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Eastern Arizona College formally dedicated its new technology building as the Wayne M. McGrath High Technology Center on August 29, 2006.

The 18,319 square foot facility, open to students since the fall semester of 2005, has been a welcome addition to the College’s computer programs. The Center was constructed from the remodeled Administration Building, which was vacated in 2003.

The building boasts among the highest level of educational technology available. Each of its five computer labs includes a teaching station, giving the instructor access to the Internet, satellite TV, a document camera, and DVD/VCR. Each lab also contains 24 computer stations with flat panel displays. In addition, the Center houses the “Computer Commons,” an open lab with 24 computer workstations available for registered business and computer students. The Center is also a wireless “hotspot” for EAC students with laptop computers wishing to access the Internet. The building also consolidates all of the College’s computer faculty offices into one location.

Wayne Millburn McGrath (1936-2005), a former EAC president, served in that position from 1977 until 1984, when he resigned after accepting a position in Phoenix. Prior to serving as its president, McGrath spent seven years as one of the College’s physical education instructors and head men's basketball coach. He became the College’s athletic director in 1967. In 1969, McGrath was named director of off-campus instruction and in 1973 he became an academic dean.

At the dedication in September, Dalton Overstreet related some life stories and history of Wayne’s time at Eastern. He shared, “Wayne McGrath did not have a lot of money to donate to Eastern Arizona College, but he dedicated his life to the College and its students.”

Past basketball players Harvey Polk, ’64, and Malcolm Carter, ’67, also spoke of Wayne’s friendship and coaching that taught them more about life than just the game of basketball.

EAC President Mark Bryce began the program by saying, “We’re here today as a day of remembrance, a day of celebration, a day of dedication, as we formally dedicate this building.” He continued, “President McGrath served the students and community for many years in various capacities at Eastern Arizona College. He was instrumental in getting the College on a firm financial foundation. He was a basketball coach and later president of the College, but also made a valuable contribution on a state-wide basis as Executive Director of the State Board for community colleges. He was looked upon as a great example by many of the young people who were growing up in those days, and his unique personality made it enjoyable to be associated with him.”

After President Bryce’s formal dedication, Mrs. Barbara McGrath shared her appreciation to the College and the community. She mentioned that their lives revolved around the College and they loved their time in Thatcher.
The Eastern Arizona College Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of three new scholarships supporting students in various areas of study: the Johnson Motors Corporation Automotive/Mechanic Scholarship, the Sumitomo-Phelps Dodge Scholarship, and the Tom & Becky Johnson Nursing Scholarship.

The Johnson Motors Corporation has been serving southeastern Arizona for over twenty-five years. Their support of the community has been commendable. Their new scholarship supports students continuing their education in Eastern's Automotive Technology Program with preference given to those exhibiting financial need. The scholarship provides full annual tuition and will help fill the need for qualified automotive technicians.

Commemorating the twentieth anniversary of the partnership between the Sumitomo Metal Mining Company Ltd. and Phelps Dodge Mining Company, Sumitomo made a $100,000 donation to fund a scholarship endowment for students interested in obtaining a vocational education. Preference is given to students from Greenlee County where their partnership has been based. In celebration of this profitable alliance, Sumitomo wishes to benefit the community where many of the employees reside.

“This is recognition by modern industry of the importance of higher education in today's work force,” EAC President Mark Bryce said.

The Tom and Becky Johnson Nursing Scholarship also commenced this year. The Johnsons are pleased to be able to assist students in their second and final year of the EAC Nursing Program. Both the time and finances required to complete the rigorous coursework and demanding schedule make it difficult for many students to complete. This new scholarship is gratefully received by deserving students and helps fill a much needed shortage of trained registered nurses.

These new scholarships are greatly appreciated and are a wonderful addition to the Eastern Arizona College Foundation student scholarship program. If you’d like further information about establishing a scholarship, contact David Udall at the EAC Foundation office at (928) 428-8296.

“It also points out the changing world we live in when a rural area like ours can be directly affected by a company from Japan. We may be rural, but we are not isolated. We are grateful for the foresight of Phelps Dodge and Sumitomo for making this endowment gift.”

EAC President Mark Bryce accepts the $100,000 check from Sumitomo representative, Yukio Kawaguchi (left) and Phelps Dodge Vice President Hunter White (right).
The Class of 1956 came back in May to celebrate 50 years since attending EAJC. After a mini-bus tour of the College, the classmates traveled up to the Arcadia Campground on Mt. Graham for a dutch-oven lunch cooked by Scott Alder. Here they renewed friendships and relived old times from when Paul Guitteau was College president.

Later that evening, the classmates joined the graduates of 2006 at the Annual Alumni Banquet, emceed by classmate Gary P. McBride. Entertainment was provided by Dr. David Lunt and the EAC Harmony Express Quartet and the Beauty Shoppe Quartet. Class members were also recognized during commencement activities held that evening. Larry Brewer, also from the Class of ’56, was the guest speaker at Eastern’s Commencement. A lot has changed on the campus of EAC, but memories and friendships started 50 years ago have continued to grow.

Reunions Facts

Interested in having a reunion with your classmates? Homecoming reunions can be organized for any group: single class year, several class years, music groups, athletic groups, etc. Fiftieth year reunions are traditionally held at the end of the spring semester on the same day as Commencement. We make it easy for you! Contact the EAC Alumni Association at (800) 445-2472 or (928) 428-8295. Give us a call…we’d love to hear from you!
The Class of 1957 will return to Eastern on Friday, May 11, 2007. Make plans to attend a wonderful day filled with memories and renewing contacts with old friends.

Class of 1956 Reunion Attendees

Podcasting, or multimedia content distribution via the web, is a relatively new concept. Podcasts began showing up on websites about three years ago as a means of sharing audio programs. Currently there are thousands of audio and video podcasts available for download to portable media players such as Apple's iPods. These podcasts consist of everything from news reports to music and other forms of audio and video entertainment.

Colleges and universities are now getting into the game and are using podcasts as a way of sharing information to prospective, current, and former students. EAC has developed three podcasts as a recruiting tool for students wanting to know what life is like as an EAC student. We call them Gila Tales. They are professionally-produced audio programs that follow real EAC students around campus, into classes, and around town.

Interested? Take a listen by browsing to www.eac.edu/admissions and clicking Gila Tales Podcasts. The three, 10-minute programs are: A Day in the Life, Making Stage and Music Magic, and Off Campus Antics. You can subscribe using iTunes (Apple's software for listening to audio files) or clicking directly on each program to listen within your browser. You can also download them by right-clicking and saving them to your computer.

Listen to EAC's Gila Tales Podcasts

Upcoming Events

Coming Next Issue:
Pictures from the recently held reunions for the Classes of 1976-1978 and the Class of 1986!
Gene Walker Christensen, ’43, Boonesville, Arkansas, and her husband, Victor Phil Christensen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 17, 2006. They have seven children, 28 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. Gene and Phil live on a farm and raise beef cattle.

Cincinnati Bengals were watching that game and he was drafted in the third round to play for the National Football League. Paul was awarded Rookie of the Year after completing a 1,000+ yards season. Paul married Arleen Pines from Safford, Arizona, and later returned to Safford after his NFL playing and assistant coaching career.

Gregg Suhr, ’66, Madisonville, Kentucky, writes, “I have been basking in the good vibes of the EAC reunion held last fall to celebrate Coach Mullenaux’s success as a man and coach. My Coach ‘M moments held off the field are where he got my attention about what it took to develop into a man.”

Gregg had been very busy as the principal of a middle school of 500 students. He and his staff were successful in improving the students’ reading scores. At Thanksgiving 2005, the superintendent asked him to step up as Interim Principal of the high school. Gregg writes, “It was a privilege and opportunity to attempt to turn around a school that was not meeting its educational goals. It’s still a work in progress.”

Gregg has also been selected to be the director of pupil personnel and the assessment coordinator for the Providence Independence School District in Western Kentucky, another welcome challenge for him.

Jim Larson, ’77, recently graduated from Stevens Henager College in Salt Lake City, UT.

Terry Tanner, ’77, Tucson, Arizona, graduated from Arizona State University in 1965 and served in the U.S. Army, the Phoenix Police Department, Border Patrol, and US Customs before retiring in 2001. He has three daughters and one granddaughter.

Dr. Gary K. Lines, ’80, practices oral and maxillofacial surgery at Arizona Center for Implant, Facial, and Oral Surgery in Glendale, Arizona. Gary received a BS degree from the University of Arizona, and a doctorate in Dental Medicine from Washington University in St. Louis. He was a dental resident at the University...
of Florida and an oral surgery resident at the University of Pennsylvania. Gary is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a member of the ADA, AAOMS and the ASDA. Presently he is a dental office anesthesia examiner for the state of Arizona. Gary’s hobbies include fishing, traveling to fish, and collecting Civil War Memorabilia. Gary is married to Tammy Skinner, ’78, and they have 3 sons.

Tammy received a BS degree in secondary education from the University of Arizona. She taught grades K-12 in Missouri, Florida, and New Jersey. Tammy has been a stay-at-home mom since she and Gary moved back to Arizona in 1990. She has been active in Cub Scouts, PTSA, the Art Masterpiece Program, and has volunteered many hours at her children’s schools. Tammy is presently serving as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts, is a member of the Peoria Unified School District Parent Council, and continues to volunteer at her children’s schools. Tammy recently began a parent support group in the Northwest Phoenix Valley which helps parents of children with chronic or critical illness address concerns related to the education of their children. Tammy’s hobbies include traveling, art, and reading.

Samantha Nelson Skouson, ’87, Lapeer, Michigan, served a mission to the Argentina Buenos Aires North Mission. She is married to Dr. Robert Skouson. They have four children, one girl and three boys. Samantha is going back to school and majoring in education, now that her kids are older. She enjoys living near the Great Lakes and traveling internationally. She is highly involved in community projects, fundraising for local charities and is very busy with leadership callings in her church.

Vanessa Webb Rubalcava, ’00, Queen Creek, Arizona, finished her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education from NAU in 2003 and is now enjoying taking care of her two children with her husband T.J. Rubalcava, ’03, who will finish his BSN in September 2006 and apply to a Master’s program in Nurse Anesthesia.

Peter McBride, ’01, Bainbridge Island, Washington, is currently working at an architectural firm in Bainbridge Island. After graduating from EAC, he attended the College of Architecture at the University of Arizona, graduating May 13, 2006. Peter and his wife, Ruth Thompson McBride, ’01, have two daughters.

Boyce Bingham, ’03, Mesa, Arizona, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Arizona State University with a Bachelor of Science in business administration and applied psychology.

After leaving EAC, Ryan Innes, ’04, (far right) and Jordan Keith, ’04, (fourth from right) joined Brigham Young University’s award-winning a cappella group, Vocal Point. The group recently captured the world championship title at the International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella in New York City, beating out seven other finalists from various parts of North America and Europe.
Wedding Bells Rang...

January 3, 2006 – Erin Packard '05 and Jace Householder '05
January 6, 2006 – Whitney Jade Larson ’05 and Michael D. Romney ’06
January 6, 2006 – Stacie Owens and Michael Pettingill ’05
January 7, 2006 – Theresa A. Chavez ’01 and Guthrie John Burton
January 7, 2006 – Hayley Joan Holbrook ’07 and Mitchel S. Platt ’07
January 7, 2006 – Amanda Marie Molina ’07 and Jason T. Martin ’04
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January 6, 2006 – Stacie Owens and Michael Pettingill ’05
January 6, 2006 – Michael Pettingill ’05 and Whitney Jade Larson ’05

February 17, 2006 – LeMae Stratton ’05 and Chad Allen ’04
February 24, 2006 – Sally Rogers ’05 and Jacob Patterson ’05
February 25, 2006 – Melissa Judd ’05 and Scott Matthews ’04

March 4, 2006 – Noelle Christensen and Seth Perkins ’00
March 4, 2006 – Amy Lee Fluckiger ’05 and Vonn L. Holyoak ’02
March 11, 2006 – Patrice Warren ’05 and Chad Smith ’03
March 17, 2006 – Lindsey Wilkins ’04 and Jared Stokes
March 31, 2006 – Cori Good ’05 and Kody Taylor ’04
April 8, 2006 – Karla Horn ’04 and David Russell
April 14, 2006 – Bethany R. Titus ’05 and Jaron R. Watson ’05
April 21, 2006 – Ashley Dawn Gray ’05 and Jeffrey Jones
May 5, 2006 – Wendy Diane Lunt ’05 and Calvin Robertson
May 5, 2006 – Kristi Asael Shelley ’03 and David Pounds
May 6, 2006 – Lora Lynn Hendricks ’94 and Kenneth Alan Jackson
May 6, 2006 – Sayre Brimhall and Sy Allen Cluff ’05
May 6, 2006 – Ashley Baker and Antonio Sanchez ’07
May 13, 2006 – Mary Bushman ’04 and Mark Aaron Johnson
May 13, 2006 – Mary Bench ’05 and Julian Saiz
May 19, 2006 – Kayla Renae Kennedy and D. Gary Sorensen Jr. ’01
May 20, 2006 – Brittny Lee Bluth ’05 and Trevor Willis Gardner
May 20, 2006 – Aleah Rocha ’05 and Justin Nelson
May 20, 2006 – Erin Bristol ’05 and Ben F. Bird ’05
May 27, 2006 – Shaina Whipple ’07 and Michael Ian Farnsworth ’03
May 27, 2006 – Shanna Marie Hall ’05 and Joshua Marble
May 27, 2006 – Sondae Jo Dodge ’06 and John Scott Hughes Jr. ’05
May 27, 2006 – Valerie Sexton ’05 and Michael Philip Sorensen
May 31, 2006 – Samantha LaNah Pawlak and Richard Jason Beals ’05
June 2, 2006 – Jaelynnne Whetten ’03 and Mark Eldon Palmer ’05
June 2, 2006 – Hyla Machula ’05 and Nathan Cline
June 2, 2006 – Andrea Angle ’02 and Jared Keith Christensen
June 2, 2006 – Veronica Anotez Chacon ’04 and Joel Ernesto Cordova
June 5, 2006 – Mary Ellen Harris ’06 and Brian Peter Smith ’04
June 9, 2006 – Lindsey Gray ’05 and Daniel Watson
June 9, 2006 – Kami Lyn Skinner ’06 and Jason Christopher Dolan ’93
June 16, 2006 – Denise Lunt ’04 and Dane Householder ’05
June 17, 2006 – Gerry Jaramillo ’01 and Justin McMurray
June 17, 2006 – Jillian Farr ’04 and Jason Bryce
June 17, 2006 – Christina Burrell ’97 and Daniel King
June 23, 2006 – Brieanna Breckenridge ’05 and Samuel B. Scott ’05
June 23, 2006 – Cindy Savage ’05 and Joe Anaya ’05
June 24, 2006 – Janae DeLaO ’03 and Tyrell Ajeman ’05
June 24, 2006 – Kristen Brockmeier ’90 and Michael C. Hughes ’89

Denise Lunt ’04 and Dane Householder ’05
Lindsey Wilkins ’04 and Jared Stokes
In Memoriam

Rose Veselak Land, ’69 – December 27, 2005
Faculty Emeritus


Phyllis Tippetts Welker, ’76 – January 6, 2006
Ed Anger, ’64 – January 7, 2006

Miguel Diaz, ’76 – January 11, 2006


Brandon Scott Schuck, ’03 – February 6, 2006
Killed defending our country

William Donald Reedy, ’78 – February 8, 2006

Ella Louise Benitez, ’53 – February 13, 2006

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Beulah Alder, ’31 – April 20, 2006

Lytha Holladay, ’31 – April 27, 2006


Nola Nan Shreeve, ’69 – May 5, 2006

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Madella Crockett John, ’36 – May 14, 2006

Fred Lindsteadt, May 21, 2006
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Letha Coombs Cluff, ’27 – June 13, 2006


Jacob Wallace, ’06 – June 26, 2006
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Anita Garcia, Jason Johnston, Drew Innes

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Belle and Arnold Greenbaum Scholarship ................................... Amy Ciriello
Bernstein Brothers Memorial Scholarship ................................... David Kempton
Bette N. Smith Nursing Scholarship ..................................... Leslie Garwood
Carl Kyser Automotive Scholarship ..................................... David Doubt, Jason Doubt
Chase Scholarship ......................................................... Auraelia Emery
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Clara Curtis Bennett Memorial Scholarship ......................... Katie DeRusha
Clara M. Droba Scholarship ............................................... Vanessa Green
Class of 1964 Scholarship ................................................. Kalene Israelsen
College Park Scholarship ................................................... Karen Solomon

DRG Technologies Scholarship ........................................... Brooklyn Norton
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Dr. Dorine Chancellor Scholarship ....................................... Holly Coons, Ruth McDaniel
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Douglas Michael Loeb Memorial Scholarship ......................... Jason Doubt, David Doubt
EAC Foundation Automotive Scholarship ............................. Charlie Reiber, Nicholas Grimes
EAC Foundation Business Scholarship ................................ Tawnie Bates, Elizabeth Olsen
Eldon & Lucille Palmer Memorial Scholarship .......................... Braden McBride

Elizabeth Louise Loeb Memorial Scholarship ....................... Ryan Nelson, Angela Taylor
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Emil Crockett Insurance Agency Scholarship ........................ Auraelia Emery
Follett College Stores Scholarship ....................................... Brooklyn Norton
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George R. Bingham Jr. Memorial Drama Scholarship .................. Jamie Rusovick
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Elizabeth Elsen, Jeff N. Savage, Jessica Childers, Irvin Goutcher,
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James Smith Memorial Scholarship ....................................... Emily Martin
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Tana Welker,
Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient

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