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I want to thank all of you who call EWC your college and invite each of you to reaffirm your commitments. We refer to ourselves as family, being honest about what we need to do and not being shy about asking each other for help. Each of us plays a vital role, whether student, faculty, staff, community, or alumni. We will continue to foster new friendships, and, just as in the past, we will count on friends as we move forward.

As we weave together elements of a dynamic and forward looking model, it’s easy to state that enriching lives and improving communities is Eastern’s primary goal. Confirming our long-held traditions and our best practices, we resolve to explore new and innovative methods of delivering education, including quality distance education offerings. As watchful stewards, we will be cautious risk takers -- reviewing our revenue and resource allocations; investing in the strength of our people; integrating technology effectively, and conserving both dollars and energy.

Our community provides vital support for our future, and our recent use of focus groups to evaluate our agriculture program has provided information and recommendations that will strengthen that important part of our college and our community. The College embraced the agricultural community, seeking and receiving valued input on program definition and enhancements. Additionally, we have been honored to assist Torrington and Goshen County’s new correctional facility during its opening phases and are pioneering educational opportunities for the benefit of both inmates and prison staff.

I assure you that we will focus our energies, communicate on campus and off for the best decision making, and manage with common sense. Our Fall 2010 accreditation self-study, which is already underway, is an important building block for a thoughtful, serious review of our quality and direction.

Please, accept my appreciation for your involvement and interest in Eastern Wyoming College. I look forward to having you as a strong partner as we move ahead together and with purpose—truly believing that “A Little College is Good for You.”

Tom Armstrong,
President
“There is not enough money for scholarships this year. The college is cutting the scholarship budget. The students are going to have to find other resources for school.” These words were spoken throughout much of the world of higher education this year. Fortunately, and with a huge thanks to you, our students did not hear these words.

Obviously, we have all been affected by the downturn of the economy. The Foundation also suffered an economic impact because of a substantial decrease in investment returns. Last year, as the Board reviewed our ability to support Foundation scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year, it became somewhat questionable as to whether or not we would be able to fully fund this critical need. (Many colleges and universities across the country were unable to fund these needs at their usual level, or at all.) However, with the foresight of the Board, Dr. Armstrong, and staff, the Foundation embarked upon an annual giving campaign which had the immediate result of fully funding all scholarships. I offer a special thanks to Barbara Bonds and Todd Peterson who chaired this year’s annual giving campaign which raised nearly $35,000.

I must tell you that it is wonderful to hear from students when they offer their deepest thanks and gratitude for providing them the resources to attend college. On behalf of the Board, I pass on their appreciation to you. With your help this year and always, you open the possibilities of education and learning to many.

I cannot close without taking a moment to recognize a very giving member of our Foundation board, and a wonderful member of our community who passed away in February. Mary Lou Atkins had a personal love for education and for the students at Eastern Wyoming College. Mary Lou served on the EWC Foundation for nearly ten years. She had great expectations for our college and worked tirelessly to make them happen. She was admired by so many, and we will miss her tremendously.

Let me once again thank all of you who support what we do and I ask you to continue to support this truly excellent college.

Patrick Korell, President
Eastern Wyoming College Foundation
The oversized baskets of cookies were always waiting for students as they arrived in the residence halls at the beginning of each semester. They came from Mary Lou Atkins, who spent decades supporting students and higher education at EWC. Mary Lou passed away early in 2010, and has left behind a legacy of commitment to education and care for people’s futures that changed thousands of lives over the last four decades.

As a member of the EWC Foundation Board of Directors for nearly a decade, Mary Lou’s knowledge of philanthropy and her willingness to lead efforts to raise funds for College campaigns were a unique demonstration of personal, and forceful, commitment. Along with her husband Les, who was also a member of the EWC Foundation, Mary Lou’s giving resulted in nearly $250,000 for everything from small book awards to support for academic programs and construction of needed new facilities at the College. Her desire to beautify the campus was well known, and much of her support has been, and will be, aimed at making EWC a welcoming and visually enjoyable experience for all of us. Her determination to remove the juniper bushes in front of the Tebbet building (by herself if necessary!) is already the inspiration for creating a campus-wide landscaping plan.

At Mary Lou’s memorial service, her daughter Janice summed up a wonderful life… a full and meaningful life centered on family, faith, community, and humor. All of us at EWC, who knew her well or saw her at virtually every college event from theater to basketball, are able to smile and know how fortunate we are to have known her, and to have benefitted from her dedication, love and leadership in helping to advance this wonderful institution. The cookies in the dorms said it all.
EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE FOUNDATION

As part of the annual Spring edition of Lancer Luminaries, the EWC Foundation will provide financial information for review by our donors.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
Year Ended June 30, 2009

Cash Flows from Operating Activities $ 323,390
Change in net assets
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net
Cash (used in) operating activities:
Contributions restricted for long term purposes (562,729)
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments (141,891)
Realized (gain) loss on investments 341,873
(Increase) decrease in:
Accrued interest receivable 10,487
Receivables 36,404
(Increase) decrease in:
Deferred revenue 564
Accounts payable and other liabilities (188,691)
Net cash (used in) operating activities (180,593)

Cash Flows from Investing Activities
Purchases of investments (6,358,498)
Purchases and investments in real estate (2,890)
Proceeds from sales of investments 4,512,539
Net cash (used in) investing activities (1,848,849)

Cash Flows from Financing Activities
Contributions restricted for permanent endowments 562,729
Increase in long-term investments held by others 1,038,424
Net cash provided by financing activities 1,601,153

(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents (428,289)

Cash and Cash Equivalents
Beginning 571,097

Ending $ 142,808
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**Year Ended June 30, 2009**

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A strong passion for helping student athletes excel in and out of the arena drives Eastern Wyoming College Rodeo Coach Jake Clark. A former EWC student athlete himself, Clark is in his thirteenth year as head coach for the Lancer Rodeo Team. Clark is just the second coach for the EWC rodeo program in 28 years. He replaced his former coach Gordon Hodson when he retired after 15 years of coaching.

Rodeo has played a large role in Clark’s life. “It’s pretty much been my life,” said Clark. “My family has been involved in the sport of rodeo since I was born and it is just something I’ve always been a part of and enjoy.”

Clark was recruited to compete for the Lancer Rodeo Team by Hodson. While at EWC, he competed in tie-down roping, team roping and bareback riding; qualifying for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) his sophomore year. He transferred to Chadron State College to earn a degree in education and another trip to the CNFR.

After graduation, Clark taught high school science and coached football for three years before applying for his current position. “The coaches and instructors I had were strong influences on me and I’ve always enjoyed helping others,” Clark said. “I really believe in Eastern Wyoming College and the opportunities it provides students.”

“I really believe in Eastern Wyoming College and the opportunities it provides students.”

- Coach Jake Clark

Clark has qualified for the Mountain States Circuit Finals in the tie-down roping. He continues to enjoy tie-down roping and team roping as well as helping his children in the rodeo arena.

The EWC Rodeo Program draws students from all across the country. During Clark’s tenure, EWC has consistently had qualifiers to the CNFR each year. “I’ve lost count of our national qualifiers, which is a good thing,” says Clark. “I would say we’ve had 65 to 70 national qualifiers in the last 13 years as well as having several teams qualify.”

The program has had many regional champion event winners as well. Several EWC alumni have qualified for the National Finals Rodeo; most recently former World Champion Steer Wrestler Dean Gorsuch and steer wrestling qualifier Jake Rinehart.

“Those guys will come back and help with practice from time to time,” Clark said. “It is nice to have the alumni support from them and others.”

“We’ve had a lot of students who have gone on to successful rodeo careers,” Clark continued. “I just like to see our students go on and have successful lives in whatever path they choose.”
Coach Clark continued...

The rodeo program draws between 30-70 students each year; with an average of 45. Word of mouth recruiting has been effective for Clark. “Some of the best recruiting comes from current and former students,” Clark explained. “They’ll tell their friends it’s a great place to come to school and that is the first contact that gets it started.”

EWC does have a scholarship program for recruiting. In addition, if a student has good grades and wants to rodeo they can do so. All of these students have to be dedicated and committed to the sport of college rodeo. “Most college students arrive with a duffle bag,” Clark explained. “The rodeo students show up with pickups, trailers, animals and a whole set of responsibilities and expenses.”

“In rodeo, the only time you get paid is when you win. So there are some pressures there as well,” He continued. “It is a very strong, self-disciplined sport and the students really work at it and put in those extra miles.”

Clark challenges the student athletes to excel in the classroom and in the arena which in turn leads to a bright future ahead. “It’s rewarding to see the students grow in competition and also in their whole outlook on life, and to see them go on and be successful in whatever they do,” said Clark. “It is a great sport and a great place for young adults to be, as well as a good incentive to stay in school and get an education.”

The Lancer Rodeo Team hosted the Lancer Rodeo 2010 March 26-28 at the Goshen County Pavilion in Torrington. Contact Clark at 307.532.8337 or jake.clark@ewc.wy.edu.
Distinguished Alumni

2009  Dr. Craig Alford

Dr. Craig Alford is native of Australia, who came to Eastern Wyoming College in 1991 as a Rotary exchange student. He left the college in 1992 to return to Australia, but returned to complete his AS in Agriculture in 1994. He went on to complete his PhD in Agronomy at the University of Wyoming in 2004. His educational honors include the President’s Honor Scholarship, outstanding senior and Ph.D candidate for the college of Agriculture at UW, and selection in Who’s Who in students in American Colleges and Universities in 1993 and 1995. His professional history includes work as a field development representative and various positions for Dupont Corporation, including his current position in special project management related to crop protection with Dupont Corporation. Dr. Alford currently lives in the Denver area, and is married to Torrington native Felicia (Howe). They have one son, Jake.

2010  Dr. Richard Van Klaveren

Dr. Richard Van Klaveren received his AA in Engineering from Eastern Wyoming College in 1968. He received his M.S. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Wyoming and his Ph.D in Engineering Sciences from Washington State University in 1987. His many academic and professional awards include the USDA Certificate of Merit, the Soil Conservation Service Letter of Merit, the national Society of Professional Engineers National SCS Engineer of the year, and induction into the University of Wyoming’s Engineering Hall of Fame. His career in soils, conservation, and water management have taken him throughout the world, including stops in the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Egypt, Turkey, Israel and Armenia, where he developed the new national irrigation delivery system for this former Soviet block country following the breakup of the Soviet Union. He has provided expert addresses and consulted for conservation groups throughout the west and in Egypt and Italy. Dr. Van Klaveren is currently retired in Hayden, Idaho.
A well crafted estate plan allows you to not only plan for the transfer of your property following your death, but also to express your end of life health care wishes and appoint agents to act on your behalf in the event you are disabled. Alternatively, Wyoming statutes will provide for the distribution of your property, perhaps in a manner contrary to your wishes or family dynamics. Additionally, the lack of direction as to an agent to assist with financial and health care decisions may necessitate the appointment of a guardian or conservator by a court of law. Given the changing face of American society, today’s estate plan must often address second spouses and families, non traditional families, and the myriad of personal circumstances brought on by society’s ills, family member’s personal habits and choices, and other circumstances that you may feel critical to the distribution of your estate.

The basic tools of an estate plan should include either a Last Will and Testament or a Revocable Trust, a General Durable Power of Attorney, and an Advanced Health Care Directive. The purpose of the Will or Trust is to address the payment of your creditors and distribution of your property in the manner you wish it to be distributed. The Will or Trust will also name the individual who will be responsible for overseeing the administration of your estate. The Will or Trust may be a simple affair or a very complex document, depending upon your testamentary wishes, the size and scope of your potential estate, and the degree of planning required to achieving your intended distribution.

Your estate planner should also craft an Advance Health Care Directive to allow you to appoint an agent to make health care decisions for you if you are unable to do so. Your Advance Health Care Directive will also let you state the type of care you wish to be provided or have withheld if you are gravely ill. The planner should also craft a General Durable Power of Attorney to appoint an agent to make financial decisions for you if you are unable to do so for yourself. These powers are most commonly invested in your agent only upon your disability; however, in the case of elderly persons or under other circumstances, the powers may be vested at the time the documents are executed. Regardless, in the event you are disabled and unable to manage your affairs, the appointment of an agent prior to your disability may be critical to having your financial and health management needs addressed.

If you feel that an estate plan will benefit you, please contact an attorney to discuss your individual needs. The estate planning needs of every person are different and your attorney will be able to tailor a plan to your personal circumstances.
ALUMNI OUT OF TOUCH
Help . . . We have lost track of the following alumni!

Please let us know if you have any information regarding these “out of touch” alumni. If you know of the people listed below, or alumni who graduated prior to 1955, please send an e-mail to holly.lara@ewc.wy.edu. Please include your own physical address. If we can successfully contact the lost alumni, you will receive a finder’s gift from EWC. Thanks for your help!

1966
Rodney Clark
Arlie Ferguson
Jim Ferguson
Frank Flock
Krista Hardin
Janice Hesselgesser
Jack Hinze
Leon Hughes
Ruth James
Eva Lotta
Gordon Lyon
Gary Mccone
Richard Metz
Rhonda Millsap
Viola Mondle
Mary Montano
LeAnn Mort
Arthur Ross
Ruth Schmick
Martha Spatz

1967
Marilyn Anderson
Cheryl Crossley
Michael Davis
Mary Dowers
Alex Dale Ehrlich
James Fullmer
Linda Geisick
Janet Hacker Haugeto
Judy Hill
Bobby Jean Mehling
Eleanor Peterson
Betty Wilhelm
Nancy Willhite (Thompson)
Tom Willhite
David Taylor
Anne Yates

1968
Kay Beers
Bonnie Coffee
Nancy Cunningham
Lynda Gronewold
Carol Grote
Larry Hauf
Robert Kraft
Marc Loibl
Frank McHenry
Carol Melonuk
Diana Mercer
Michael Morley
Larry Pomeroy
Gary Price
Joanne Raffelson
Mary Schmechel
Margaret Schreiner
Vicki Scott
Rebecca Spencer
Charles Standage
Susan Steinmetz
Dianne Stricker
Marvin Zulauf

1969
Jerry Baker
Roy Brewer
Deborah Browning
Judy Coffman
John Dierks
Sally Eisenbarth
Jerry Fullmer
Peggy Hughes
Bridget Lewark
Sandra Lyons
Deborah Morton
Kathy Notman
Bill Oberg

1970
Barbara Schreiner
Carol Smith
Emy Lu Warren
Steve Weller
Joseph Adams
Sandra Bahmer
Mary Ellen Baldridge
David Bennett
Nancy Busskohl
Lucille Carpenter
John Corbin
Sharon Cross
Donald Cruse
Mary Jean DeBock
Diana Deen
Norma Dennis
William Fullmer
David Haldeman
Edward Harlow
Lois Hill
Linda Hubbard
Dorothy Krebs
Roger Leach
Janis Orrell
Daryl Rife
Rosemary Ring
Jean Sellers
Donald Shupp
Linda Simmons
Mary Jane Ward
Notes from the Development Office and Foundation

Oliver Sundby
Director of Institutional Development

Books and Supplies

As part of a campus committee that meets regularly to discuss student financial aid subjects, I have been hearing more and more about the need for support in the area of books and educational supplies. Scholarships of course continue to be important, however students often are faced with significant charges for the items they must have to succeed in their classes. Books can often run in the range of $150 to $200, with a high of $300. The cost of materials required for a cosmetology major ranges between $1500 and $1700, and welding majors must purchase over $400 in supplies beyond their books. A student in the college’s nationally-recognized veterinary technology program is required to expend between $500 and $800 for supplies and equipment, including a required series of rabies shots.

These costs are always good targets for people who wish to help our students and give them the best chance of success. Please contact us at the office of Development and the Foundation office if you would like to discuss this area of critical need.

Annual Appeal Supports Foundation Scholarships

In 2009, the EWC Foundation committed to building an annual fund campaign for the purpose of raising unrestricted funds for college purposes. Chaired by EWC distinguished alumni Barbara Bonds and Todd Peterson, the campaign did very well in its first year, raising over $35,000 in funds for college projects identified by the President. Also during 2009, Foundation investments had a difficult year – as did most investments in educational foundations and non-profit organizations nationwide. In typical years, endowed scholarships are funded with growth in investments, however 2009 was an extremely difficult year. Investment results from 2009 are the basis for funding scholarships for the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 school year.

As the Foundation looked at the reduced income from investments, it became clear that the initiation of an annual fund campaign would be a way to partially “rescue” scholarships to students that would otherwise not have been funded. With funds from the annual campaign, and other unrestricted funds available with the Foundation, we were able to fund scholarships for the coming year at the same level as we had done in 2009. Because of the generosity that people in our community and in our college demonstrated, the annual fund campaign has made a tremendous difference in the Foundation’s ability to maintain student opportunity.

Wyoming Endowment Challenge

The College and Foundation continue to accept contributions for endowments, which can be matched dollar for dollar by the State through the Endowment Challenge Matching Program. To qualify for an endowment, a program or scholarship must have a total of $5,000, so a gift of $2,500 can be doubled to meet that requirement. Gifts to current endowments can be made in any range, and will also be doubled. Please contact the Office of Institutional Development if you wish to discuss an endowment gift, and how you want your gift to be directed in support of scholarships or other student needs.
HONOR ROLL OF DONORS
January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009

Eastern Wyoming College and the Board of Directors of the Eastern Wyoming College Foundation thank those who have made special efforts to support student opportunity through their giving.
Suzanne Andrews

2009 Annual Fund
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New Foundation Board Members

**Gary Olson** - Gary is a 1964 Torrington High School Graduate. After a four year tour in Vietnam and Southeast Asia, he returned to EWC for two years and joined his father in the Goodyear Tire business at Olson Tire in 1971. In 1978 he started Torrington Disposal Service and in 1981 opened the only private land fill in Wyoming. He is currently president of both Olson Tire and TDS.

In the last 30 years, Gary has served on many boards that support the Torrington area, including the Goshen County Economic Development Board, the Chamber of Commerce, the Two Shot Goose Hunt, County Fair Board and the Rural Fire Board, the Shrine bowl of Wyoming and Ducks Unlimited among many others. He has previously served eight years on the EWC Board of Trustees and Foundation Boards, and has accepted an additional appointment in April of 2010 to return to the EWC Foundation. Gary notes that “Of all the boards in our fine area I could pick to serve on, the EWC Foundation is one that each member can sincerely say makes a difference in changing people’s lives. I look forward to promoting the College and assisting the Foundation in every way possible.”

**Dr. Marion Smith** - Marion was born in Newcastle, and spent her younger years in Buffalo. She began her education at Casper College. She received her BS degree at UW, and her MD from Creighton University in Omaha. After completing her family medicine residency in Omaha she moved to Torrington in 1985, initially practicing with the Torrington Medical Group. She is now employed in family medicine with Banner Health. Other related activities included her being medical director of APS Healthcare, contract work with the State of Wyoming Department of Health, serving as Medical Director of the Banner Clinic and Goshen Care Center, and serving as the Goshen County Public Health Officer. Marion is an active member of the Wyoming Medical Society, and served as state president in 2001.

She serves on the Wyoming Council of Catholic Women, is a member of PEO, and serves on the Board of Directors and executive committee of the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation.

Marion and her husband Steve have four children, Steven, Sean, Spencer and Seamus --Marion notes that she is only one boy short of a basketball team!

**Blake Ochsner** - Blake was born and raised in Goshen County, and is a graduate of Torrington High School. After one year at EWC, he moved on to UW, where he received his Bachelor’s degree in Vocational Agriculture Education. He returned to the family ranch north of Torrington, where his operation consists of a registered herd of Angus and Hereford cattle from which bulls and show heifers are sold. Blake met his wife Chrissy at EWC, and they have two children – Katie and B.W. Blake is active in 4-H and FFA programs, and also in the Goshen County Farm Bureau, First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church and is on the advisory board of First State Bank. Blake is looking forward to his work with the Foundation, and helping to ensure that the College continues to be a vital part of the community.
John Nesbitt Honored by the Western Writers of America

And the Spur Award goes to...John Nesbitt. For the second year in a row, Nesbitt has been honored by the Western Writers of America (WWA) for his western writings. He will be recognized and receive the coveted Spur Award at the WWA Convention, June 22-26 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

According to the WWA website, the Spur Awards are given annually for distinguished writing about the American West and are among the oldest and most prestigious awards in American literature. The awards were established in 1953. Winners of the Spur Awards in previous years include Larry McMurtry for *Lonesome Dove* and Michael Blake for *Dances With Wolves.* Each year, judges pick one winner and two finalists in each category. In 2008, Nesbitt was a finalist for the award with his novel *Raven Springs* and won in 2009 for his novel *Trouble at the Redstone.*

This year Nesbitt is being honored and recognized for two works of western literature. His novel, *Stranger in Thunder Basin,* won the Spur Award for Best Mass-Market Paperback Original. He is also receiving a Spur Award for his short story titled “At the End of the Orchard,” which was originally published by *Hardboiled* Magazine. This short story takes place in a peach orchard and labor camp in California in 1964 and is part of another line of fiction that Nesbitt is working on.

“This is an honor beyond my imagination,” shared Nesbitt, “I hope that with it I can be useful to others, especially EWC students and writers in our service area.”

Nesbitt’s most recent novel was released in February of 2010 and is entitled *Not a Rustler.* This is a ranch story about a person being accused of rustling cattle when he didn’t do it. The character courageously rises up to defend himself and clear his name.

Recently, Mysterical-E, an electronic magazine, published a novella by Nesbitt. The story, *Dead for the Last Time,* began in one edition and was concluded in another. Winning awards such as the Spur awards has also provided opportunities for Nesbitt’s work to be featured in other formats. He has had novels go into large print, electronic books and audio books. He will have another novel released in October of 2010.

“John Nesbitt is an amazing and unique resource at Eastern Wyoming College. I have had students share with me that John was the reason they came to study here. John’s experienced dedication to his companion professions of writing and teaching benefit students and colleagues alike,” shared EWC President Dr. Tom Armstrong. “John’s put himself in good company; Western Writers of America can also pick winners. “

Nesbitt is currently an English and Spanish instructor at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington, Wyoming. He has taught at the College for 29 years.
COMMUNITY EDUCATION at EWC - Learning, Growing, Connecting

Community Education at Eastern Wyoming College seeks to improve the quality of life by for people throughout eastern Wyoming. Lifelong learning is a major foundation of what a college brings to its community, and is based on the belief that people are learners at every age and are entitled to pursue educational opportunities that are meaningful to them. Eastern Wyoming College Community Education classes, programs, activities and trips are offered at Torrington, Douglas, Newcastle, LaGrange, Wheatland, Chugwater, Guernsey, Lusk, Glendo, Glenrock, Upton, Moorcroft, Sundance and Hulett.

Whether you want to enhance your skills in a new hobby such as learning about digital cameras or taking a cooking class, get into shape with yoga, pilates/ballet, or aerobics or explore the region with one of our trips, this is a great time to enjoy one of the many classes and trips offered through Community Education. We provide exiting, challenging and rewarding programs that involve people of all ages in learning, growing and connecting. Our programs and instructors can help keep your body fit with regular exercise that will benefit your health and balance your life. Take a Pilates class, learn to dance, play golf or relax and relieve stress with yoga. Discover new inspiration through painting, yoga, or taking a Community Education trip. Share your talents and meet your neighbors.

The EWC Community Education department has been lead for the last two years by Mike Durfee. Mike brings strong community knowledge and relationships to this position, having been principal at Trail Elementary in Torrington, and as a school administrator in Torrington, Lingle, and LaGrange for the past 34 years.

EWC offers a variety of classes and trips to have fun, learn something new and make new friends. Some examples of classes we offer include: The People’s Law School, Best Friends Dog Agility Club, Fly Fishing, Conversational Spanish, Digital Photography, Cake Decorating, Hunter Safety, Beginning Quilting, Horsemanship Fundamentals, Getting to Know Your GPS, Community Choir, Tai Chi, Pilates/Ballet, Yoga, Aerobics, Mastering the Short Game for Golfers, cooking classes, arts and craft classes, home and gardening classes, and a wide variety of computer classes. Youth classes include Tai Chi, Little Diggers Volleyball, Youth Basketball, Driver’s Education, Kid’s College, and EWC Cosmetology youth classes. Some of our featured trips include: Disney on Ice, Colorado Rockies, Ft. Robinson Post Playhouse, University of Wyoming Football, 1880 Train – Black Hills Central Railroad, Black Thunder Coal Mine, and the Boulder Dinner Theater.

As we move from the cold dark nights of winter into the warm sunshine and fresh flowers of spring and summer, we invite you to join us for a lifelong learning class at EWC!

(The EWC main campus Community Education brochure can be accessed through the EWC website.)
Foundation Board Highlight - Joe Guth

“IT IS EASY FOR ME TO SUPPORT AN INSTITUTION THAT IS SO VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO THE SUCCESS OF STUDENTS FROM NOT ONLY TORRINGTON BUT FROM THROUGHOUT THE REGION.”

— JOE GUTH

Joe is a lifelong Goshen county resident and is currently president and CEO of Platte Valley Bank of Wyoming. He has served on the EWC Foundation since 1993, serving as president of the Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 to 1998, and was actively involved in the College’s Great Decision campaign. He co-chairs the annual EWC Foundation golf tournament, which supports scholarship and student opportunity at the college and as an active Rotarian he is always involved in a wide variety of activities that make Torrington a great place to live.

Joe is a graduate of Torrington High School, the University of Wyoming and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Colorado. Joe and his wife Gaylene have two sons, Patrick, currently a senior at Torrington High School, and Brett - a 7th grader at Torrington Middle School. Joe’s father, Bill Guth, chaired the EWC Board of Trustees from 1986 through 1993. When not working long hours and traveling with bank work, Joe can be found riding a tractor on his farm, in a goose blind or on the golf course.

Regarding his association with EWC over the years, Joe notes, “It is easy for me to support an institution that is so vital to our community and to the success of students from not only Torrington but from throughout the region. As I did, so many students have an opportunity to challenge themselves with college level work both as EWC students on campus or as a high school student taking college level classes. As a senior at Torrington High School, a great and caring teacher, Mrs. Ayers, got me through college English, which I have to say was probably not my strong suit.” Joe adds, “EWC is both a cultural and educational foundation for the area, and also a major corporate citizen that adds a sense of importance and permanence to our area. I am always amazed how many people I meet across Wyoming that connect with EWC and have such fond memories of their being a part of this institution.”
Eastern Wyoming College Alumni Information Sheet

This form may also be completed on the EWC web site
ewc.wy.edu
Please complete the following information.
This information is used to update alumni records.

If you would like to be nominated or know someone you would like to nominate for the “EWC Distinguished Alumni Award” you may also use this form for that purpose. For more information on the distinguished Alumni program, call (307) 532.8304.

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2010 Retirees
This year, EWC has five employees retiring from the College. Retirees include Angie Babcock, Anne Gardetto, Janan McCreery, Jan King and Tim Walters. Angie has worked at the College for 24 years and serves as the Grant Writer. Anne Gardetto, Student Services Specialist, is retiring after 36 years. EWC Ag Instructor Tim Walters has been with the College for 20 years. Janan McCreery has been with EWC for 23 years as the Education Instructor. Jan King is retiring after 6 years as the CNA Instructor. We wish them all well in retirement!

[Images of five individuals: Angie Babcock, Tim Walter, Anne Gardetto, Janan McCreery, Jan King]
Instructor Profile:

Dr. Richard “Rick” Patterson

Eastern Wyoming College has long been known for its criminal justice program, and recent events will continue that tradition and further strengthen the department. As part of the progression, Dr. Richard Patterson, Eastern Wyoming College criminal justice instructor began a yearlong study with the Wyoming Department of Corrections (WDOC) in July 2009 through a sabbatical. The goal of his study is to increase his knowledge and understanding of current correctional operations, practices, and philosophies and in exchange, he is consulting with WDOC in the implementation of various treatment and staff training programs.

He attended the WDOC Basic Training Academy that is required of all new WDOC employees and has since been heavily involved with the Training Academy, which is temporarily relocated to Camp Guernsey. He is teaching in each of the nine training classes, which combined total over 300 students. His classes include “Inmate Suicide Prevention” and “Interaction with Mentally Ill Inmates. He also teaches both of these courses at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy in Douglas.

The main purpose of the sabbatical, however, is to observe and study the opening of the new prison, which is located three miles east of Torrington. The Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution (WMCI) is a 722-bed medium security, adult, male correctional facility that opened in January 2010. It is designed and staffed for operation as a treatment facility, with numerous programs and services for special needs inmates. Patterson has been involved throughout the preparation and opening of the facility and will continue as it moves into full operation.

Dr. Patterson has an extensive background working with legal offenders. He has worked as a counselor at the Wyoming State Penitentiary in Rawlins and served as the Mental Health Services Director at the Laramie County Detention Center in Cheyenne. His doctoral dissertation was a study of female criminality conducted at the Wyoming Women’s Center in Lusk. He has been the executive director of Washakie Mental Health Services in Worland, Wyoming, which provided the mental health treatment services to the Wyoming Boys’ School, and serves as a consultant for the Field Services Division of WDOC, training probation/parole agents on managing sex offenders.
and understanding clients with mental illness. This experience serves him well as WMCI opens up its various treatment units to take care of special needs inmates, especially those involving substance abuse and mental health issues.

Patterson, a Torrington native, has a long history of involvement with EWC. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he worked as a night-shift patrol officer for the Laramie Police Department while attending classes part-time at UW. In 1981, he moved to Torrington and transferred to EWC. He completed his criminal justice degree in 1982 while working as a patrol sergeant for the Torrington Police Department. Inspired by that accomplishment, he then continued his education at Chadron State College, completing a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and a Masters’ degree in counseling. From 1986 until 1990, he served as the Counselor/Placement Director at EWC until moving to Laramie to work on his Ph.D., which he completed in 1992. In 2005, he returned to EWC to teach psychology and criminal justice.

Since Dr. Patterson’s return to EWC, the criminal justice department has been expanded and updated, and several new courses have been introduced. The program has been reorganized to offer tracks in both law enforcement and corrections taught through both on-campus and on-line offerings. Currently, EWC is the only Wyoming community college offering the complete criminal justice program on-line and a large number of students from throughout the state and region are taking advantage of the opportunity to be able continue their education.

With the opening of the new Torrington medium security prison, a large number of WDOC employees are expressing interest in EWC and it is anticipated that enrollment will significantly increase as a result.

Patterson and EWC criminal justice instructor Larry Curtis are working to meet the demand by increasing the number of course offerings, both on-line and on-campus. The combined employees of the Wyoming Honor Conservation Camp in Newcastle, the Wyoming Women’s Center in Lusk, and the Wyoming Medium Correctional Institution in Torrington, represent a majority of WDOC’s employees, and all three facilities are within EWC’s service district. In addition, the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy, located in Douglas, maintains a long-standing college credit agreement with EWC. Eastern Wyoming College has long had a strong criminal justice program, and recent developments in this important career area make the future look very bright!
EWC Veterinary Technology Program -

In September of 1974, 24 students enrolled in the new Animal Health Technology program at Eastern Wyoming College. Since that time, the program has been re-named as the Veterinary Technology program, and has made major strides in to serve students from across the nation and become recognized throughout the country for the quality of its graduates.

The EWC Vet Tech program grew out from an idea of local veterinarian John Simons, who worked with then Dean of Instruction Guido Smith to create the fledgling Animal Health Technology program. Originally housed in the Tebbet classroom building, the program has since grown through several construction renovations, the most recent of which was completed in 2008 through the Great Decision Campaign. The current facility includes not only classrooms, but a new kennel and cattery, a remodeled animal surgery and treatment room, three separate lab and exotic animal rooms, a small animal recovery room and an isolation ward. In 2002, the large animal facility and surgery/treatment facility on the North Campus was completed with donations from the L.W.and Jean Maxfield family, EWC friend Marian McElhaney, and the Union Pacific Railroad.

Students in the Vet Tech program come from all over the United States, and even from foreign countries. Some are recent high school graduates and some are returning to college for a career change – a typical situation that community colleges respond to. Our graduates are employed in veterinary hospitals in their hometowns, veterinary teaching hospitals, animal rehabilitation centers, specialty veterinary practices, diagnostic laboratories and veterinary supply companies. Several have gone on to complete bachelor
and advanced degree programs, and have become veterinarians.

Over the years, the curriculum of the program has changed and progressed to meet the challenging requirements of the profession and the students who move into the world of veterinary medicine. In recent years, the addition of Idexx Hematology equipment, a digital x-ray machine, an ultrasonic dental machine with fiber optic capability, ultrasound equipment, a portable x-ray machine, high quality microscopes and anesthesia monitoring equipment have provided our students with necessary experience with equipment expected in veterinary practices across the country. While it continues to be a challenge to present the material and skill training required by the American Veterinary Medical Association and its accreditation standards, the EWC Vet Tech faculty have risen to that challenge. Since 2000, EWC graduates have a 94% pass rate on the Veterinary Technician National Examination, which places the program among the finest in the country.

Current faculty and staff include veterinarians Dr. Susan Walker, Dr. Edwin Bittner, and Dr. Monte Stokes. Also, a medical doctor, Dr. Peggy Knittel and two vet tech faculty Viqi Garcia and Patti Sue Peterson teach in the program. Kate Norton is our animal care veterinary technician.

The future of the vet tech program at Eastern Wyoming College is bright, and it continues to be one of the College’s mainstays in occupational training. New procedures and equipment are brought to the program as the needs of the industry develop and our current and future students can expect the program to provide the best instruction and experiences as they prepare to move into the workplace. The recent creation of the Simons Family Endowment, which was created by the family in honor of Dr. John Simons, will continue to make the program accessible to qualified students through scholarship support.
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