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Fred & Olga Pace Scholarship Endowment Established

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Fred & Olga Pace

Scholarship Endowment Created

Fred Pace was born in Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent most of his youth. Due to his father's failing health, his family moved to Los Angeles and later to Carlsbad, California, where he attended Oceanside Carlsbad Junior College. While there, Fred enlisted in the Air Force, serving during the Korean War era. He was assigned to the Base Engineers office where he developed his aptitude for drafting.

After the Air Force, Fred came to Eastern Arizona Junior College for a year to focus on his education. He enjoyed his time in Thatcher living near his uncle and aunt, Don and Carlotta Pace, who were great supporters of both education and the our community in general.

He then transferred to Architecture College at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. However, since out-of-state tuition was expensive, Fred looked into the new Architecture College at the University of Arizona in Tucson, where he ultimately transferred to complete his degree. The school was so new the program was initially housed in an old Safeway grocery store.

During his many trips through Arizona, Fred met Olga Korn, of Rochester, New

York. Born of Russian immigrants, Olga completed high school in Rochester and graduated from Brockport State Teachers College in Brockport, New York. She then enjoyed teaching in Rochester; Oookala, Hawaii; and finally in Tucson where the two finally met. Fred mentions that Olga earned *two* degrees in 1958 – a Master of Education in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Arizona and her “Mrs.” degree when she married him.

The Paces enjoyed spending time with family at their cabin, serving in the Girl Scouts organization, vacationing at Rocky Point, playing bridge, and giving service to the Rincon UCC Congregational Church.

The Paces have been strong supporters of scholarships and education throughout their lives and were delighted to be able to make scholarship opportunities available to students at Eastern Arizona College. Their gifts have been a blessing to many students seeking career-building skills for gainful employment.

Fred Pace recently donated funds in Olga's memory to endow their scholarship so that it will continue in

perpetuity. Earnings from the donation will fund scholarships year after year to maintain their work of helping students in need receive a life-changing education for good careers and brighter futures.

The Pace's generosity is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered by the students of Eastern Arizona College.



Fred and Olga Pace

EAC Foundation starts scholarship fund for local students

Here in Graham County, high school students enjoy the benefits of taking courses from Eastern Arizona College. Nation-wide the opportunity to start college prior to high school graduation increases the chances a student will complete a baccalaureate degree. Education makes such a difference in employability and average income.

After some local parents approached the EAC Foundation about financial aid for high school students, we did some research.

We learned the need is great. Polling the high schools in Safford, Thatcher and Pima we learned there are more than 70 students who would like to take college courses that cannot afford the tuition. We also found there is no financial aid available for these courses.

The Foundation started a fund to provide scholarships to help students who are capable of success with relatively little cost. At Eastern, it only costs \$150 to take two courses (six credits) during the

2011-2012 year. The fund has grown with donations from local individuals and also a grant from the Graham County Community Foundation. If any of our readers would like to contribute to this fund, they can use the enclosed envelope and mark the “other” box and write “concurrent enrollment scholarship” in the blank.

The first student recipients of this scholarship will be notified this spring that they will receive tuition assistance for the 2011-2012 school year.

ASEAC *Classes of 1984 to present* Student Council Reunion

A reunion for the Associated Students of EAC (ASEAC) Student Council from the classes of 1984 through the present was held the weekend of Homecoming 2010, November 5 and 6. Student leaders under the direction of Ladd Mullenau, Deanna Brockmeier, Holly Pascoe, Gary Sorensen and Patti Wren were there! The weekend started off with a family dance at the Gerald L.

Hoopes, Jr. Activities Center on Friday night. On Saturday it continued with lunch at the Discovery Park Campus Barn followed by a tour of the new campus buildings. At 5:00 pm, for old times sake, they joined at a tailgate party at John Mickelson Stadium. The Gila Monsters defeated the Pima Aztecs 14-13. Go Monsters – past and present!



Deanna Brockmeier signs in for the reunion.



ASEAC reunion attendees ride a firetruck at half-time.



Holly Pascoe and Bill Wren catch up on old times.



Patti Wren on the firetruck.



Attendees gather for two days worth of activities and events!



Mandy Larson Ray, Jenni Palmer Bryce, and Cynthia Whipple enjoy half-time on the firetruck.



Attendees take a tour to see how campus has changed.

Monster Alumni

Gary F. McBride, '53, Safford, Arizona, enrolled at Gila Junior College in the fall of 1949. He was a member of the first class of Automotive Mechanics. He was called on a mission to the North Central States in January of 1951 and returned to his studies at Eastern Arizona Junior College in January of 1953. He graduated in the spring of 1953 with an Associate of Arts in Automotive Mechanics. He then started over again in Business Administration but after completing the fall semester of 1953, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served as a wheel vehicle mechanic in the 7th M.P. Company in Korea for the year of 1955. After graduating from Arizona State College (Arizona State University) in Tempe with a B.S. degree in the spring of 1958, and a Master's degree from ASU in 1960, he taught Auto Mechanics at Rincon High School and Phoenix's Maryvale High School. After the second request from EAC in the fall of 1966, he accepted a contract at EAC as Automotive Instructor and Department Head where he worked until retiring in the spring of 1988. He also worked as a Dallas Texas Regional Trainer for Sun Electric Company until the summer of 1989. He then worked as an automotive technician and service advisor in the Phoenix/Mesa area and served in the Mesa Arizona Temple until moving back to his home in the Gila Valley in 1993.

Gary's wife, **Williamena Louisa "Billie" McBride, '75**, first enrolled at EAC in 1971 as a part time student in Business Administration but changed her major to Nursing. As a member of EAC's second nursing class, she graduated in the spring of 1975. She worked 18 years for Mt. Graham Community Hospital, two years at Mesa Lutheran Hospital, one year in Arlington, Texas, 2 ½ years for Phoenix Baptist Hospital, Inc., and two years as Assistant Director of Nursing at Infinity Care Center. Billie also worked part time for Eastern's Nursing Department as a Clinical Instructor with the CNA Program, Southwest Ambulance Service, and Southwestern Eye Center in their outpatient surgery department. She is currently serving at the Gila Valley Arizona Temple.

Gary and Billie also served as missionaries for 18 months for The Church

of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as a vehicle coordinator in the Texas Fort Worth Mission and she as a medical health coordinator.

Bob Dempster, '56, Prescott, Arizona, retired from Chevron as a Fuel and Lube Engineer in 1995. He moved to Prescott in 1990. He and his wife, Judie, have two boys and a girl, all married. They have five grandchildren. His son Kevin is a police sergeant in Ontario, Calif. He has two children Hailey - 18, Dylan - 15. His son Kurt is the Golf and Membership Director at Andalusia Golf Resort in La Quinta, Calif. He is married to Anna and has a son Kole, 11. Daughter Kathi is a stay at home Mom. She is married to Jim Dwyer, a Scottsdale firefighter, and they have twin daughters, Lauren and Brooke, 2 yrs. He and his wife play golf, visit the grandchildren and take short trips around the West. He was active in Prescott City softball, horseshoes, church and social activities.

Phil Foster, '70, Willcox, Arizona, worked for the Soil Conservation Service prior to coming to EAC. He attended Eastern as a married student. He continued working through graduation and then transferred to the University of Arizona. He was able to transfer employment to Tucson where he completed his Bachelor of Science degree in Water Resource Management. Phil worked for the Arizona Department of Water Resources until retirement serving as the Director for the last five years.

He and his wife Sharon raised five children including twins that attended Eastern - **Allen Foster, '92**, and **Brenda Foster Leavitt, '94**.

Kalilimoku Hunt, '72, Pago Pago, American Samoa, wrote, "I thoroughly enjoyed my years as a Gila Monster and thought we had very successful years under the coaching of Coach Ladd Mullenau. His assistants were Coach Pease and Coach Overstreet. They did an outstanding job of preparing us for the games that we played. They were very instrumental in molding our lives as team members of the '71 and '72 EAC Gila Monsters."

William "Bill" Germaine, '76, Stockton, Kansas, came to EAC on a basketball scholarship "following in the footsteps" of his uncle, **Joe Germaine, '57**, who was captain of the Eastern Arizona Junior College basketball team that went to nationals. While Bill was on the basketball team he represented team spirit and pride. He was known as "the Fonz" while he attended EAC. The leather jacket and the "thumbs up" he'd give to everyone including the refs (sometimes they'd get a "thumbs down", too.)

After leaving EAC, Bill traveled west to California where he spent 15 years in theater while raising a family. He then moved to Colorado where he coached basketball and football in middle and high school for 15 years. He is now in Kansas, where he is a coach for the girl's basketball team at Palco High School. He has also coached the boy's football team to a championship in an undefeated season. The Palco High School girl's basketball team just won the first round of sub-state. He hopes to "keep it rolling" on to a state championship.

Jerry V. Jack, '76, Bellemont, AZ, benefitted from his solid education at Eastern and enjoyed being a member of the band during the Ron Keith Era. His career history has varied including draftsman, professional singer, and public administration professional. In the late 1990's, Jerry was the Development Project Manager in Cathedral City, California. He was the principle designer and project manager for the Big League Dreams Park. The EAC Women's Softball Team competed in the park last February. It's



Big League Dreams complex in Cathedral City, California

Alumni notes...



wonderful to see how far the influence of Eastern's alumni spreads across the country and the world.

Jeremy A. Nelson, '03, Los Angeles, California, won a Video Effects Society award for Outstanding Compositing in a Broadcast Program or Commercial: *The Pacific – Peleliu Landing* on February 2, 2011.

Jeremy has worked as a visual effects compositor on the following films and TV series:

Battleground: The Art of War (TV series) – 2005; *KatieBird-Certifiable Crazy Person* – 2005; *End of the Spear* – 2005; *Secret History of Religion: Doomsday – Book of Revelation* (TV movie) – 2006; *The Egyptian Book of the Dead* (TV movie) – 2006; *Science of the Bible* (TV documentary) – 2006; *Secret History of Religion – Knights Templar* (TV movie) – 2006; *Minotaur* – 2006; *The Guardian* – 2006; *Blood Diamond* – 2006; *Supreme Courtships* (TV movie) – 2007; *Suspect* (TV movie) – 2007; *Ugly Betty* (TV series) – 2007 (one episode); *Close to Home* (TV series) – 2007 (two episodes); *Heroes* (TV series) – 2007 (two episodes); *Crossing Jordan* (TV series) – 2007 (two episodes); *Life* (TV series) – 2007 (one episode); *The Battle of Gettysburg* (TV documentary) – 2008; *Eli Stone* (TV series) – 2008 (one episode); *The Day the Earth Stood Still* – 2008; *Defiance* – 2008; *Extract* – 2009; *All About Steve* – 2009; *This is It* (documentary) – 2009; *Clash of the Titans* – 2010; *The Pacific* (TV mini-series) – 2010; *Psych: 9* – 2010; *No Ordinary Family* (TV series) – 2010-2011 (7 episodes)

After EAC, Jeremy attended the University of Arizona for a year and then moved to California. He is currently working for ABC on the *No Ordinary Family* TV series.

Andra Jensen, '06, Thatcher, Arizona, received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from BYU-Idaho in December. She is currently teaching art classes at EAC and is very happy to be back in Arizona, especially Thatcher.

Jerryck Owens-Murrey, '06, El Cerrito, California, attended Western Illinois University on a basketball scholarship

after graduating from EAC. From Western, he graduated early and with honors receiving a degree in business and a minor in communications. Most recently he played basketball in Barriero, Portugal and he will possibly play again in another European country.

While at EAC Jerryck received encouragement from English instructor, Dr. Marilyn Wilton. "She encouraged me to strive for more and 'not to waste my wonderful mind'." He is working on various business ventures and plans to marry in July 2011.

Jeanne Schaser Clark, '10, Tempe, Arizona, graduated from EAC this year with two associates degrees, one in English and one in Art. She is now studying Photography at Arizona State University.

Alumni! TELL US WHAT'S NEW

Send us your information for Monster AlumniNotes—the most read section in the *GilaGram*! We want to know your latest news...jobs, promotions, milestones. Please type or print your information clearly and include a photo (if you like) so we can share your news with your fellow classmates and friends.

Send to:

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P. O. Box 769
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Janae Lewis Anderson, '10, and **Matthew Anderson, '10**, Provo, Utah, both express their thanks for receiving the Ashley Marie Beals Memorial Scholarship and the Sarah Lamoreaux Memorial Scholarship while attending Eastern. Janae is now working full-time as an RN at a surgeon's office. Matthew was accepted into the nursing program at Brigham Young University and is doing well there.

Monster Reunion

While recruiting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in May 2010, EAC Assistant Baseball Coach and recruiting coordinator, John Chalmers, reunited with three former Eastern players at New Mexico's Senior Day game against Delaware State. Pictured (inset) L to R: Chalmers, Eddie Carl, '08 (Farmington, New Mexico), Shane Foreman, '08 (Willcox, Arizona), and Abe Eubank, '08 (Medford, Oregon). The x-Monsters were teammates at EAC in 2007 and 2008. Foreman, a right-handed pitcher, was in Delaware State's starting rotation while Eubank played first and hit third, leading his team in several offensive categories. Carl is also a right-handed pitcher for the Lobos and led the Mountain West Conference in strikeouts looking. After signing with the Kansas City Royals he threw 17 2/3 innings as a closer at Idaho Falls in the Pioneer League striking out 28 and walking just 6. He will go to spring training with the Royals in 2011.



Wedding Bells Rang

July 14, 2010 - LoraLynn Church, '11 & Eric E. Allen, '11
 July 17, 2010 - Codie Breianne Mayhew, '11 & Justin Porter, '09
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 July 24, 2010 - Katie Linn NeVille & Joseph Christopher Arbizo, '09
 July 27, 2010 - Jonathon Reidhead, '09 & Jamie Ann Richardson, '10
 July 31, 2010 - Jessica Bryce, '09 & Kent Perez
 August 6, 2010 - Adrianna Kay Nielsen, '10 & John Zachary Riddle, '10
 August 6, 2010 - Lisa Marie Lambert, '11 & Darin Scott Isaksen, '10
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 August 14, 2010 - Jacy Crockett, '07 & Ross McKay Ferrin, '07
 August 21, 2010 - Megan Moncur, '09 & Enrique Balleza, '07
 August 27, 2010 - Emily McCray & Ren J. Thatcher, '10
 August 28, 2010 - Lynsse Germaine, '10 & Cody Vaughn Innes, '07
 August 29, 2010 - Brittany Matthews & Ben Whittington, '10
 September 3, 2010 - Lisa Marie Collins, '09 & Robert Lee Cahoon
 September 3, 2010 - Rhianna Hancock, '11 & Matthew Tyler Haban, '11
 September 23, 2010 - Brandi Hoopes, '10 & Cameron Sean Leachet, '08
 September 25, 2010 - Tiffany Paige Spenger & Sean Robert Whitaker, '10
 October 2, 2010 - Hope Breanna Rios, '10 & Ryan Poncho Castillo

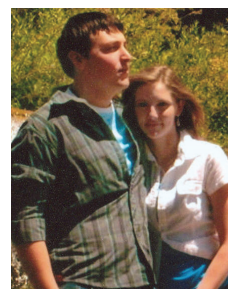
October 2, 2010 - Katherine Atkinson, '04 & William Brown, '03
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 October 8, 2010 - Stacey Herbert & Jace Alexander Scott, '09
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 November 5, 2010 - Katherine Elliott, '06 & Ryan Williams, '11
 November 6, 2010 - Jordan Lee, '10 & Rachel Smithson
 November 12, 2010 - Krista Lea Montierth, '07 & Kyle Heaton
 November 13, 2010 - Randa Furnish & Richard Lee Porter, '05
 November 19, 2010 - Michelle La Beau, '04 & Scott Kuhlman
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 December 4, 2010 - Emily Ruth Moss, '11 & Ryan Todd Merrill, '11
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 December 11, 2010 - Allie Spilsbury, '06 & McKay Frost
 December 17, 2010 - Kayla Petersen, '11 & Morgan Hooper, '11
 December 17, 2010 - Cassidy Stevens, '08 & Bryson Bendall, '07
 December 18, 2010 - Kristina Smith, '11 & Shannon Kim King, '11
 December 29, 2010 - Rachel Clarke, '11 & Jordon Daniel Detlor, '11
 December 31, 2010 - Kailee Elders, '08 & Gary Mitchell Jacques, '10



Rhianna Hancock, '11 &
Matthew Tyler Haban, '11



Katherine Elliott, '06 &
Ryan Williams, '11



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Zachary Riddle, '10

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 Keitha Ferrin, '80 – August 22, 2010
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 Beth Christensen Ellsworth, '40 – August 31, 2010
 Kathy Lynn Ellis Bracamonte, '91 – September 4, 2010
 Jay Carl Higgins, '51 – September 11, 2010
 Davison Titla, '70 – September 12, 2010

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 September 28, 2010
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 Phillip David Mitchell, '97 – October 11, 2010
 Mabel Louise Smith, '97 – October 12, 2010
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 Var M. Green, '40 – November 2, 2010
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 Phillip L. Brown, '53 – November 27, 2010
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 Nathaniel Goode Sr., '10 – December 28, 2010
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