Faculty, students mourn treasured friend and mentor

Jennifer Harrington, AmeriCorps Fellow

Every once in a great while there is that person who comes into our lives who makes it all different. Life is limitless better for having been part of it. We smile more, we laugh more and we live more. Felix Boateng was one of these people for countless faculty, staff and students at Eastern.

He was the director of what was then the Black Education Program until he left in 1996 to take a job as the director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center at Vanderbilt University in Nashville Tenn.

Boateng died Wednesday April 26, at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center after suffering from cancer. He was greatly treasured friend and mentor to everyone he came in contact with.

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Scott Finnie, Professor of African American Studies, worked closely with Boateng in Monroe Hall. "He connected with a lot of people and he's a good man who will be missed. My best goes out to his family."

During his 13 years at Eastern, Boateng seemed to touch everyone he came in contact with.

"He really was a special person—no question," said Jerry Galm, EWU professor of archaeology and geography. "He worked with Boateng in Monroe Hall, and knew him from the time Boateng first started teaching at Eastern in 1983.

"I think, like a lot of people, I feel cheated for not being able to know Felix longer. He had a lot to offer," said Galm. "In Felix's life, he always put people first."

Sally Barre with the Academic Support Center also worked closely with Boateng in Monroe Hall. "Whether you were a student or you were a colleague, he cared about you."

For nine years Kay Mack worked for Boateng as the Black Education Program secretary. "He never treated me as the department secretary. Not only was he a colleague to me but he was my mentor and a dear friend."

Scott Finnie, professor of African American Studies, worked with Boateng in the Black Education Program. Finnie said Boateng brought a "real personal flavor" to the Black Education Program. "His sense of humor dismayed you, yet at the same time he had a kind of class, professionalism and dignity that won your admiration."

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Monroe Hall construction to finish on-schedule

Jan Kilk, Eastern Reporter

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EWU faces bright new decade

Allen Moody, Kelso

Visitors to last week's Campus Master Plan Open House received a look at the new and improved EWU of the future—one that will be more student-friendly than the current Cheney campus. Bowling lanes, ice skating and outside vendors in the PUB are but a few of the changes that may become reality within the next 10 years.

The master plan is being updated to reflect the change in Eastern's Mission Statement to a more residential campus and to accommodate the additional 1,300 students the Higher Education coordinating board has recommended for the EWU Cheney campus by 2010.

While all of the proposed changes will directly affect students, they have been pretty quiet during the development of the master plan update, said Jim Kolva, who along with Walker Macy Associates is in charge of the project.

"We haven't had much student input," said Kolva. "I believe the primary reason is because most students are here for a short time before moving on," while noting that it could take years for some of the proposals to be implemented.

The next step will be a presentation of the master plan recommendations to the University Campus Planning and Facilities Committee and to the Facilities Subcommittee of the University Board of Trustees. A formal recommendation will be made to the board of trustees at their September meeting.
Boateng: Educator missed by faculty and students

Finnie described Boateng as the "role model for an educator."

"Personally, I hope to follow in his footsteps as an educator. He had that spark that made you thirst for knowledge. The students were always crazy about him."

He loved to have "one-on-one" time with his students. "All of his energy and focus was on the students," he said. "He never said no to students. He never turned them down when he could have helped them. He took their personal issues as his personal issues," said Finnie.

During his time as director of the Black Education Program, Boateng worked closely with Dr. William Katz, the now retired dean of education and human development. Katz was also impressed by Boateng's dedication to his students.

"Felix felt that getting an education was very important. He worked with a lot of students who were the first in their family to go to school. It was hard for them. He helped them out and gave them lots of personal attention," Katz said.

Finnie said many of these students would run into money problems, and Boateng was always there to help. "He would go to the community, especially the black community in Spokane, and tell them he had a student who was having financial problems and ask them to help. They always would," Finnie said. "He also helped students who were struggling academically. When he had a student who was having trouble in a certain subject, he would go to the instructor who taught that class and ask them to tutor the student, said Katz.

Boateng started the Black History Month Banquet, as well as the Black History Month essay contest, at the junior high, high school, and college levels. He is also said to have played a crucial part in making the African American Education Program what it is today.

"He provided an open invitation for the campus to interact with the program so it wasn't isolated," said Maldonado.

Russ Turner, a learning facilitator with the Academic Support Center, also noticed a difference in the program after Boateng took it over. "There was a black education center here before Felix came, but I think Felix was the one who really got it going and got it off the ground."

Boateng also headed a project while at Eastern called the Faculty Exchange Program. It involved sending EWU faculty members to teach at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, Africa, and bringing an African faculty member to Eastern. Boateng received a $1 million grant to fund the project. After a different way of project was taken over by Nancy Todd, associate professor and director of education.

Maldonado participated in Boateng's exchange program. Maldonado described the project as one of Boateng's greatest legacies at Eastern.

"The faculty exchange touched many of us here at Eastern who took the time to participate in it," said Maldonado. "It took us out of our comfort zone and into another cultural environment. Through the project we were exposed to an experience and another culture and had a different way of thinking and learning that we wouldn't have had the opportunity to otherwise."

Galm participated in the Ghana program twice. "It allowed faculty to experience Africa in a way they wouldn't have otherwise—as someone working and living there rather than as a tourist."

Galm would like to see Eastern's link with the University of Cape Coast renewed, and would also like to see students included in the program.

Finnie never actually participated in the exchange program, but still was affected by it. "Although I didn't go overseas, I did get to benefit from the interaction. I met 12, maybe 15 faculty members from Ghana," said Finnie.

The American and African faculty members went to events and attended meals and classes together.

Boateng was not only active on campus, but in the surrounding area as well. He did a lot of work with the Martin Luther King Community Center located in North Spokane. He also included many junior high and high school students in campus activities sponsored through the Blaire Center.

"Not only will the Eastern community mourn his loss, but also the Cheney and Spokane communities," said Kay Muck, former department secretary.

On Monday, May 8 the African American Education Program held a memorial for Boateng in order to give his friends a chance to mention the things they loved about him. During the memorial, the idea of starting a scholarship fund in Boateng's name was brought up and received a lot of support.

"I hope somebody picks up the ball and pursues the idea. I think it would be the perfect way to honor Felix, especially considering his value of education," said Maldonado.

"It would be a tremendous way to honor Felix and what he did for us," said Galm.

"He was very warm, very sensitive and very caring. He always wanted to bring out the best in a person," said Cindy Young, the assistant director under Boateng at Vanderbilt. "I would work with him even though I'm the assistant. It was like I was working with him, along side of him."" He will be greatly missed. The thing we already miss is his infectious smile. He was always smiling. If he was ever sad, we never saw it," Young added.

There will be another memorial service for Boateng at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 19 at the Bethel Ame Church. A feast will follow the service at 7 p.m.

For more information, call 487-2909.

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EWU announces new deans

CHENEY, Wash. — Eastern Washington University announced the appointment of two new deans last week—Fritz J. Erickson, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, and Phillip Castille, dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

The appointments were announced today by Peter A. Dual, Eastern's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

"We are very pleased that our national search has yielded two such excellent individuals to lead these two important colleges within our university system," said Dual.

"We believe they both fit well with our student-centered, teaching-centered and interdisciplinary mission at Eastern Washington University."

Erickson begins his duties as dean of the EWU College of Education and Human Development on August 1. Castille begins his duties as dean of the College of Arts and Letters on July 15.

Eastern offers scholarships to NSO 2000 winners.

CHENEY, Wash. — Eastern Washington University will offer scholarships to all individual Gold Medal winners at the National Science Olympiad (NSO 2000) which is being held this Saturday on Eastern’s campus in Cheney.

More than 2,120 middle school and high school students from across the nation are converging at Eastern May 19-20 for this national tournament which tests their problem-solving skills in a variety of science and technology areas. The students prevailed in competitions in their home states for the right to challenge for national championships in 34 different venues involving chemistry, physics, biology, earth science and technology.

"We want to recruit the best and brightest students to Eastern University system," said Dr. Stephen M. Jordan, Eastern’s president. "These young people represent the very students we would like to have attend here, and we want to encourage them to do so."

Individual Gold Medal winners from middle schools and high schools from the state of Washington will be eligible to attend Eastern with full tuition scholarships, provided they meet regular admissions requirements. The scholarships will be renewable for four years as long as a 3.5 grade point average is maintained. Individual Gold Medal winners from outside the state of Washington will receive scholarships offers in the form of tuition reductions. Their scholarships (which are also renewable) will enable them to pay 50 percent of in-state tuition, which will result in an annual savings of approximately $5,500 below regular out-of-state tuition costs.
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The Eastern View

Two years of CRAP
Dave Humphreys
Copy Editor

What makes a two year degree different from a four year degree? Two years of crap. Every student who comes to Eastern has to fulfill a series of competencies which are designed to "provide introduction to the social, intellectual, and cultural background that students need to function as citizens of a democratic society and that will add depth, breadth, and intellectual nuance to their lives." These requirements decrease the chances of each student being able to get a job when they eventually graduate, which is usually seven years after they enrolled because they couldn't pass the math requirement.

The English competencies, though vague, are at least understandable. The top requirement employers look for today is in prospective employees' ability to write clearly, and I can speak from the safety of my own community college that many of them can't. Some courses, such as geography, history and the fine arts, are simply remedial that it seems the university is simply trying to round those students out without exposing them to a variety of areas and courses that they'd really like to learn about, and I can speak from the safety of my own community college that many of them can't.

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But still, most people I've talked to who took English 101 (GECR's or "geckers"). These requirements decrease the chances of each student being able to get a job when they eventually graduate, which is usually seven years after they enrolled because they couldn't pass the math requirement.

But then comes my main pet peeve. The BW Cultural and Gender Diversity requirement. I had to take my one humanity course, also known as Columbia Basin College to the farm animal fans of the Tri Cities. The black studies department seems to be the only one to students forced to take the only district of political correctness brainwashing. I have only heard good reports on professors Finnie and Nelson, and I give the people in the program founded by the late Felix Kotz. Boating definitely benefited kudos in their efforts to help people understand the black culture while not subverting the students own sense of "American" identity.

But as far as the Native American and Chicano studies department, I've never heard of anybody, or a few classes in the economics department, I've never heard of group so blatantly racist in their coursework end techniques to "provide an introduction to the black culture which make students understand the black culture while not subverting the students own sense of "American" identity. Sometimes, such as geography, history and the fine arts, are simply remedial that it seems the university is simply trying to round those students out without exposing them to a variety of areas and courses that they'd really like to learn about, and I can speak from the safety of my own community college that many of them can't.

If I wanted to get a minor in liberal arts, I would have taken the rest of the freshman classes. But instead, I'm forced to undergo the proctology examination imposed on me by an administration whose main goal is not to give me the degree paid for; but instead, a flawed argument that at first glance seems logical. We should license guns the same way we license cars. If they had spent 1/100th of their entertainment budget on research, they would know that this is a flawed argument.

Guns are instruments of power, and the people who have guns are the people with power. If that power is used more by criminals and tyrants than by decent ordinary people, then you get a crime-ridden society. If, however, that power is treasured and exercised by decent individuals to defend themselves from criminals, then freedom from crime is the social result.

The following is a brief comparison of gun laws vs. motor vehicle laws.

No waiting period or background check necessary for the purchase of a motor vehicle. In fact quiet cars are encouraged through noise ordinances and muffler requirements. There are no laws forbidding the installation of silencers on firearms which would allow them to be fired quietly during target practice.

There is no federal license needed to manufacture motor vehicles. Nor is the possession of parts that could be used in the production of a motor vehicle subject to federal, state, and local laws.

The manufacture of any firearms requires a federal license requiring fingerprints, an FBI background check, oaths and licenses.

Training for operating a motor vehicle is part of the curriculum in our public schools. The test for a license evaluates one knowledge and proficiency in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

Fire arms training in schools is a rarity. Leaving those in possession of firearms不合格, due to lack of training, to possess or operate them in a safe or disciplined manner.

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A gun kept for protection is more like a fire extinguisher than a car. You might never need it, but when you do, having it can prevent a tragedy.

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Cindy Morris

Bree Holsing, Eastern Washington University’s newly elected student body president, is nothing if not motivated. “I want to be President of the United States,” this 19-year-old said seriously. “I have a plan and the next 30 years to work on it.” Holsing’s aspirations to be President of the United States, however, are simmering on the back burner as she cooks up her agenda to lead the Associated Students of Eastern Washington University (ASEWU) into the next century. “I want to build something that will last beyond my time at Eastern,” Holsing said.

In order to do this, Holsing, a 1998 graduate of Sprague High School in Salem, Ore., has already completed the required classes for her bachelor’s degree in communication studies, with a minor in anthropology, in just two years. This required taking some summer classes and overloading on credits nearly every quarter, but it was a necessary part of Holsing’s grand scheme. “I want to be extremely accessible,” she believes taking a light class load will make it easier to focus on the ASEWU.

Holsing’s dedication to her peers began at Sprague High School, where she was president of the student body. Speaker of the House for the Oregon Youth Legislature and a competitive soccer player. She often rallied her classmates to work together to accomplish daunting tasks—like the time they needed to get hundreds of release forms signed the night before a Mothers Against Drunk Driving program in order for students to participate. Being a student athlete has also pushed Holsing to succeed. “Soccer has inspired me to run behind the person in first place and challenge them to go faster,” she said. The two most inspirational player awards she has received while playing for Eastern back up her words.

In addition to playing intercollegiate soccer, Holsing was the Student Activity Council’s Late Night Coordinator and is also establishing a diversity-traditional and nontraditional students, fraternity and sorority members, minority students, ROTC students and dormitory resident advisors all.

Holsing, who is attending Eastern on a soccer scholarship, represents a diverse outreach position on the ASEWU specifically to get the voices of typically underrepresented students heard.

Holsing wants to create a work-study program where clubs and organizations can use computers and collaborate on projects. “There are more and newer campus organizations are limited by their lack of resources. Creating one work-study, which organizations could have access to, would be a cost-effective way of expanding student activities.” She wants all of the different clubs and organizations to have a notable presence on campus so both new and continuing students have the opportunity to get involved. Holsing also plans to create a list of student e-mail addresses so that she personally can keep students informed.

Holsing is also establishing a rapport with Cheney Mayor Amy Jo Sooy to help bring Eastern and the Cheney community closer. “Simple things make a difference—whether it’s a student volunteering to coach a team or helping out at a Chamber of Commerce chili feed, or a citizen telling a student that they appreciate him,” Holsing said. “My hope is to motivate students to get more involved with the city.” Since increasing student involvement on campus and in Cheney, Holsing wants to increase student involvement in state government. “For example, there are at least seven state policy makers that students can approach to discuss issues,” Holsing said. “Running for ASEWU president, I am well aware of the fact that she can’t attain her goals for Eastern alone. People need to see the big picture and sacrificed time to make great things happen. She can bet she has a plan to make sure they do.

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Three favorable music reviews... and one about Britney Spears

Allen Moody

The Easterner

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The album, which was produced by the legendary Todd Rundgren, begins in excellent fashion with 'You've Got a Chance,' which may well be the band's catchiest song since 1994's "21st Century Boulevard" (Digital Boy) and continues to rock straight through to the closing track, 'Don't Sell Me Short'.

Front-man Greg Graffin shows his sense of humor on 'I Love My Computer,' a song about Internet dating, and Graffin and former band-member Brett Gurewitz team up for their first collaboration since Gurewitz left the band five years ago with 'Believe It.' Hearing the two together again makes this CD worse the purchase price alone.

Music fans in the Northwest will have the opportunity to see Bad Religion in concert when they open for Blink-182 at the Gorge this summer. It was a fitting tribute for the Blinkster's to see on TV.

The lonesome survivor from Southern California's once-heralded punk rock scene is back, and as good as ever, with the release of their 14th album, 'The New America.' Long-time Bad Religion fans will be pleased to know the band shows no sign of slowing down and, despite the addition of gray hairs and receding hairlines on several of the band members, the band looks to be younger than ever.

The band had plenty of help in the recording studio, as Helmet's John Stanier handles the drums and Jello Biafra, founder of the Dead Kennedys puts in an appearance on 'As Seen on TV.'

'Waler Thin' may well be the best song Pitchshifter has ever released and is the highlight of the album, while 'Condensation,' 'Forget the Facts' and 'Everything's Fucked' are excellent in their own right.

This release, along with a slot in Ozzfest 2000 may be the break the band needs to take their rightful place as one of the best bands in the industry today.

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“arlier this year, after playing a brief gig in Florida, the band tried to make another attempt at breaking into the mainstream, but the attempt was unsuccessful.

The band has never hidden their love for the music industry, and this release proves they are just as dedicated to it now as they have ever been.

The group has changed little since their debut album, 'Deviant,' and the music on this release is every bit as good as the band's earlier recordings, most notably 'Far Beyond Driven.'

The album begins with a flurry of 'Hellraiser' and continues to kick some serious ass until the final number, 'I'll Cast a Shadow,' shows his sense of humor on 'I Love My Computer,' a song about Internet dating, and Graffin and former band-member Brett Gurewitz team up for their first collaboration since Gurewitz left the band five years ago with 'Believe It.' Hearing the two together again makes this CD worse the purchase price alone.

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City Editor

A slave is doing battle with a trained gladiator in a small arena.

Young and inexperienced with the art of arena fighting, the slave blinks away an overhead axe with the shield in his left hand. He then slams the shield into his opponent's face and follows through with a crossing stroke from his bronze blade. The blade has through the gladiator's sweat stained armor and breaks his sternum.

Dazed, he looks up and realizes that his overmatched by the young upstart.

Like a hungry bear, the slave growls and begins a sustained attack of such velocity that he pins his opponent up against the arena walls. Dropping his blade, the slave backhands the warrior and stabs him. He then throws two mighty uppercuts crossing stroke from his bronze blade. The blade hacks through the young upstart.

Director Ridley Scott keeps his audience focused throughout the film with hypnotic cinematography. The opening battlefield scenes are extremely attention getting, and the dark lighting cast on the film does a good job of alluding to the downcast spirits of the combatants. The Coliseum and arena scenes are intense with their blend of computer-generated effects and cast interaction.

The cast itself is fairly well chosen. The hero role of Maximus is well-suited to Russell Crowe. He puts to use WWF/WCW style acting abilities which are well suited to the arena, yet able to actually play his own character focus is on his own dialogue.

Maximus brings an air to his role of Emperor Commodus which is suitably reminiscent of the role of Cogliuta in the late '60s film "Claudius." Standout in this film were the supporting cast. Dijon Hounsou's portrayal of the African slave Juba is excellent. He is low spoken and sometimes bumbling during the interludes, yet fierce, vicious and adoring to his fellow man throughout the film.

My personal favorite was the performance of the late Oliver Reed, who plays the role of the gladiator-trainer Proximo. Reed, who died at the end of the movie's production, plays a good pragmatic entertainer/merchant. He seems to relax in being at first a money-grubbing arena master, switching to a caring benefactor, then finally to a heroic usurper of power.

Ralph Moeller is also huge in this movie and costar wise of his 7-foot, 300 pound physique. He drinks in the role of the young slave-turned-gladiator, and is the epitome of toughness and true character, who gradually evolves into basically a disciple of Maximus. Especially memorable is the already mentioned scene at the beginning of the movie wherein he implies the gladiator on the stakes, but even that is only an example of the strength of his character, which is an excellent role for Moeller, who relishes his character throughout, and goes beyond himself in acting ability, growing and even showing a tender side at last, which only furthers his character and makes the movie much more thrilling and appealing to the audience.

The one person who is really responsible for the success of this movie is not even directly involved with the actual production. Kudos to Louis DiGiamo for his casting of the movie. The actors fill the characters, and Director Ridley Scott has no easier job of making the movie fit because of DiGiamo's efforts.

Though this movie may not win any Oscars, all credit for its success should be given to DiGiamo and the supporting cast of Gladiator, who make this movie worth a trip down to the Cheney Cinemas.

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EWU Corporate Cup Team shares Bloomsday success

Jeff Thaxter  
EWU Sports

EWU fielded five teams in this year’s annual Lilac Bloomsday Run on May 7th in Spokane. Two of the red team, and the women’s team, won the Corporate Cup trophy in their division. The white team was fourth in their division, the pink team finished tenth in the women’s division, and the lilac team placed 20 in their category.

“Everyone put their hearts into it,” said Lynne Strang, the captain of the pink team. “They did super.”

The women’s team prior to the race. “We always expect to win,” he said. Although, he admits luck does have something to do with it. In the Corporate Cup, your score is determined by dividing your time into the best time in your age group and multiplying by 100.

You might score 1000 points one year but someone new comes into your age group the next year that is really good,” says Rahn, “then you might not do as well.”

Confidence was high on the women’s team prior to the race. “We knew we should do well,” said Shaw. They ran the course a couple of times before Bloomsday to prepare themselves. “That made us more confident,” says Rahn.

The majority of Corporate Cup team members enjoyed their experience in Bloomsday and plan to keep competing for Eastern in the future. “I’ll do it as long as they’ll have me,” says Rahn.

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EWU faculty brought home the Corporate Cup again.

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Junior quarterback Chris Samms completed 14-of-23 passes for 221 yards and a pair of touchdowns to lead the Red team to a 49-27 victory over the White Saturday in the annual Red-White Spring Football Game at Eastern Washington University’s Woodward Stadium.

Samms had touchdown passes of 20 yards to Romane Smith in the second quarter and added a 28-yard strike to Wayne Timmons with 1:14 left in the game. Troy Griggs also made field goals of 23 and 43 yards as the Red took a 12-0 lead at halftime and was never challenged.

Led by Samms, the Red squad had 284 yards of total offense, compared to just 64 for the White. Starting quarterback Fred Salazar directed the White offense and completed 7-of-10 passes for 62 yards while getting sacked three times.

Mario Sweet rushed for 68 yards on 15 carries for the Red and White running back Donald Ball had 23 yards on nine carries. Running backs Jovon Griffith and Jesse Champion, who combined for 2,164 yards a year ago, did not play.

Six different receivers caught three passes in the scrimmage, including Lance Ballew with three grabs for 25 yards for the White. Timmons (66 yards), Smith (62), Ryan Harms (35), Kyle Delorne (33) and Sweet (21) all caught three passes for the Red.

Luke Vincent led the winning Red team with seven tackles, and Adam Zeiger added eight. Lance Gibson had 1 (of the team’s three sacks), and Patrick Edwards had the only interception of the day.

Travis Galloway led the White defense with nine tackles, and Anthony Griffin had seven. Ole Olsen and Jeremy Engle each broke up two passes, and Jeff Allen had the squad’s lone sack.

Nick Reynolds had four punts for a 37.8 average per kick, and Ryan Chirone punted once for 43 yards.

Mario Sweet was the game’s leading rusher with 68 yards on 15 carries.

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**Eagle tennis trio receives honors; Bracken second team All-Big Sky**

Eastern Washington University’s Sara Bracken earned second-team All-Big Sky Conference women’s tennis honors, heading a list of three Eagle tennis players honored by the Big Sky.

Mara Drummond earned honorable mention honors for the women and senior Shane Stiner was an honorable mention selection for the men.

Bracken’s honor marked the third consecutive year she has been honored by the Big Sky. For the past two years, she was a conference honorable mention selection. A junior from Wilsonville, Ore., Bracken resided at the No. 1 singles position for the third consecutive year during the 1999-2000 season. She matched two singles victories during the year including a win in the Big Sky Mountain Regional Tournament. In addition, she saw action in 17 doubles matches at all three doubles positions.

Drummond, a junior from Whittier, Yukon, played primarily at the No. 4 singles position during the 1999-2000 season.

She led the Eagles with five wins in singles play including one at the No. 3 position. In addition, she played nine matches at the No. 1 doubles position.

Drummond was a 1999 Big Sky Conference All-Academic selection along with Stiner, whose honor marked the second consecutive year he has been recognized with an honorable mention selection. The senior from Bellingham, Wash., was the team’s No. 1 singles player for the second consecutive year and tallied an 8-7 record from that position during the season. In addition, Stiner and teammate John Greber recorded five victories as Eastern’s No. 2 doubles tandem.

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