than 55 educators participating, the project also is supported by the following school districts: Cheney, Spokane, Mead, Deer Park, West Valley, Lind-Ritzville, Mary Walker, and Columbia (Hunters, WA). Barbara Alvin (Mathematics) and Sean Agriss (English) are co-directors of the project; other EWU leads are Jackie Coomes (Mathematics) and Justin Young (English). Cross-sector teams in mathematics and English will work on the implementation of the Common Core State Standards and on issues related to students’ successful transition from high school to college.

Student Success

Community College Partnerships Yield High Dividends for Students

For several years, Academic Affairs has partnered with numerous community colleges in the Pacific Northwest, in addition to the Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS), to promote pathways of seamless transfer for students seeking four-year degrees. The division’s transfer center, established in 2013, routinely works with articulation agreements (sets of courses that simultaneously fulfill associate’s and bachelor’s degree requirements), course equivalencies, direct transfer agreements, and associate of arts transfer agreements to facilitate student progress and graduation efficiencies.

In partnership with the Community College of Spokane, Destination Eastern is an early admission initiative to improve graduation rates and reduce time-to-degree for students transferring to EWU. Students receive assistance in aligning their CCS courses with their EWU majors while becoming familiar with EWU resources prior to transfer. Numbers are on the upswing: this year’s eight-student cohort will increase to a projected 29 students entering EWU as of fall 2016. Another EWU/CCS collaboration has produced a reverse transfer agreement to allow students who have transferred to EWU without completing their associate’s degrees to earn these degrees while taking courses for their bachelor’s degrees at EWU. President Cullinan and CCS Chancellor Christine Johnson signed this agreement in November 2014.
Preparations for NCUR Shift into High Gear

This spring, April 16-18, 2015, Eastern will host the twenty-ninth annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR). More than 3,500 students and faculty from universities and colleges nationwide will come to EWU to participate in the largest undergraduate research conference in the nation. Hosting a conference of this size requires a lot of help. Numerous opportunities abound to take part in making this the best NCUR to date, and here are just a few of the ways you can get involved:

- Incorporate NCUR into spring term syllabi, repurposing instruction so that students who are not presenting can attend presentations.
- Volunteer to serve as a moderator for oral presentations.
- Assist in poster and graduate fair setup/tear down.
- Usher and greet at plenary sessions.
- Help staff and support the information center(s).

NCUR will impact almost every facility on campus. Students will make their oral presentations in Patterson, Hargreaves, and Senior Hall classrooms, as well as the Science and Computer Science and Engineering Buildings. The University Recreation Center will house the poster sessions along with a career and graduate program fair. The Fine Arts complex will host student visual and performing arts presentations, and Reese Court will support each day’s plenary speaker. Other facilities needed to support NCUR are the PHASE, the Field House, Showalter Hall, Monroe Hall, and the PUB. For more information about NCUR please contact Chris Robbins (crobbins3@ewu.edu) at 4548 or Lindsey Porter (lporter@ewu.edu) at 6826. You can also go to www.cur.org/ncur_2015/ for more details.

NCUR Dates and Deadlines

- January 13, 2015: Abstract reviews are complete.
- January 14, 2015: Abstract decision notifications are sent out.
- February 19, 2015: Early conference registrations are due.
- March 13, 2015: Conference registrations are due; online registration is closed.
- April 16-18, 2015: The 29th Annual NCUR, hosted by EWU

Spotlight on Community Engagement

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching defines community engagement as "the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity" and, since 2005, has offered Community Engagement as an elective Carnegie classification. Through the division’s Office of Community Engagement, preparations are underway to apply for this designation for EWU. Collecting data and documentation for this application makes for a lengthy and comprehensive process. However, the university is on track to submit its application paperwork to Carnegie in 2018.

Engage Transform Inspire. These three words form a keystone for the Office of Community Engagement (OCE). In November, OCE launched a weeklong commitment to resolve hunger and stop homelessness in the region. Events included showing the documentary Storied Streets, staging a cardboard brigade, training on how to eat for $20/week
(with free cookbooks!), working to stock up the Mobile Food Bank in Cheney and at Food for Thought at Spokane’s House of Charity, ‘Commodity Kit’ packing for the homeless, distributing winter wear in Spokane, and putting on a hunger banquet and a sleep-in in the Streeter Hall lounge. As an agent of change for community involvement and engagement, one of the university’s strategic pillars, OCE is on the move.

**EWU’s Year Seven Site Visit Dates Selected**

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) will conduct its Year Seven evaluation and site visit at EWU from May 4-6, 2015. NWCCU is an independent, non-profit membership organization recognized by the United States Department of Education as the regional authority on educational quality and institutional effectiveness of higher education institutions in the seven-state Northwest region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. NWCCU fulfills its mission by establishing accreditation criteria and evaluation procedures by which institutions are reviewed.

Accreditation affords institutions and enrolled students access to federal funding for teaching, research, and financial aid. Institutions do not receive permanent accreditation; instead, accreditation is an ongoing status reaffirmed periodically, with comprehensive institutional self-studies and evaluation committee site visits required approximately every seven years.

Prior to the upcoming site visit, EWU will submit a Year Seven self-study report to the commission. The report charts the university’s goals for accreditation, measures relative success in areas of achievement, and discusses next steps for the institution.

EWU’s 2011 Year One report to NWCCU identified the following core themes for the institution:

1. A rigorous and engaged student experience;
2. An academic community that supports and engages faculty and staff throughout their careers; and
3. An institution-wide commitment to local, national, and international community engagement and awareness that benefits the university and the region.

The Year Seven report will discuss the university’s mission, core themes and expectations, operational focus, institutional planning, effectiveness, improvement, mission fulfillment, adaptation, and sustainability.

For the upcoming site visit to be successful, we ask for as much faculty, staff, and student involvement as possible. To that end, please note the following dates:

- January 29 and 30, 2015: Presentation of the Year Seven report to the EWU Board of Trustees
- January 26 through February 13, 2015: Town hall meetings for feedback and commentary on the report
- March 1, 2015: Year Seven report due to NWCCU
- May 4 – 6, 2015: NWCCU site visit

**Divisional Highlights from the Colleges, JFK Libraries, and the Office of Global Initiatives**

EWU faculty, staff, and students can be proud of the strong academic tradition and rich variety of experiences offered by our colleges, JFK Libraries, and the Office of Global Initiatives. Selected highlights follow.
College of Arts, Letters and Education — CALE
(From Eastern 24/7 November 5 and 25, 2014, by Jeff Bunch)

Vestal Garners PEN/Robert W. Bingham and Pushcart Prizes

Shawn Vestal (EWU ’08 MFA creative writing, ’05 interdisciplinary studies), already a winner of the PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for his collection of essays, Godforsaken Idaho, is now the winner of the Pushcart Prize for his story “Winter Elders,” which originally appeared in the journal Ecotone.

Vestal’s work is also included in 2015 Pushcart Prize XXXIX Best of the Small Presses, the Pushcart Prize’s anthology. Published every year since 1976, [the anthology] is one of the most honored literary projects in America and one of the last surviving literary co-ops from the 1960s and 1970s.

Vestal credits his time in EWU’s Creative Writing program as a foundation for his success. A columnist for The Spokesman-Review, Vestal is also an adjunct professor in the Creative Writing program at Eastern.

EWU Professor, Student-Athlete Honored

A professor and a student from EWU’s Health and Fitness program received recognition at the fall 2014 SHAPE Washington Conference. SHAPE, the Society of Health and Physical Educators, is a statewide organization run under the auspices of the national SHAPE America.

EWU Assistant Professor Carri Kreider, Ed.D., earned a SHAPE Professor of the Year award. The honor is given after a process that begins with statewide student nominations, which then are reviewed by an awards committee.

Student-athlete Kelsey Julian, a starter on the EWU volleyball team, received the statewide Student Emerging Leader of the Year award (the Roger Wiley Award), which includes a $1,000 scholarship.

“Kelsey is a wonderful role model for our Health and Fitness program,” said Dr. Kreider.

Upcoming Dates Announced for A Man of No Importance

The CALE Theatre program is proud to present the play A Man of No Importance at the University Theatre, Cheney campus, this coming March.

Directed by professional guest director Jadd Davis (Artistic Director of Coeur D’Alene Summer Theatre) A Man of No Importance is a rare gem in the canon of musical theater, a work that combines the depth and drama of a play with the lyricism and comedy of a musical. This tender and beautifully woven tale of love, friendship, and coming to terms with who we are is sure to move and inspire you.

General admission tickets are $10 (cash or check only), and the box office is open one hour before each performance. EWU students are admitted free of charge with student IDs. Performance dates follow.

- March 4, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m.
- March 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- March 8 at 2:00 p.m.
College of Business and Public Administration — CBPA

Grant Updates

Economic Impact Grants: Dr. Patrick Jones, Director of the Institute of Public Policy and Economic Analysis, continues to receive grants from around the state and beyond. The institute has co-developed and currently manages seven Community Indicators Projects: The Community Indicators Initiative of Spokane, Walla Walla Trends, Chelan Douglas Trends, Northeast Washington Trends, Walla Walla Regional Vital Signs, Grant County Trends, and Priority Spokane. The vision for these projects is to create a healthy, vibrant community by making local data available in several key areas, including culture and recreation, demographics, economic vitality, education, the environment, health, housing and transportation, and public safety.

NWTTAP: Under the direction of Dr. Dick Winchell, Professor of Urban Planning, the university received funding from the Federal Highway Administration for a new five-year Northwest Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) grant totaling $1,492,546 over the life of the grant. NWTTAP provides transportation training, technical assistance, and technology transfer related to infrastructure, safety, planning, tourism, and economic development to 44 federally recognized tribes in Idaho, western Montana, Oregon, and Washington. This is the third five-year NWTTAP grant that Dr. Winchell has helped to secure.

CBPA Scholarly Research: 2014 Papers and Presentations

Professional Accounting


Economics


Management


Marketing


Public Administration

College of Health Science and Public Health — CHSPH

Dr. Laureen Hanlon Comes to EWU as CHSPH Founding Dean

Dr. Laureen O’Hanlon has accepted the position of founding Dean of the College of Health Science and Public Health (CHSPH). Dr. O’Hanlon has served as the Interim Associate Dean and Administrator in Charge of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at California State University-Sacramento. In addition, she served as Associate Dean in the College of Continuing Education for one year in 2013. A tenured professor since 2003, Dr. O’Hanlon chaired CSU-Sacramento’s Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology for seven years prior to her service as dean.

Dr. O’Hanlon has made community service an integral part of her professional life for more than a decade, having received service, research, and creativity awards from such entities as the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association and the National Institute of Health. She served as a speech language pathologist at Woodland Memorial Hospital and Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento and worked as editor-in-chief of the magazine published by the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Dr. O’Hanlon also has extensive experience in fundraising and development; her efforts have resulted in notable increases in gifting for her department and her college at CSU—Sacramento.

Dr. O’Hanlon holds a Ph.D. in Speech-Language Pathology from the University of Kansas; a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology from San Diego State University; and a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Disorders, also from San Diego State. Please welcome her when she joins us on July 13, 2015.

EWU Assists Community with Senior Smile Day
(From Eastern 24/7 October 24, 2014, by Jeff Bunch)

In October, teams of CHSPH students and faculty, along with WSU colleagues, hosted a Senior Smile Day and provided free screenings for seniors in a variety of health areas, including dental hygiene, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. By providing oral cancer screenings, gait testing, and sleep assessments, faculty and students were able to educate seniors on ways to live happier and healthier lives.

“This really shows how we have a community focus on health,” said Dr. Mary Ann Keogh Hoss, Interim Dean of the College of Health Science and Public Health. “It gives our students a great opportunity to show what they can do and how they can do it.” An added benefit of the Senior Smile Day event was to emphasize to others on the Spokane Campus and throughout the greater Spokane community Eastern’s longstanding health science programs offered at the Health Sciences Building. “Those individuals who sign up from the community have access to disciplines they would not have access to otherwise,” added Dr. Keogh Hoss. This is just an excellent example of how we, as health professionals, are able to give back to the community.
College of Science, Health and Engineering — CSHE
(From Spokane STEM News 1/13/2015)

Washington State Opportunity Scholarship Registration Opens January 5

The Washington State Opportunity Scholarship is an exciting opportunity for eligible Washington State undergraduates pursuing baccalaureate degrees in an eligible high-demand field such as computer science and engineering at an approved Washington State college or university. Nearly 800 new awardees each year can receive up to $22,500. The 2015 application will be available at the program website from January 5 to March 2, 2015; please visit the program website for more details (http://www.waopportunityscholarship.org/home).

FIRST Robotics Kicks Off 2015 Season: EWU and CSHE to Host Championship
(From Eastern 24/7 November 5, 2014)

This year’s FIRST Robotics RECYCLED RUSH game was revealed to high school students worldwide during kick-off on January 3, 2015. The recycling-themed game will feature recycled or reusable game pieces and will be played by two alliances of three robots each.

FIRST Robotics, a sport of science, technology and teamwork, makes STEM "cool" for students. It provides the opportunity to work under the guidance of engineering and business mentors who volunteer their time and talents to teach valuable engineering, project management, and entrepreneurship skills.

The Pacific Northwest FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Championship will return to EWU's Reese Court April 2-4, 2015, featuring more than 1,200 high school students across Oregon and Washington competing in teams. The event is free to the public and will be the first PNW Championship held in the Greater Spokane region.

To learn about volunteering opportunities, contact Eastern Washington Region FIRST Robotics Chair Dale Garraway (359.6072 or dgarraway@ewu.edu).

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work — CSBSSW

Save the Date: Activist Tim Wise Comes to EWU on February 24

In support of diversity awareness and an improved cultural climate, Tim Wise, anti-racist educator, author, and speaker, will be at Eastern on Tuesday, February 24, to present a lecture, tentatively planned from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Showalter Hall Auditorium.

For the past twenty years, Tim Wise has given speeches at more than 1,000 college and high-school campuses nationwide. He also has trained individuals from all walks of life in ways to address and eradicate racism in corporations, institutions, and other agencies. He began his work in the 1980s as a college activist.

Wise is the author of six books, including his highly-acclaimed memoir, White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son, as well as Dear White America: Letter

CSBSSW Faculty Achievements

Dr. Liping Zhu, Professor of History, has just won the 2014 Caroline Bancroft History Prize sponsored by the Denver Public Library for his text The Road to Chinese Exclusion: The Denver Riot, 1880 Election, and Rise of the West (published by the University Press of Kansas). This award is given annually to the best book on history of the American West. Dr. Zhu also was named Distinguished Speaker by the Western History Association at its annual meeting in October 2014. This honor is often bestowed on a scholar who has made significant contributions to his or her field.

Dr. Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, Professor of Government and International Affairs, is Project Co-Director (UNESCO Chair in Environmental History): Water and Indigenous Peoples. The project’s fundamental premise is that a historical understanding of the legal, social, and cultural development that has led to current institutional patterns of water allocation and use among indigenous societies is vital to informing current and future social, economic, and political arrangements. In partnership with WSU’s Foley Institute, a spring symposium is planned with a lecture by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Zeisler-Vralsted is the author of Rivers, Memory and Nation-Building: A History of the Volga and Mississippi Rivers (2014, Berghahn Press, New York).

Diversity Has Many Faces

In August 2014, Master of Science in Communication student Jay Gunter sat down in conversation with the Venerable Professor Geshe Phelgye. A native of Tibet and former member of H.H. Dalai Lama’s parliament in exile, Dr. Phelgye talked about his life and work as a Global Scholar in Residence at Eastern Washington University.

“I always try to mingle with students when I teach, though I look and dress differently from many of them. I can see that students appreciate this.” Dr. Phelgye, who received his Ph.D. in Buddhist Philosophy from Sera-Jay Monastic University in Tibet in 1991, began teaching subjects like “Peace and Conflict” (GOVT 498) and “Buddhist Psychology” (PSYCH 498/539) within EWU’s College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work in 2013. “The notes students write to me after the finish of a course are heartwarming,” he continues. “They talk about how much I have changed their life. These notes make me sit down and break into tears. It makes me realize that it is worth it for me to be here.”

Dr. Phelgye talks also about his primary focus as a teacher, “If I have a choice, and I do have lots of these, I would like to work more on the idea of diversity. Diversity is equality. It is brotherhood and acceptance. You can see people from around the world in this University’s campus. I find that to be very precious. To honor diversity is the biggest challenge in the whole world, not just on this campus. I believe that diversity is obviously important on Eastern’s campus because you don’t see some of the awful things you see elsewhere, here—shootings and fighting and such. I believe kids should be taught diversity from kindergarten on, so they can get it into their systems.”

Dr. Phelgye also reveals a deep longing to be of service to the students of EWU. Having led meditation groups on campus, he is now acting as advisor to the EWU Buddhist Philosophy, Meditation and Peace Studies Club.

Dr. Phelgye concludes his thoughts on Eastern Washington University and his place in it: “I want to be useful. I am on the campus twenty-four-seven. I’m a monk. I’m available.”
John F. Kennedy Memorial Library — JFK

JFK Revises Overdue Fine Structure

A review of circulation policies resulted in changes to the Libraries’ overdue fine structure; most materials, borrowed by EWU patrons, will no longer incur a daily overdue charge. In keeping with Summit borrowing periods, EWU patrons will be able to check out materials for six weeks (no renewal) instead of three weeks (one renewal). Faculty checkout is 90 days with two renewals. For more details on all of this, visit http://sites.ewu.edu/librarylive/news/news/.

Library Hours Extended

The ASEWU initiative to extend JFK Library hours has been approved and will take effect in Spring Quarter 2015. This change increases hours of access only to the main level of JFK Library and does not extend the availability of library or Learning Commons services. New hours are shown below:

- Mondays–Thursdays: 7:30 a.m. to midnight
- Fridays: 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sundays: 1 p.m. to midnight

Oktoberfest Proceeds Bolster Collection Endowment Fund

Fundraising efforts continue in the Libraries with a $45,000 gross profit, a result of the popular, fun, and fantastic Oktoberfest-Eastern Stampede. This brings the EWU Libraries’ Collection Endowment Fund market value to approximately $426,000. The interest from the endowment fund provides the Libraries with funds necessary to make collection purchases otherwise not possible. An example is the recent purchase of key Spanish resources that have cross-disciplinary value, an outcome of Associate Professor and Coordinator of Library Instruction Ielleen Miller’s having attended the Guadalajara International Book Fair. EWU Assistant Professor of Spanish Miguel Novella states, “Jorge Luis Borges, an Argentinian writer, who wrote in Spanish, said that he had always imagined that Paradise would be a kind of a library. By having a wide collection of books, the JFK library has been precisely this for many of our students.”

All Things Digital: Collections and Commons

Efforts continue with the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity to complete its $250,000 commitment to the Digital Collections initiative. The unveiling of the Randy Van Turner memorial is planned for Spring Quarter 2015. Look for more upcoming programs and opportunities to partner with the EWU University Libraries in 2015.

The EWU Digital Commons continues to grow in terms of usage and the breadth and depth of the collections being added. In November alone, 1349 articles and images were downloaded from the EWU Digital Commons. The Digital Commons now showcases many of the creative and scholarly works from EWU undergraduate students who participated in the 2014 EWU Student Research and Creative Works Symposium. For more information regarding the Digital Commons, please contact Justin Otto at 359-7048 or at jotto@ewu.edu.

As always, you can keep informed of all the changes and events happening in the EWU University Libraries by linking to www.ewu.edu/library. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for the University Libraries Newsletter, please contact cking2@ewu.edu.
Office of Global Initiatives — OGI

EWU Global received national attention during ESPN’s coverage of the 2014 NCAA football season’s opening game, which featured EWU and Sam Houston State University in the Inferno at Roos Field. Click here to view the video (45 second mark): http://espn.go.com/watchespn/player/_/id/1922691/

Fall 2014 Seminar Includes Plans for Continued Partnership

Thirty-four executive leaders from the Universidad Autónoma De Tamaulipas (UAT) attended a three-day seminar for administrators hosted by EWU in October 2014. The seminar focused on innovation, internationalization, and entrepreneurship; keynote speakers included Spokane Mayor David Condon, EWU Provost Rex Fuller, and EWU Deans Judd Case, Martine Duchatelet, Mary Ann Keogh Hoss, Suzanne Milton, Vickie Shields and Roy Sonnema.

During the opening events, EWU and UAT formalized their relationship with a memorandum of understanding signed by Presidents Mary Cullinan and Etienne Enrique Pérez de Rio. Going forward, both institutions intend to explore the development and implementation of cooperative research projects, grants, and additional academic opportunities.

EWU Students Selected as Gilman Scholars

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship program provides funding for undergraduates nationwide to participate in study-abroad and inter-abroad programs worldwide. Sponsored by the U.S. State Department’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the goal of the program is to diversify the U.S. students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go by financially assisting students who might not otherwise have access to the opportunity. Following a series of OGI workshops, out of 14 EWU students who completed Gilman applications for the 2014-2015 academic year, nine were selected as Gilman scholars. To date, 19 EWU students have received Gilman Scholarships for a combined total of $76,000.

Elena Axton Honored with Distinguished Service Award

EWU Global's own study-abroad advisor Elena Axton is one of two EWU staff members that are being honored with a 2014 EWU Distinguished Service Award. Elena Axton is a wonderful member of the EWU Global staff community, dedicated to helping EWU students see the world through study abroad opportunities. Dedicated and enthusiastic, she is well known for her devotion to students.

Distinguished Service Awards are given each year to recognize exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the university. Each award includes a Distinguished Service Award medallion and a check for $1,000.