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DR. RODDEN SPEAKS TO STUDENTS VIA SKYPE

The telescreen lives: Orwell's 1984 invades campus

by The Hoopee Bird Editorial Staff

A gigantic face loomed over the East Georgia State College auditorium on Thursday, September 24, speaking of violence, fear, and the control of information. In a scene that could have risen from the pages of George Orwell's novel, 1984, Dr. John Rodden appeared via Skype from Germany to conclude a week of events based on the well-known novel with his convocation address, "How 1984 Went Viral."

The world's leading scholar on Orwell and his works, Dr. Rodden outlined the significance of 1984 and explored "why everyone in the audience knows something about this book."

"Millions of people who have never read 1984 know what that number means," he said, explaining that the title

has become a "synonym for sinister, nightmarish, totalitarian, and dictatorial."

Leading to Thursday's convocation, EGSC celebrated the book that Dr. Rodden calls "bigger than any novel in history in terms of its influence."

On the afternoon of Monday, September 21, students, faculty, staff, and community members gathered in the art gallery of the JAM Student Center for the opening reception of 1984: A Thematic Exhibition. Images of isolation and hope capture themes from the novel in a variety of works from artists Celeste Rodriguez-Teran, Tia Morris, Desmal Purcell, Jessica Palumbo and Dr. Carmine Palumbo. The exhibition also includes works from EGSC's permanent col-



DR. PALUMBO SPEAKS DURING LECTURE SERIES

lection by Vernon Purcell, Chase Tipps, Russell Lamb, Zachariah Machado and Bruce Powell.

Following the exhibit opening, Dr. H. Lee Cheek, Dean of the School of Social Sciences, opened the third annual Banned Books Lecture Series with a social and political perspective on Orwell's work, including the author's time in the Spanish Civil War and its effect on him. Dr. Carmine Palumbo, chair of the Convocation Committee and Dean of the School of Humanities, provided a literary and biographical perspective on the novel the next afternoon in the second Banned Books lecture, exploring Orwell's style and writers who influenced him. Both lectures served as an introduction to the 2015 convocation address by Dr. Rodden.

"Quite a few people worked on this project, and we were very pleased with its success" said Dr. Palumbo. "After a global outage of Skype on Monday, this year's convocation demonstrates both the importance of technology and its use for good against the backdrop of 1984. What better way to capture that idea than to bring a world-renowned scholar to our students via 'telescreen'?"



GUESTS VIEW ART AT GALLERY OPENING

See you there!

EVENTS AT EGSC

- Oct. 7.....Session I classes end
- Oct. 8.....Session I Final Exams
- Oct. 9.....Session II classes begin
- Oct. 10...Baseball scrimmage, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 12...Columbus Day (Fact: He was not the first European to cross the Atlantic Ocean.)
- Oct. 13...Transfer Tuesdays, LFG Rotunda, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Oct. 14...Men's and Women's Basketball scrimmage vs. Brewton Parker College, 5:30
- Oct. 16...Fall Pause: no classes on the Augusta Campus
- Oct. 18...Baseball Game, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 20...Women's Basketball scrimmage vs. All Army College, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26...Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony, The Morgan House, 6:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27...Region AAA Cross Country Meet, 4 p.m. ...Family Astronomy Night, Fulford Community Learning Center, 5 p.m.
- Nov. 6...Spring Graduation Application Deadline ...Augusta Open House, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ...First Friday at the Morgan House, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Calling all playwrights

The 6th Annual Exit Stage Right 10 Minute Play Writing Contest is an opportunity for aspiring playwrights to show off their skills and compete for a cash prize, as well as to see their play directed and produced during the Reader's Theatre Production, "Works in Progress," on April 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. All entries for the contest must be received by 12 noon on Friday, November 20, 2015.

Interested playwrights can submit their work in care of Professor Sebastian Verdis in the School of Humanities at East Georgia State College's Statesboro campus, and winners will be notified in January of 2016.

To submit a work to this competition, please complete a submission form, which can be found at the front desk of EGSC-Statesboro, or online at the link below. Scripts must be written by one or more people who are students and faculty of EGSC, or members of the community served by EGSC. Musicals and screenplays are not eligible, nor are adaptations of other authors' works. Please submit two copies of your play: one with your name and the other without. Scripts will not be returned. For formatting guidelines, please see the Rules and Requirements on the web at http://www.ega.edu/announce/ESR_Submission_Form_2015.pdf



Summer Leadership Project 2015

by LECIE FITZNER, EGSC Statesboro

My summer vacation was intense, but a rewarding experience. I was a part of the Summer Leadership Project 2015 through Campus Outreach (CO). Summer Leadership Project runs from June 1st all the way to the end of July. CO is a campus ministry that several colleges hosts. The ministry focuses on the college campus as well as different parts of the world. It's easy to join: all students have to do is show up to the weekly meetings and events. There is a CO at Georgia Southern, and East Georgia students are welcomed.

The ministry offers several different "training packages" through the summer leadership project: Theme training, Bible study training, Prayer training, Evangelism training, and Life training. Theme training involves critical thinking development, as we learn to apply the word of God to our lives. My favorite theme training exercise was "Fully persuaded that God Loves Me." Finding scriptural evidences of the theme is something that will stick with me for the rest of my life. "Evangelism" took me out of my comfort zone by teaching me that sharing my faith is scary,

but in the end rewarding. On Saturday afternoons we would go out onto the beaches of Daytona and share the gospel to people. It was extremely frightening and hard at times, but worth the effort.

The leadership project also focuses on ways to help students experience financial independence. I was placed as an employee at McDonald's; this was as my first job. Having had a demanding job as my first job, I learned about myself and how to have patience for others (co-workers, managers, and customers). I was able to make friends through my job as well. My co-workers and managers are a part of a special family that I developed while I participated in the CO program.

Aside from work, we also did volunteering within the community of Daytona. Mostly it was manual labor like yard work and things of that nature. I'll be honest with you: I actually enjoyed volunteering more than work because I was out in the community helping all sorts of people, including the homeless population. Although I wasn't actually able to help the homeless in the way I wanted to, I did get to connect in meaningful

ways that have changed my life.

Friday nights were my favorite part. We had what they call "socials." We dressed up in whatever the theme was for the social and went out as one big huge group. My favorite was a Disney themed social where we all dressed up as different Disney characters and went ice skating.

Coming home was very difficult because I didn't want to leave all the new friendships that I had made. I grew spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. I also learned how to live on my own, manage money, and prioritize my time. I am definitely going to go back as many summers as I can.

Everyone in Campus Outreach invites you to look into becoming a part of our growing campus ministry. Georgia Southern Campus Outreach weekly meetings are at the IT building on Tuesday nights at 8pm room 1005. We would love to welcome you to become a part of this family and growing ministry. If you're interested in the Summer Leadership Project, applying doesn't start until late spring for those who are going on their first Summer Leadership Project.



DEADLINES

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EGSC STUDENT VOICES

Jam for the Lamb

by APRIL PARHAM, EGSC Augusta

Strobe lights pierced the anticipation in the air. Guitars and Bass drums colored the room with sound. Some rose to their feet while others inched to the toes of their seats. But, all waited with wonder and excitement at what was about to take place. And can you believe that the scene I just described all took place in a church sanctuary?

The “Up Close and Personal Tour” that provided a unified stage for gospel sensations Jason Crab and Ty Tribbett. This event, which took place at the Beulah Grove Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., gave gospel fans a unique opportunity to meet and ask intimate questions in an informal

setting before the concert began at 7:30 p.m.

Perhaps, the most incredible facet of the concert was the bringing together of these two seemingly different artists. Jason Crab, a Caucasian native of Beaver Dam, Ky., boasts smooth and soulful vocals comparable to one Robin Thicke (he looks like him too). Crab has as much passion for Christ as Thicke does for Paula Patton. Ty Tribbett, an African American Camden, N.J. native, is master of Gospel, but has the soul of the Godfather, throwing moves and creating theatrics that rival those of James Brown.

Separately, these two critically acclaimed artists would have more than pleased the hun-

dreds of fans that gathered at Beulah Grove that night. But together, they turned Beulah Grove’s stately sanctuary into a powerhouse charged with the hopes, dreams, and praises of people—all with lifted hands and prostrate heads.

At a time where racial tension has been at a high in this country citing police brutality and violent shootings and protests, it was refreshing and inspiring to see these two men of different nationalities and vocal styles, and at the top of their game, take the stage together, to give an electrifying performance that would impact the lives and hearts of all those fortunate enough to have bought a ticket.

Do we have a martyr?

by SEQUOIA SINCLAIR, EGSC Augusta

On September 3, Kentucky clerk Kim Davis refused to grant gay marriage certificates. Despite the fact that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of same sex marriages, Davis denied gay couples of their legal right because of her religious convictions. Davis believes that issuing gay couples marriage certificates violates her religious beliefs, which in turn violate her civil rights. Her refusal to do her government job as a government employee forced Judge David Burnham to hold Davis in contempt, citing that a “public official must uphold the law.”

The judge’s decision to send Davis to jail has enraged a nation. Two hundred supporters surrounded the detention center that previously

held Davis. They lifted their picket signs: “Kim Davis for president.” Those who have been against the Supreme Court’s ruling regarding gay marriage view Davis as a heroine for standing up to Big Government. Michael Peroutka, a high-profile lawyer who backs Davis, claims that she hasn’t broken any real law. Quoting Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, the “Supreme court cannot make the law... Congress makes the law.” Are the lawyers and the Davis followers manipulating the fine print of law? Or is this the beginning of a movement for religious rights?

However, legal experts assure us that their argument is flawed. Jeffrey Fisher, a Stanford Uni-

versity law professor, states that “when the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution, the Supreme Court’s words become the law.”

On September 9, Davis was released. She and five of her coworkers swore under oath to comply with the order to issue marriage licenses. Couples who have filed a lawsuit against Davis can still obtain a marriage license. Every 14 days, the clerks who complied with the oath must provide updates to the courts.

Davis exclaimed “yes” when asked if those five days in jail were worth it. Did her stay in jail prove vigilance for her religious beliefs? Or has it opened up the floodgates for public ridicule and shame?

Gun control: What is the real issue?

by ANDREW STOCKER, EGSC Augusta

What is the real issue concerning gun control? Is it a question of protecting one’s right to personal protection, a call for a peaceful and passive society, or something else entirely?

Americans who oppose tighter restrictions on gun control stand firm on their constitutional right, citing that the second amendment explicitly acknowledges that citizens have a right to bare arms. It is important to remember that prior to the ratification of the constitution, America was in a heated battle for independence from Great Britain. America had no standing army and thus relied on American “militiamen” to defend this fragile new nation. Once Americans gained their independence, the very first course of action was to add the first ten amendments, which came to be called “The Bill of Rights.”

The first amendment pertains to one’s inalienable rights to freedom of speech, religion, the press, and the right to bring grievances before the government. The second amendment states “A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” The Continen-

tal Congress understood the importance of maintaining the militia due to their almost certain defeat without them. Therefore, I can understand the views of those who oppose gun control laws.

The number one defense given by supporters of tighter gun control laws is the correlation guns have to the death rate. According to a study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control, in 2011 the number one cause of death in America was heart disease, contributing to 23.7 percent of all reported deaths that year. 67.6 percent of all deaths in 2011 were due to medical illness. Assaults, constituted 5 percent and suicide only 1.6 percent. This information tells us that firearms are not a considerable factor in the overall death rate in America.

Being a retired Army veteran, I have seen my share of firearms. I understand the sense of security they bring to the wielder, and the fear of death they instill. However, it is imperative that we realize a gun is nothing more than a tool, a mechanical device that utilizes a contained explosion to project a bullet. Guns are not conscious beings, capable of formulating thoughts or

feeling emotions. Therefore, being completely void of life, guns cannot kill anyone. They are, sadly, just effective tools for violence. If we are to outlaw firearms due to their propensity to cause fatal injury, then logic dictates that we must also outlaw anything that has an equal propensity to cause fatal injury. Therefore, under this logical frame of reference, we would have to outlaw knives, over-the-counter medications, and automobiles; all of which have the capacity to cause fatal harm.

It is understandable to fear that which is unknown. With misconceived preconceptions of firearms, some people believe that tighter gun control laws will proliferate a sense of peace and security throughout their community. Others, however, believe that by relinquishing our individual rights to self-preservation and protection, we will inadvertently open the doors to tyranny and oppression by disarming ourselves and relying solely on the government for our safety and well-being. Ultimately, what’s more important, the right to protect ourselves and our loved ones, or the assurance of protection guaranteed by our government?

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EGSC VOICES: ENTERTAINMENT SCOOP

Bieber Fever is back

by CARA THOMPSON, *EGSC Augusta*

Unless you've been living under a rock for the past six years, you've probably heard the name Justin Bieber ad nauseum. For many, his name is synonymous with controversy: He's egged houses, urinated in a restaurant's decorative plant, pretended to be a drag racer, received a DUI, resisted arrest, and disrespected a police officer. In 2013, he visited The Anne Frank House, and wrote in the guest book that he hoped she would have been a believer.

And, the Beebs received backlash--not just from his critics, but even from his fans and showbiz peers. In a concert in Brazil, a "fan" launched a water bottle on stage, hitting the pop-icon, who stormed off the stage. Many fans waited over an hour for his return, but the Beebs made no such encore. Later in his stay in Rio, Bieber was spotted, draped in a bedsheet, exiting a brothel.

After his DUI arrest, Drake Bell, Seth Rogan, and other celebrities expressed their disappointment. He needed to be roasted, and that's just what Comedy Central

did. America seemed to be impressed with his ability to laugh at himself sit through crass insult after insult.

Even after all of the criticism, people still seem to enjoy his music and his personality overall. People that have worked with him usually describe him as a sweet, funny, and lovable guy. This includes Russian model Xenia Deli, who co-starred with him in his latest music video. In an interview for Cosmopolitan she seemed very impressed with him.

"I was a little bit nervous because I was thinking, He probably acts like a star, but actually he's so nice. He's so down-to-earth and he's respectful to all the people around him. It was so easy. He made my job so easy." She stated.

Discovered at the age of 15 on Youtube, The Beebs showed the world his raw talent and spell-binding charm. Recently, he made a come back at the 2015 Video Music Awards. He had not performed at the VMA's since 2010. He sang his song *Where Are U Now* along with his brand new single, *What*

Do You Mean.

Despite everything, he's drive to get back in the game, even after his awful mistakes can be seen as a very positive movement forward for his career. He wanted to get back on top and did just that. "What Do You Mean" broke the record for the fastest single to hit #1 on iTunes as well as scoring his first Number 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. He appeared to have broken down and cried at the end of his performance. This raised a lot of eyebrows and sparked some curiosity as to why he did so. He explained on *The Jimmy Fallon Show* that it was due to being overwhelmed by the positive reaction of the crowd and reaching his goals again. He also said that he felt that he may be judged and wasn't quite sure how the crowd would react because of previous incidences of being booed off of stage. So these new headlines about Justin were made, but for a great reason. I think we can all benefit from seeing anyone, even a celebrity get back up and try again and succeed at doing so.

Can Drake's biceps spark fitness?

by KEYARDA O'NEAL, *EGSC Augusta*

Drake's recent Instagram post informs us he's been working out a lot lately. Reporters believe it's because he's supposedly dating pro tennis player, Serena Williams. We all know she's outrageously ripped and obviously looks all muscle. Drake wrote that he "[could not] wait to get back to the city and work," triggering his trainer, Johnny, to reply: "never not working." Something inspired Drake possibly Serena, she lives in a very active fitness based lifestyle.

Motivation and drive are all we need to succeed. Fitness and health are important. A lot of young adults are influenced by the rapper, a musician who has influenced a lot of the young community today. Maybe this will spark an urge in the kids today to work out and stay fit.

Maybe Drake is tired of ending Meek Mills career. He's possibly tired of being the soft-singing artist. Maybe he's changing his look: First he gets a beard; now, he's posting workout videos and pictures. ew tough look, women dig it. Serena gets the new tough, muscular, ending the twitter popping Meek ending career man.

Drake and Serena aren't the only ones hitting the gym. There are plenty of fitness-oriented couples. Get fit. Become healthier.

Top Three VMAs Moments

by TIONNA SCOTT, *EGSC Augusta*

1. Nicki vs. Miley

At the 2015 VMA's Nicki Minaj was called on stage to receiver her award for Best Hip Hop video for her hit *Anaconda*. She thanked he pastor and immediately confronted Miley Cyrus. She called Miley out by name: "What's good Miley?" A lot of people were wondering if the unfolding scene was real or part of a publicity stunt. Nicki's facial expression put the publicity rumors to rest. Minaj accused Cyrus of talking about her during an interview concerning who deserved the best Hip Hop award: Minaj or Taylor Swift. Cyrus held her ground and responded by telling Nicki congratulations, blaming the press for manipulating her comments. After all was said and done, Nicki was still fuming.

2. Kanye for President?

What was Kanye thinking stating that he will be running for president in 2020? He was clearly high on the stage and he admitted it: "Yes, I rolled up a little something." Kanye embarrassed himself but something good did come out of it. Later on, Taylor Swift presented him his award, which was a huge deal because in 2009 he got on stage while she won her award and told her she didn't deserve it.

3. Hard Core Bieber vs. Crybaby Bieber

When Bieber first came out, he was a teenage girl's dream. Then, he let fame get a hold of him. We all have seen Justin B. in the press for illegal activities, going to jail and other things of the sort. At the VMAs, he broke down in tears after his performance. I do think Bieber is trying to change his ways and the best way to do it is by staying on stage.

Boyhood - The story of everyone

by ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ, *EGSC Augusta*

When do we stop growing and start aging? Director Richard Linklater was determined to understand just that when he began his journey on the film *Boyhood* in 2002. He wanted to create a story about childhood, the part of life where we begin to understand ourselves.

Linklater focuses on the 12 years of life we cannot avoid, grades 1-12. *Boyhood* chronicles Mason Evans, Jr.'s emotional and physical maturation, and Linklater captures this in authentic fashion, as he filmed the same cast of

actors from 2002 to 2013.

"This film doesn't have to be called *Boyhood*," Linklater said. He wanted it to be clear that the film could have been named *Parthenhood* or *Girlhood*. The point of the film is to show people that life is about the moments in-between the big moments.

Compared to any other coming of age story, *Boyhood* stands alone. Linklater's film reveals a truth: Growing up never ends and learning from our mistakes is the only way to move forward.

Guinness announces bizarre new world records

by BREA COLEMAN, *EGSC Augusta*

Guinness World Records announced a selection of new feats featured in the 2016 edition. including the fastest 100m in clogs and the most balls caught by a dog with his paws in one minute.

NEWS ON CAMPUS

Join EGSC for First Fridays at The Morgan House

Singing along to your favorite song. Relaxing at home with friends. Enjoying great conversations at a grand, white house. What do these things have in common? They are all happening at The Morgan House!

The inaugural First Friday event at The Morgan House was held September 4, 2015 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and was a great success. Students, faculty and staff were invited to meet the community at the former home of Jimmy and Jean Morgan. This informal, relaxed event featured an acoustic jam by Alan Brasher and friends.

This event will be held monthly at The Morgan House on the first Friday of each month. November's event will be held on the 6th and will begin at 5:30 p.m.



Entertainment and special features of First Friday at The Morgan House change monthly, so be sure to check the EGSC website for more details each month!

These informal, relaxed events are a great opportunity for students to get to know the faculty and staff of the East Georgia State College outside the classroom, and a great chance to explore one of Swainsboro's beautiful homes.

Congratulations, Chanel English!

Chanel English was the winner of the "Name the Flavor" contest held in Bobcat Villas. She won \$25 in gift cards for correctly identifying the lip balm flavor as pecan pie. All who correctly identified the flavor and emailed their guesses to housing@ega.edu were entered into a drawing for the prize.

"Thanks to everyone who participated, and thanks to Elizabeth Gilmer, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, for sponsoring the contest," said Missie Crawford, Director of Housing.



CRAWFORD AND ENGLISH

EGSC launches myEGSC mobile app

by KATELYN MOORE, *EGSC Communications Coordinator*

East Georgia State College recently launched their new mobile app, myEGSC. Available in the Apple App Store and the Google Play store, the app is EGSC's official mobile app and provides faculty and staff, current and future students, parents, visitors and fans with a one-stop location for accessing various features and services. These include EGSC faculty/staff and student email, news and events, photos, course schedules and more using a smart phone or mobile device.

Some features on the app are not available to the general public and can only be accessed by current EGSC students, faculty and staff by logging in with your myEGSC portal username and password.

Don't miss out on this great way to stay informed and access your information at EGSC while on the go!

Help name the new dorms!

by MISSIE CRAWFORD, *EGSC Director of Housing*

When Bobcat Villas opened in 2011, we were proud to be able to say that the name came directly from our family... our students, faculty and staff! We will be equally as proud to say that about building TWO opening in fall 2016. Please take a moment to make a recommendation for a name for building TWO...just email your recommendations to housing@ega.edu before noon on Friday, October 16. We will look through the recommendations and then offer the top names up for a vote during the week of October 19. Thanks so much for being a part of the wonderful history of EGSC!

Are you ready for your debut?

Anyone (students, faculty, staff, or community members) who would like to try out for short plays as a part of our Swainsboro production of *ALMOST, MAINE* by John Cariani please contact Ron Ellison (rellison@ega.edu) or anyone in the Robert Feline Playmakers Drama Club. All the roles are played with one partner character, and they last about 10 minutes.



CONQUER YOUR DREAMS...

OR THEY WILL CONQUER YOU

Art by Adriana Rodriguez

HALLOWEEN 2015

Those aren't shadows

by *The Hoopee Bird Editorial Staff*

With Halloween right around the corner, several of EGSC's journalists explored the grounds of Augusta University, where ghost legends are part of the school's history, much like the old arsenal upon which the college sits. Hearing stories about things going bump in the night, we wanted a first-hand experience. The campus was completely dead upon our arrival, not a living soul was about. We came upon a white house with a single light escaping from the second floor window. Suddenly the lights went out. A haunting sob echoed. Then sounds of footsteps came, growing louder by the moment. Scents of apples and cigars wafted about. Augusta University prohibits smoking, but I wasn't going to snitch. Not that night. We did some research when we got home. This is what we found.

The white house we were creeping towards: Bellevue Hall, former residence of one Emily Galt. Emily once lived with her family in this antebellum home, with hopes of marriage. Emily's fiancée, however, had enlisted in the Civil War.

Emily begged and pleaded him to stay. He gave her a diamond ring, left, and promised to return. Shortly after his departure, Emily, using the diamond, carved her name in her windowpane, located on the house's second floor. She waited, anxiously, for news. Any news. And news—painful news—came. Legend has it that folks as far as the Savannah River could hear Emily's howls echoing from the house the night Emily received the news.

Riddled with grief, Emily hurled herself out of the second story window. The fall killed her; but it didn't silence her. Emily's undying love keeps her spirit alive while haunting those who survive!

Confederate Soldier

The Walker family gifted much of the land that Augusta University sits on today. Of all the campus' relics, none are creepier than the cemetery plots that sit on the northeast corner of the Summer-ville campus. Gated next to the Arsenal cemetery is a haunted cemetery full of history. Two confederate soldiers who died during

the war are buried here. Recent reports claim that stale tobacco and sulfur permeate the air; others claim that a confederate soldier roams the parking lot, dressed in his Civil War uniform. Some have seen him walking towards the Walker Cemetery gate—only to disappear through the darkness of the dead.

Nestled next to Payne Hall sits the Benet House, a seemingly charming, and quaint antebellum building, commissioned for the Arsenal during the Civil War. Herein, though, the "Apple Pie Ghost" restlessly roams, looking for that last slice of apple pie, a slice that has eluded him for centuries. As legend has it, a wealthy nephew of a commander flaunted his wealth, flaunting to the point where jealousies arose and orders were given. One day, while awaiting his beloved dessert, apple pie of course, an assassin shot him on the building's steps. "The Apple Pie Ghost," as it turns out, is a bit clumsy, as nightly passers-by have noted sounds of someone fumbling for pans, hastily opening the oven, and slamming doors.



Wholesome Halloween movies: *The Editors' picks*

Hocus Pocus: This is a Halloween classic, one we suggest viewing before, during, and after Halloween.

Beetlejuice: Alec Baldwin, Michael Keaton, and Geena Davis. Come on! From the eccentric mind of Tim Burton, this film plays as well today as it did 25 years ago.

Dark Shadows: Johnny Depp stars as Barnabas Collins—a lovable vampire—in this 21st century remake of the 1960s' sitcom of the same name.

Nightmare Before Christmas: A bit of a holiday cross-over here: Jack Skellington, King of Halloween Town, has just learned about Christmas Town. And, it makes him uneasy.

The Haunted Mansion: Eddie Murphy seems to hit it big in children's comedies: the Dr. Doolittle's (one and two; he opted-out of Dr. Doolittle 3 if you remember) and the Shrek series (everyone loves Donkey, right?) In this holiday flick, Murphy turns the haunted into the hilarious!

What movies scare you?

Debra Quinn:

I first watched *The Exorcist* on a small black and white television in my family's kitchen. My parents were in the den which was affixed to the kitchen, and though the version I watched was the edited for television one, it still scared me. The idea that Satan could possess our bodies terrified me! The look in actress Linda Blair's eyes as her head spun around and as she threw up was horrifying to me. Even though my mind knew it was only a movie, and the puke only pea soup (which she vomited all over the Priest and the room), the film gave me plenty of reasons to get up and run into the den, like the child I was, to seek the comfort and safety of my parents' arms.

Three must-eat treats

by SEQUOIA SINCLAIR, EGSC Augusta

During the Halloween season, whether you are dishing out candy, screaming from ghouls or taking the tots around the block, these must have desserts are great to enjoy making and eating with the family and friends.

The caramel apple: This ordinary apple from the witch in Snow White, dipped in gooey poisonous caramel, will send the whole family into a deep food coma of deliciousness.

Pumpkin bread: Before you turn your pumpkin into a buggy and carriage, carve out its guts. Later, use these guts to make pumpkin bread.

Deep-fried candy corn: Say what?! Most candy-lovers are either pro-candy corn or anti-candy corn. If you have

been an anti-candy corner, then pick up one of these deep-fried critters and enjoy.

Reminders: While you're out running through the corn maze or for your lives grab some harvested pecan or peanuts. It's not a real caramel apple if you don't give it a little earthiness to balance out the sweetness. Also ensure that your pumpkin bread is baked a day or two before midnight strikes the hour on old hallow's eve. Most food critics say pumpkin bread is better aged. Lastly, you know the southern food law: if you don't like it, fry it. Voila: deliciousness. Make sure to wrap your candy corn in seamless crescent dough after frying dust lightly with powdered sugar.

Creepy costumes inspired by creepy characters

by AVANNA DOBSON, EGSC Augusta

An interesting costume for this Halloween would be a character from American Horror Story because each creature on the show symbolizes their own unique look for what scary really is; in addition, the actors who play the characters are award-winning nominees for many outstanding roles.

IT: Pennywise is a clown. Clowns are scary. Clowns who live in the sewer are scarier. Clowns with Pennywise's chompers are scariest.

Leprechaun 1-4: There's nothing lucky about this wicked leprechaun. Channel his dark rainbow.

Jeepest Creepers: *Jeepest Creepers* steals

the scariest award for me. The monster's face, when he feins for flesh, gives me the chills. Also, the song that plays throughout the film, "Jeepest Creepers," turns the chills into freezes, making me feel as if the monster is lurking near, or worse, behind me.

Spooky art on campus



Students in the EGSC Art Club, along with volunteers and Professor Desmal Purcell, recreate a scene from the popular anime *Attack on Titan* during Parents, Family, Friends and Alumni Day on September 26.

Call for submissions

Have a favorite family recipe? Share it with *The Hoopee Bird* readers next month in time for Thanksgiving dinner! Send your recipes to ohoopee@ega.edu by October 16.



LEVITY, LANGUAGE AND LIFE

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

Word of the month:

Macabre: Disturbing and horrifying because of involvement with or depiction of death and injury. Edgar Allen Poe's macabre fiction often makes reader's skin crawl.

Synonyms: gruesome, grim, gory, morbid, ghastly, unearthly, grotesque, hideous, horrific.



Joke of the month:

Knock-knock.
Who's there?
For.
For Who?
It's for whom!

Hoopee Bird Trivia for Bobcat Bucks



Want to win \$20 in Bobcat Bucks? Prove that you know your East Georgia State College news by being the first student to answer this edition's trivia question:

In Volume 40, Number 6, who is credited with the invention of a DNA laser printer?

To enter, open your Catmail account and email ohoopee@ega.edu with "Trivia-October" as the subject. Include your full name, student ID, campus, phone number, and your answer to the trivia question.

Only one submission per student is allowed per edition, and only one win per student per semester. The winner will be notified by email and asked to submit a photograph to appear in the next edition. If no correct submission is received by 5 p.m. Friday, October 16, the first two correct answers the following month will be accepted.

The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- 1 Soothing stuff
- 5 Monastery head
- 10 After the hour
- 14 "O" in old radio lingo
- 15 Blush
- 16 "___ bitten, twice shy"
- 17 Urban blight
- 18 Close-knit group
- 19 Bank transaction
- 20 Place to find thyme
- 22 Like some hands
- 23 Rosy-cheeked
- 24 Just say yes
- 26 ___ oil
- 29 Hardly handsome
- 30 Stomping ground
- 31 Mall binge
- 33 Farm sound
- 36 Basket material
- 37 Deck (out)
- 38 ___ squash
- 40 Soaked
- 41 Circumvent
- 43 Area of South Africa
- 44 Bad look
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- 46 Emphasize
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- 59 Caked deposit
- 60 Church niche
- 61 St. Anthony, notably
- 62 Secure, as a contract
- 63 Big game
- 64 Admittance
- 65 Irritable
- 8 Shrek, e.g.
- 9 Part of TMNT
- 10 Aetna offering
- 11 Positive terminal
- 12 Massage target
- 13 Article of faith
- 21 Eucalyptuses
- 25 Making a big profit, with "up"
- 26 Third place
- 27 "___ on Down the Road"
- 28 Exec
- 29 Advocate
- 31 Antares, for one
- 32 Detachable container
- 33 Bit of dust
- 34 Grad student's grilling
- 35 The "O" in S.R.O.
- 39 Hymn of praise
- 42 Blister
- 44 Accountant's book
- 45 Fancy duds
- 46 Rabbit food
- 47 Figure of speech
- 48 Dentist's direction
- 49 Dwarf
- 50 Spy, at times
- 53 "High" time
- 54 Actor Pitt
- 55 Air bag?
- 56 Christian Science founder

DOWN

- 1 "Poppycock!"
- 2 Ready, willing, and ___
- 3 Look sullen
- 4 Thin tissue layer
- 5 Game keeper?
- 6 Get on
- 7 Pal

STUDENT SUCCESS IS ON FACEBOOK

All EGSC students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to "like" the new Student Success page on Facebook. The page may be found at www.facebook.com/StudentSuccessatEGSC. Announcements, photos, words of instruction, videos, and the like designed to help EGSC students be successful are regularly posted on this page. Those who "like" the page in Facebook are likely to see the messages posted there from time to time.



First Fridays at



the First Friday of every month!

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 - PAID YOUR GRADUATION APPLICATION FEE OF \$35?
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EGSC VOICES: CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Study habits for students with ADHD

by SEQUOIA SINCLAIR, EGSC Augusta

Traditional study habits are a great guideline for success. Sometimes, these strategies don't work for students with ADHD. Dealing with disabilities and trying to focus on school can become more of a challenge. Here are some tips to make studying work for you. These tips are also for any student whose mind may be occupied with other obligations like jobs or parenting while being a college student.

Plan for longer study times: Fifty minutes with 10 minute breaks may be difficult for the wandering mind. Personally, I take more breaks to do push-ups or take the dogs out so I can exert some of the extra energy. These activities helps me come back to my studies with a fresh and new enthusiasm. Know your mind: when it needs a break, give it one.

Make a planner: Set a daily reminder on your phone to check your

planner. Ask someone you study with to remind you to look at your schedule. Focus is a battle so color-code it by due dates and class. Write in your planner as much as you Tweet or check your Facebook. I like to check my bright space during breaks to see if there is anything new and to also be reminded of dates.

Break up study times: For every 1 credit hour you take that is 3 hours a day of studying. Do not think you can do all this in one setting. If your schedule permits do this throughout the day. If applicable I like to do my reading in-between classes and writing when I am home.

Use movement: Keep your body and mind in tune whether it be with typing or highlighting get your body involved. Sometimes while highlighting I'll read out loud to be fully engaged; this also helps with comprehension.

Be a groupie: You know

the group of students that gather around the professor's desk right after class. Yes, that should be you. Ask your professors questions to ensure your comprehension—they love that. Show off that you were paying attention while luring them with critical questions. I find that going to tutoring and taking advantage of office hours boosts my confidence and provides smooth sails when studying.

Be realistic: If something is not working for you, adjust. Be mindful of other obligations while planning. Pick a time and place that best suits your temperament.

Dealing with ADHD or having a busy lifestyle can be difficult in the fast-paced world of college. Success can still be a reality. Utilize a strategy that works best for your personality and understand what disabilities you may have to overcome. I have ADHD—ADHD doesn't have me.



DR. BOEHMER DURING STATE OF THE COLLEGE ADDRESS

2015 State of the College

by SEQUOIA SINCLAIR, EGSC Augusta

On September 22, 2015, President Robert G. Boehmer delivered the College's convocation address in Swainsboro's Gambrell auditorium. Officials at EGSC streamed the president's speech so that members from all campuses could hear.

Directly after President Boehmer introduced himself, he thanked the families who laid the foundation for East Georgia—the Corrells, the Gambrells, and the Morgans—for they "believed in the potential of the students." Dr. Boehmer noted that their leadership has helped, and is continuing to help, EGSC accomplish its mission—to provide an affordable, student-centered college that cares about its students' success.

President Boehmer discussed the current state of EGSC as it relates to growth. Augusta's campus started off with 91 students in 2013; now in 2015, the campus has over 500 students. Overall enrollment is projected to increase by 2-3 percent. The main campus in Swainsboro has had several

students, now, graduate with a B.S in Biology. There is also a campus-housing partnership for all three campuses. Lastly, EGSC is affordable and accessible for students who want education.

Dr. Boehmer wants the school to be more active with private fund raising, setting a goal of \$3 million. In addition he wants a center for the youth: he wants to begin a dialogue with young people who want to go to college, and he wants this dialogue to start sooner rather than later. East Georgia is working on a B.S. in Nursing, which will provide students with more opportunities to pursue education and careers. Lastly Dr. Boehmer is excited for the completed construction that will provide more classrooms and a greater space to learn.

Dr. Boehmer tells the past and present of EGSC and provides future information for the students. Technology binds our three campuses together; and Dr. Boehmer's passion represents EGSC with pride that spreads like wildfire.



Associates or transfer?

by ENA MANGON, EGSC Statesboro

When starting off a career as a student at a two-year college, there's a choice that you know you're going to have to make either now or a year into your studies. Do you stick with that two year program and get that associates degree, or do you go ahead and transfer to get your Bachelor's Degree? Some students already have a plan. They have mapped out their futures—from the minute they stepped on campus until the day when they will be wearing their cap and gown. For the rest of us, it's not so clear cut. Maybe you've made some mistakes and flunked a couple of classes. Maybe you've switched your major one too many times because you just don't know what you want to do in life. Whatever it is that has you laboring over this common dilemma, you've got to make a choice and you're just not sure which one is the right one for you.

While everyone's needs are different, a study done by the Community College Research Center, or CCRC may help make your choices a little easier. The study asked the question, "Should Community College Students Earn an Associate Degree before Transferring to a Four-Year Institution?" It sounds simple enough, but there are factors to consider that can affect your decision. For one, without an Associates Degree, it is likely that your transfer school will



not accept many of your credits. According to the study, "The potential factors that drive the decision to transfer pre- or post-associate degree may not only come from student characteristics but also from the wider policy context." Policy context refers to how your credits will transfer from one school to another without the Associates Degree. With a degree, your credits are focused toward a program of study or meeting certain general education requirements. Without a degree, students risk their credits forming a "hodge-podge of courses that are hard to transfer," according to the study. We're lucky to be attending a school that is so closely partnered with a bigger four year college, but not everyone is so fortunate.

Furthermore, the CCRC found that while there are certainly a wide range of factors that can contribute to whether or not a transfer student succeeds in a four year college, transfer students who worked with short term goals did better than those who did not. In other words, it's easier

to move on to a four year school with a degree in hand than without. For one, after attending a two year school, a student has had the time to see if college is right for them. They've learned how to be good students, and they are more likely to know what they want after completing that first degree. According to the study, "students who earned an AA [Associates of Arts] or AS [Associates of Science] had a bachelor's degree completion rate that was almost 20 percentage points higher than that for students without an Associate Degree."

While there are a lot of factors at play when making such big life decisions, it should be taken into consideration that, if you've worked hard enough to get that associate's, then you are more likely to stick with college through the next two years to reach the mile marker that is a bachelor's degree. Besides, when you're working on your Bachelor's Degree, an Associate Degree in hand will allow you more work opportunities and options than not having degree.

GRU now Augusta University

by KEON MAJOR, EGSC Augusta

Well, it's happened. Again. The university in Augusta has been renamed. It is no longer Augusta State University, Georgia Health Sciences University, Georgia Regents University, nor University of Augusta (as some predicted).

Augusta University: The new name. On Tuesday, September 16, 2015, Georgia Regents University officially became Augusta University. The main reason for the name changes

were simply from miscommunications and disagreements from previous members of the Georgia Board of Regents. Now that the campus is under the new leadership of President Brooks Keel it is time for a fresh start. He intends to bring the community as a whole back together with the new college naming. This is a chance for new opportunities to a glowing future.

Pockets vs. technology

by MARY BRYSON STUCKEY, EGSC Augusta

In the early 21st century, folks traded in their pocket change for pocket-sized phones. Today, consumers empty their savings for increasingly larger cell phones. In the previous century, we all thought phones would continue to get smaller and smaller until they resembled microchips. Consumers traded in their outdated CD players for miniature mp3 players. Subsequently, we all wanted portable gadgets in one device. The last step: Compact these gadgets as tightly as possible. Today, cell phones make calls, play music, and could probably walk a dog if equipped with the right app. However, they are

not getting smaller.

Inside older book bags, there is a small pocket with the picture of a cell phone and its antenna. Antenna sightings are especially rare now, and no longer turn the users in circles to find the best signal. A technology pocket that will hold laptops and tablets will replace this small, dated cell phone pocket. But then, what if technology reverses its big-size trend? With smart watches rising in popularity, this gadget could take away the need for tech space all together. The rising question: can the pocket become outdated with the technology?



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SPORTS

32 teams, one mission: Leave Levi Stadium with Lombardi

by RYAN KEETER, EGSC Augusta

After all of the excitement and anticipation, the NFL season is finally here. Philadelphia Eagles coach Chip Kelly spent the off-season scheming, long-time New Orleans Saint tight-end Jimmy Graham signed a new contract with Seattle, the Miami Dolphins reeled in the dominant (but often ill-tempered) defensive end Ndamukong Suh, Darell Revis heading back home to New York, Greg Hardy in Dallas, and Rex Ryan taking the reigns of the Buffalo Bills. However, at the end of the season, one team will lift Lombardi's trophy. Although the season will have its share of inexplicable moments, play-calls, plays, and games, it's never too early to make a Super Bowl 50 prediction.

Only a handful of teams from each conference are Super Bowl contenders.

From the NFC, the Seahawks, Eagles, Packers, Cardinals, Falcons, and Cowboys are likely to represent the NFC in the playoffs. From the AFC, look for the Steelers, Colts, Patriots, Broncos, Dolphins, and the Ravens to make the playoffs.

After the regular season, the competition becomes tougher, and by the end of January 2016, two NFL teams will be left standing. It's easy as a fan to take greatness for granted. Often, we football fans want our team to win it all. But putting personal fanhood aside, and considering Seattle's quality performances in the last two Super Bowls, wouldn't it be nice to see them square off against another foe for a third consecutive year? They bring it every game; they match up well with just about every team;

and they have Russell Wilson, a multiple-threat offensive weapon that keeps defensive coordinators up all night.

Many teams have a lot to prove for this season, and chief amongst them are the 'Hawks. The last play of last year's NFL season still stings: poised to win back-to-back Super Bowl championships, Seattle's Russell Wilson threw an interception from the 1-yard line at last year's Super Bowl. The play-call has become one of the worst in the collective pundits' memories. The Seahawks are seeking redemption and are hungrier than ever.

In the AFC, the Indianapolis Colts, behind Andrew Luck, also have a score to settle. After an embarrassing loss to the New England Patriots in last year's AFC championship game, the game

which triggered the "deflategate" frenzy, the Colts are out to prove that no team deflates Chuck Laganó's squad. Each year, the Colts become better behind their cagey leader, Andrew Luck. Luck has made two consecutive playoff appearances, and tough playoff losses have made him even more determined. It will be no surprise seeing the Colts finally fight through the adversities and play at their full potential to make it to the Super Bowl.

If each team stays relatively healthy, then expect to witness the Seahawks and the Colts go at it. The Seahawks will walk out of Levi's Stadium, home of the San Francisco 49ers, victorious and happy to bring the Lombardi trophy back to Seattle to share with their fans, their "12th Man."



by BOB E. CAT, Pigskin Prognosticator

Submission Deadline: Please submit your picks by 5 p.m. Friday, October 16. Open your Catmail account, type *ohoop-ee@ega.edu* in the "To" bar, type "Bop Bob" in the subject line, and write your five predictions (with scores for each team; rationale for your predictions is optional) in the body of the email.

Bob has looked into his leather ball, and after careful consideration, Bob has determined the laces are pointing in a clear pattern.

October 17
Michigan State at Michigan: Expect Wolverines fans to pack the Big House and have it rocking when the visiting Spartans roll into town. Although Michigan had a bumpy opening to its season, Jim Harbaugh is just getting going. He loves adversity; he's a player's coach; and he will be chomping at the bit to knock-off the highly touted Spartans. Michigan wins in a nail-biter, **31-28**.

New Mexico State at Georgia Southern: By the time New Mexico State reaches Allen E. Paulson Stadium, its team is going to be gassed. Traveling across the country, adjusting to the time change, recovering from early-season pummeling, and squaring off against a hungry Eagles' squad spells bad news for the Aggies. Southern rolls, **42-20**.

October 18
New England at Indianapolis: One can safely assume that Andrew Luck circled this date on his calendar earlier this spring—but he won't admit that to anyone outside of the Colts' organization. Luck, never one to make excuses, will be prodded and needled, though, by the media, who will be seeking juicy, bulletin-board material pertaining to last year's AFC Championship blowout and the subsequent "Deflategate" saga. The Patriots, particularly head coach

and starting quarterback, have a lot of explaining to do, but they never will do it—ever. The Patriots have a way of blocking out all distractions, even their team conscience, and Bill Belichick's staff started their multi-faceted preparations when Luck was circling the calendar. In the end, the build-up will be more exciting than the game. The Patriots continue to haunt Indy, **31-17**.

October 24
Florida State at Georgia Tech: F.S.U. is a football school—no doubt. Georgia Tech produces world-class engineers (amongst other professionals). But, the Jackets' hard-nose, ground-and-pound offense is nothing to take lightly. Their loss to Notre Dame in South Bend at the beginning of the season has the Jackets' buzzing mad. In what Tech wouldn't call an upset, the Jackets swarm the Seminoles from Tallahassee, relieving some of the sting from the beginning of the season. Georgia Tech teaches F.S.U a lesson in a **52-12** romp.

October 25
Atlanta at Tennessee: The dirty birds just might be relevant again, after two consecutive underwhelming seasons, while the Titans might have tapped into the magic of its 1999-2000 season, a season that gave football fans the "Music City Miracle," which propelled the franchise to its only Super Bowl appearance. Rookie quarterback Marcus Mariota has that spark, and this former Oregon Duck quarterback's time is coming. But it won't be here in time for his meeting with the Fulton county flock. Look for Matt Ryan and the incomparable wide-out Julio Jones to put on a clinic. Falcons' offense has a field day while their defense gives Mariota's Titans some hope. Atlanta steals one, **33-30**.

Bobcat Baseball: In it to win it

by KATELYN MOORE, EGSC Communications Coordinator

"Expectations are at an all-time high this year," says East Georgia State College Head Baseball Coach Matt Passauer about the men's baseball team. They have already begun their Fall practice schedule, and they are turning up the heat.

"The expectations this year are, without a question, to win a championship," says Coach Passauer. "We practice every day with a championship mentality so that we can go out there and win. We don't talk about taking second or third or fourth—this isn't a process or a rebuilding year. This is the year where we come out ready to dominate the day, every single day, and win one game at a time."

Coach Passauer explains that the team works extremely hard in the fall so that they are able to go out in games and have a good time. "The practice field is our 'playground,'" he says.

"We talk about getting out there and going after it and having that aggressive mentality. If we're going to make mistakes, they're going to be aggressive mistakes," he explains. "We just go out there and have a blast and get after it."

East Georgia State College's baseball team is made up of a group of very competitive young men, and Coach Passauer says that this translates in everything from lifting,

to competitive style running to day-to-day activities.

"Fall practice can be very repetitive, but we talk about one guy being a leader every single day and being in charge so that the group can see his energy and follow suit. That's gone a long way for our everyday practice, and we're having significantly better practices," says Coach Passauer. "It has nothing to do with the coaching staff. We have a great group of guys who are all bought in."

The team has also seen the hiring of a new Assistant Coach, Dusty Hess.

"He has made great strides since he has come on board," says Coach Passauer. "In the small amount of time he's been here, he's made a tremendous impact on the offensive side of Bobcat baseball."

Coach Passauer is very excited about this year's team. There are many of returning players, including the entire infield, as well as the GCAA Defensive Player of the Year Andrew Claxton at shortstop, and two conference starting pitchers.

"When we talk about changing a culture, that will be a huge thing, because all of the sophomores that were involved in the program last year saw the new direction that we're trying to take East Georgia State College baseball,"

explains Coach Passauer. "They've been bought in this year. We have guys who know exactly what's going on from a defensive standpoint and can really lead the way. It has made this year's Fall go tremendously better than last year's. We have guys that know what's going on, understand the program and its expectations, and can not only bring that expectation every single day, but can show the new guys as well."

The EGSC Bobcat baseball team will play 11 games this fall, including the Fall Extravaganza against Georgia Highlands on September 26 at 1:30 p.m. in Albany.

"This is our only fall game against a GCAA opponent," explains Coach Passauer. "It'll mostly be our guys showing off their talents for college scouts. We're giving our guys incredible exposure from a baseball, recruiting and development standpoint. It is huge for our guys to be able to have that experience."

Overall, Coach Passauer is very optimistic about the upcoming season. "This is the most excitement and momentum we've had as a program. We have incredible excitement not only on the East Georgia baseball field, but also around campus, in our local community, and in surrounding towns. It is fun to be a part of for sure."

October's Poll Question:

What is the biggest upset in sports to date?

- A. U.S.A. hockey winning the 1980 Olympic gold medal ("The Miracle on Ice")
- B. Serena Williams, needing only three more sets for a calendar-year grand slam, losing to Italy's Roberta Vinci in the 2015 U.S. Open semi-finals.
- C. The New York football Giants defeating the New England Patriots in 2007.
- D. Y.E. Yang defeating Tiger Woods at the 2009 PGA Championship.
- E. Other.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Meet an EGSC Student Ambassador:

Ambassadors of East Georgia State College promote collegiate pride in EGSC and help facilitate awareness of campus programs and services. As the "Image of the College," they represent EGSC at a variety of events such as career days, recruiting activities, alumni functions, special visitation days, high school student activities, seminars, and receptions.

Ahmad Gary

Hometown: Midville, Ga.
High School: Burke County High School
Major: Biology

Why you serve as an Ambassador: I am serving as an Ambassador as a service to my school. I love representing my school in all things good.

Future Plans: In the future, I hope to be one of the world's renowned cardiothoracic surgeons. I want to

be the founder to cures to rare heart and lung diseases.

Why did you choose EGSC: I chose this school because it was close to home. The tuition here is cheap, and it is the perfect start for anyone who wants to get core classes out of the way.

Interesting fact about you: I play the piano and sing.

Meet an SGA Member:

The Student Government Association was established to provide students with a means to express their needs and ideas and to strive for a better understanding between the student body and the administration and faculty of the college. SGA's motto is "We are the INFLUENCE," and they are the campus organization governing student activities and representing the students in college affairs. SGA sponsors the annual talent show, the Miss EGSC Scholarship Pageant, and many other activities on campus. You can follow SGA on Facebook and Instagram.

Barrett Dent Pritchard

Hometown: Wrightsville, Ga.
High School: Johnson County High School
Major: Nursing

The last time you were inspired: I find inspiration in inspiring others.

Why you serve in SGA: I serve in SGA to make a

difference in the lives of the student body.

Favorite aspect of life at EGSC: My favorite aspect of life at EGSC is being involved in all that EGSC has to offer, including SGA, STEM club, and working at the ACE.



SCENES FROM PARENTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND ALUMNI DAY



Photos by Katelyn Moore, EGSC Communications Coordinator

ACE is the place

The Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at East Georgia State College is the place to go for help with any subject. They are there to support students. However, they do not remove students' accountability of paying attention in class. They state in their mission statement:

"We are dedicated to fostering academic excellence and are driven by the philosophy that students working with students promotes academic and personal success. As the primary academic support service for students at East Georgia State College, the ACE assists students in transitioning to college; navigating the academic terrain; creating networks of resources; and achieving academic, personal and professional goals. Through various services including tutoring and study groups, we support students in biological and physical sciences, economics, mathematics, social sciences, statistics, study strategies and writing."

Whether it's math, English, Spanish, science, etc., the ACE tutors are there to help. The tutors want students to excel academically. The tutors are dedicated to helping the students achieve the standards the professors require from their college students. However, students will need to provide the instructions their professors have given them.

The ACE's environment is conducive to studying and learning. The center is free from distractions and provides a quiet area for learning. I spend most of my free time in there working on homework because it is quiet and I am able to ask questions when I don't understand aspects in my course materials.

Because student success depends largely on the learning resources available to them, I was pleased to see that the ACE at the Statesboro campus has moved to a bigger location. Now, there are cubicles that allow students to work with minimal distractions. Statesboro

ACE Coordinator Michael Luzzi states, "Students have the option to work alone or in a group. They also have privacy and are able to focus."

Since Fall of 2014, I have visited the ACE almost every day. Becoming a regular student in the center has benefited me in several ways. I have now formed close relationships with the tutors, so they understand how I learn and study. The tutors are wonderful at supporting me in what I want to do and accomplish in the future. There is one tutor who I feel close to: she knows when I am getting stressed or aggravated and tries to help me in any way she can. I'm honestly blessed to have her and all the other tutors that work in the ACE. They inspire me to do my best in all that I do, whether that's homework, a paper, or even a test. The end results reflect in my grades: I have improved by at least one letter grade in my classes; the grades in some of my classes have increased by two letter grades. The tutors aren't magicians or anything like that: I have to do the work and submit it properly. However, they help as much as they can. They live up to their mission statement: "We encourage students to take advantage of the resources and opportunity the ACE can provide."

If you are interested in seeking extra learning support, visit the ACE on your campus.

SWAINSBORO

Location: Learning Commons in the Luck F. Gambrell Building

Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

STATESBORO

Location: EGSC Statesboro

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-8 p.m, Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

AUGUSTA

Location: 208 in Galloway Hall GRU Summerville campus

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m, Friday 8 a.m. -3 p.m.

