

40th Anniversary 2014

Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico



ell, another few decades have flown past, and KENW-TV is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on September 1st and we're going to continue to celebrate all year long. I personally want to invite you to attend Homecoming this year for Eastern New Mexico University, because it's a very special year for ENMU as

well; our university is celebrating its 80th Anniversary. We are going to have an open house here at the Broadcast Center on Saturday, September 27th, 2014, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and we certainly would love to see you. There are some on the staff (I won't name names) who probably cannot hang around for too many more years for you to visit, so why not come this year?

This has been another exciting year. We recently received a grant for \$112,822 to construct two digital television translators for the Mescalero Apache Indian tribe. This will make four channels of KENW digital public television easily available off-air to those living in Mescalero, NM. The grant was awarded under the Public Television Station Digital Transition Program for the FY2013 grant competition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program. We are so grateful that the grant money does not have to be matched and it will make it possible for us to add a fourth digital channel to our digital television service. That channel will be a full-time service broadcasting all Native American programming and local Emergency Alert System (EAS) and weather announcements.

In January, Jacob Workman, one of our two Producer/Directors. left us for his hometown of Amarillo, TX, and a similar position at KACV-TV, the PBS station in that city. We will miss Jacob and wish him well. We have iust hired a new person to take Jacob's place: his name is Allan Crawford, and he will begin working for us in August. Allan graduated from ENMU in 2001 and has spent the last 12 years working as a video producer/director for many different production houses, film companies, and national network/cable program production units. At KENW-TV, some of his duties will include supervising the technical production of KENW-TV's syndicated Creative Living with Sheryl Borden program and the production of News 3 New Mexico, the largely student produced evening newscasts. We are grateful that Allan is "coming home" to join us.

If you haven't looked at our web site lately, we invite you to go to www.kenw.org and take a look. Please remember, you have a very special invitation to attend ENMU's Homecoming and celebrate Eastern's 80th Anniversary. Please note the dates, Friday through Sunday, September 26th, 27th and 28th. At the same time, we want you to help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary with our Open House on Saturday, September 27th, 2014, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. If you haven't seen our new facilities, you'll be amazed at the transformation that has occurred since we moved from our old studios. I hope you'll plan to attend so we can visit in person. We'll be happy to give you a VIP tour of our wonderful, relatively new, facility.

Coming Up...

s you can see from our logo at the top of this Newsletter, KENW is celebrating 40 years of providing quality programming for the high plains! You have played a part in the success of KENW, whether its the television side or the radio side - and we want **YOU** to be a part of the big celebration during Eastern New Mexico University's Homecoming!

KENW will host a come & go reception on **Saturday, September 27th** around 4:00 (or right after the football game) until 7:00 in Studio A at the Broadcast Center, 1450 S. Ave. N in Portales.

If this will be your first visit to the new Broadcast Center, we will be giving tours so you can see everything. If you are coming with family or friends, we hope all of you will join in.

You'll see lots of new faces - and hopefully some "familiar" faces as well. We are excited to greet our newest employee - **Allan Crawford** Allan is an alumni of the program, and has spent the past 12 years doing free-lance production work. We are so excited to have Allan join our team. He will be working on "Creative Living," and serving as the News Director for News 3 New Mexico (formerly Scene 3 News.)





Loren Nancarrow

Our dear friend and alumni, Loren Nancarrow passed away on December 28, 2013 at his home in San Diego, CA with his wife, Susie and his 3 children, Graham, Hannah and Britta at his side. We are so pleased that Loren will be honored posthumasely at Homecoming as an Outstanding Alumni. His wife and children will be attending the activities and hopefully will have time to come by the Broadcast Center.

Loren is one of many "success" stories we like to share with prospective students who are thinking about attending ENMU and perhaps majoring in Broadcast Journalism or a related field.

Loren blogged about life with cancer with help from his daughter, Hannah. As he did with everything, Loren approached his battle with cancer with everything he had. During the time he was fighting for his life, he, his family, friends and associates started The Nancarrow Project.

If you are interested in more information about this living memorial to Loren, you go to: http://thenancarrowproject.com.



Patti Dobson Chairs Department of Communication

Patti Dobson is a military brat, originally from the East Coast. She chose to remain in New Mexico following her father's retirement from the Air Force. Dobson is a first-generation college student who took the "long way" through higher education. Working her way through school, she earned a BS in



Journalism, MA in Communication, and Ph.D. in Education. She has worked as a journalist and public relations practitioner, including stints as a reporter and photographer, news editor, magazine publisher and free-lance writer.

For ten years, she was the Promotions Coordinator for the College of Fine Arts at Eastern New Mexico University, while teaching part time for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In 2001, she left the College of Fine Arts to teach full time in the Department of Communication, where she has served as department chair since Fall 2010. This fall, she begins her third three-year stint as Department Chair for Communication.

Her research interests include media/mass communication, interpersonal, group, and family communication. She's currently working on a project examining bullying in academia. At the undergraduate and graduate levels, she teaches courses in journalism, public relations, group, interpersonal and family communication. Dobson and her husband, Wayne Head, live in Curry County where they supervise an eclectic collection of rescued animals. She is also a youth minister at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clovis. Along with serving as the director of Christian education, she leads the adult, youth, and puppet troupe drama ministries. Patti was honored at last year's Homecoming as Volunteer of the Year.

John Balas

John sent this email describing his role in the beginning at KENW: Part of the original crew. First news director 1974-1978; moderator of "This Week On Campus" and organizer of first auction. Also helped build a tower and painted each desk the color chosen by the staff member. Mine was chartreuse. Fun times.

A full page news article about KENW signing on the air on September 1, 1974 was recently "discovered" by Don Criss, and

John is portrayed as the News Director for KENW. John, we're also proud of all of your accomplishments.



John, center, with Loren Nancarrow (left) and Keith Kolb (right) from many years back.

NOTE: Duane says that Keith is carrying a 16 mm motion picture camera which is what was used in the field before video tape was readily available. He 'thinks' they are at White Sands, NM.



For a complete listing of all the Homecoming activities, you can go to Eastern's website at: www.enmu.edu.



John Twiggs

We all had one of the best surprises recently. John Twiggs came by to see the station and to visit. John is an alumni from the 80's and is still referred to as "the voice of Creative Living." John voiced the opening for "Creative Living" while he

was at student and we have continued to use it since that time. (Although at one point, we did have to send the script to him and have him re-cut it - which he graciously did!) John was visiting family in Albuquerque, and took the extra time to swing by Portales. He is a television producer at The



University of Montana in Missoula, MT. He hasn't changed a bit as evidenced by this photo: (I-r) Duane Ryan, John, Sheryl Borden and Don Criss.

FAVOR PLEASE!

If you are receiving this newsletter by "snail mail," would you please email us your email address (if you have one.) Send it to: sheryl.borden@enmu.edu.

This will speed up the delivery of the Newsletter and also save us quite a bit of money in terms of printing, envelopes and postage.

We want to keep in touch with all of you and also ask you to let your friends and fellow students know about the newsletter. Just have them email me their address as well.

Tiffany Williams

The following information was emailed to me, and I wanted to share it with everyone who remembers Tiffany. She says: Good to know you and Duane are still there!

I was a student there from Sept. 1995 to Dec. 1999. I worked on Scene 3 News, Cultura, Creative Living, and Sportlook at one time or another for all four years. I did everything from camera (Scene 3 News, Creative Living) to Directing (Scene 3). And I use to edit on the Media 100 in the back, editing Cultura and Sportslook with Richard Rivera. I also worked occasionally for the KENW FM reading weather. So, I tried to get as much experience as possible. And it payed off! Literally! I am still working in the broadcast industry.

I am currently in Charlotte, NC working as a Graphic Designer for the NBC affiliate, WCNC. Before that I was in Denver, CO, where I worked for the FOX O&O, KDVR. Prior to Denver, I worked in Fresno, CA at KMPH FOX 23, Baton Rouge, LA at WGMB FOX 44, WVLA NBC 33, and Las Vegas, NV at KTNV ABC 13.

If it hadn't been for the wonderful student program at KENW, I would not have received my scholarship from the NM Broadcasters Association, been able to secure a production internship with KOB 4 in Albuquerque, nor had the experience that employers were looking for when I graduated in Dec. 1999.

Thank You!

Sincerely, Tiffany Williams