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A look at the EGSC Student Government Association

by SHAWN SMITH
I had the pleasure to sit down with the Student Government Association President Krystal Perry so she could briefly describe what SGA is and what it does for East Georgia State College.

She quickly summed up SGA as "An organization provided by East Georgia State College to voice concerns and opinions of all students on campus."

Perry continued to inform me on a few activities and movements SGA has done for the college this semester.

First, none of these following accomplishments could have been made if it was not for the members of SGA. They go far beyond what is expected of them as students. The members are as follows: President Krystal Perry, Vice President Rebecca Mason, Secretary and Treasurer Ambernique Spicer, Parliamentary

Monique Johnson, Freshman Senator Megan Bryant, Freshman Senator Morgan Bryant, Sophomore Senator Yamin Chhipa, Sophomore Senator Tanner Peebles, and Media Coordinator Alex Wilson. They are the ones who put in time to make up the student voice.

On Family & Friends Fun Day, the organization participated in the Bobcat Regatta with a boat themed after Disney's The Incredibles. The incredible boat won best design in the race. SGA also had a booth where they had sand art available for people to make colorful and unique pieces of jewelry. Along with their own booth, members of SGA assisted other organizations and clubs who were shorthanded.

Recently, Sherrie Helms, Director of Student Conduct, reached out to the organization



EGSC STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEMBERS, L-R: CHHIPA, M. JOHNSON, MORGAN BRYANT, MASON, D. JOHNSON, PERRY, MEGAN BRYANT AND WILSON.

NOT PICTURED: SPICER AND PEEBLES.

to help come up with a new name for the Student Code of Conduct. Two members came up with Code of Ethics and Bobcats Morals. Dr. Deborah Vess, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, sat in one of their meetings and suggest-

ed the Bobcat Playbook - Do's and Don'ts. The members of SGA voted unanimously on Dr. Vess's suggestion.

At the school bonfire, SGA put together tables and diligently set up all the ingredients to make s'mores.

Currently, the organization is conducting a survey to get student opinion on what changes could be made to make the Swainsboro campus more enjoyable. The survey asks for what the students would like to see in the cafeteria,

what kind of entertainment they would like on campus, whether they would like a step team at EGSC, if they know what SGA does on campus, if they feel safe on campus, what could enhance the EGSC experi-

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Midterms see record voters cast ballots

by SHAWN SMITH
Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, marked the 2018 midterm elections, and the people broke record-high numbers. Voters all across the nation took on their social responsibility and polled in the result to many historic firsts.

This year's midterm led to a political shift in the House of Representatives from the Republican to Democrat majority. In the other half of Congress, the Republican party retained and grew majority in the Senate. Predominantly, a party majority swap is a major highlight in any midterm election, but, this year, it has been outshined by the turnout of both voters and nomi-

needs. This election year can be classified as the one of the most influential years for women politicians. With the Republican to Democratic house flip, the majority of the early seat changes were by women. Tennessee voted Marsha Blackburn for their first female Senator. Massachusetts voted in their first black female representative, Ayanna Pressley. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez became the youngest woman ever elected into Congress at the age of 29. Kristi Noem became South Dakota's first female governor. In Texas, Veronica Escobar and Sylvia Garcia were elected the first Latina congresswom-

en for the state. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib became the first Muslim women elected into Congress. Haaland and Sharice Davids became the first Native American women elected into Congress. Eloquently, a wave of women has took to the podiums and their supporters results concluded in a record-high number of women in Congress.

This election brought more than just women's first times. Jared Polis won the Colorado governor's race and became the first openly gay man to be elected governor. This year was the first time a Vice President's brother, Greg Pence, was

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CAMERA-INSPIRED MASON BEE HOUSE

Photo by Joshua Smalley

Designing Mason Bee houses at EGSC

by JOSHUA SMALLEY

There are 56 Bee Campuses in the country. East Georgia State College was designated as the 14th Bee Campus USA institution in the nation on September 20, 2016 by Bee Campus USA. The goal for Bee Campus institutions is to promote pollinator awareness to their local communities. In Fall of 2017, the 3D Design class at East Georgia State College made Mason Bee houses for the first time and started sharing their Mason Bee houses with the college community.

"Because they are kind of a good pollinator, we just thought ... [Desmal] Purcell and I were talking and an idea came to build Mason Bee houses," said Dr. Paul Cerpovicz, Professor of Chemistry at EGSC and the campus's

unofficial beekeeper.

This year will be the second year that the 3D Design class will be making Mason Bee houses. It allowed artists to be creative and have a sense of pride in what they design. They are able to make Mason Bee houses in many creative ways.

The class made a lot of their bee houses with materials someone would find around the house or items that someone would find in nature. This art class also made Mason Bee houses based on puns and several other items that relates to bees.

"My expression is a pun. Mason Bees and Mason jars have the same name," said student Benjamin Ely of his design.

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ART ON CAMPUS



OFFICER MCCOY IN HIS PATROL CAR

Photo by Brianna Boyd

Art student uses photography to face her fears

by JOSHUA SMALLEY

This semester, Brianna Boyd, an East Georgia State College student from Covington, Ga., did a photo documentary project in her photography class. The project was exactly two days and an hour long, and documented the lives campus police at East Georgia State College.

The policemen were Officer Mack Seckinger and Officer Daniel McCoy. They both watch over the campus to make sure people and the campus are safe.

Officer Seckinger said he enjoys being a police officer because he can help others. Officer McCoy has been a police officer for 27 years and enjoys being an officer because he enjoys making people smile every day.

"The worst part of being a police officer is that many people don't trust officers to keep them safe anymore," said Officer Seckinger.

This photo documentary gives photos and captions explaining how the EGSC campus police do their job during the day. The photo documentary shows how police are like others trying to do their job and help people. The goal of this project was to get people understand that all police officers are not bad.

Boyd said chose this project because she had a fear of police officers.

"I was kind of scared at first, but, when I was around them, they made me feel good and they were good to talk to," she explained.



OFFICER SECKINGER WALKS THE HALLS

Photo by Brianna Boyd

See you there!

EVENTS AT EGSC

- Dec. 5 Women's Basketball Game
5:30 p.m. Gym
Men's Basketball Game
7:30 p.m. Gym
- Dec. 7 Graduation Rehearsal
1 - 4 p.m. Gym
First Friday at The Morgan House
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 Fall Graduation Ceremony
10 a.m. Gym
Women's Basketball Game
3 p.m. at Combine Academy
- Dec. 10-13.... Final Exams
Augusta ONLY
- Dec. 14 Men's Basketball Game
7 p.m. at USC Salkehatchie
- Dec. 15.... Semester Grades Available
Women's Basketball Game
2 p.m. at SUSCC
Men's Basketball Game
4 p.m. Gym
- Dec. 17- Jan. 6 Winter Break - All Students
- Dec. 19 Women's Basketball Game
2 p.m. at S. Georgia Tech
- Dec. 24 - Jan. 3 Winter Break
All Campuses Closed
- Dec. 28 - 31 Men's Basketball Games
at Gulf Coast State College
- Jan. 1 Housing Fees Due
- Jan. 2 Women's Basketball Game
5:30 p.m. Gym
- Jan. 5 Women's Basketball Game
2 p.m. at Albany Tech
Men's Basketball Game
4 p.m. at Albany Tech
- Jan. 7 Welcome Back, EGSC-Augusta!
Drop/ Add Period Begins
- Jan. 9 Men's Basketball Game
7:30 p.m. Gym
- Jan. 12 Women's Basketball Game
2 p.m. at S. Crescent Tech
- Jan. 14 Welcome Back,
EGSC - Swainsboro & Statesboro!
Drop/ Add Period Begins
- Jan. 16 Women's Basketball Game
5:30 p.m. Gym
Men's Basketball Game
7:30 p.m. Gym
- Jan. 19 Women's Basketball Game
2 p.m. Gym
Men's Basketball Game
4 p.m. Gym
- Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
All Campuses Closed
- Jan. 23 Women's Basketball Game
5:30 p.m. at Georgia Highlands
Men's Basketball Game
7:30 p.m. at Georgia Highlands
- Jan. 28 Economic Outlook Luncheon
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Gym
- Jan. 30 Women's Basketball Game
5:30 p.m. Gym
Men's Basketball Game
7:30 p.m. Gym

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Mason Bee houses...

(From Front)

"I just tried to focus on bees and what they would like or what they were attracted to," said Hannah Stanfield of her Mason Bee house.

The 3D Art class also learned to use "everyday" things instead of buying material. They used organic and recycled material to design a Mason Bee house. One of the challenges from designing the Mason Bee house was trying to get their design in a unique way that came from them as artist. They also learned how to be cre-

ative without materials that someone would buy from a store.

"I walked around the house and found things," explained Allison Oliver, while Makayla Wilder added, "You can be creative with anything—just use what you've got."

"A creative and innovative use of material of making bee houses," was how Art Professor Desmal Purcell described the project.

This was a cooperative way between the Science and Art Departments to cooperate with each oth-

er in making Mason Bee houses. People can also find Mason Bee houses from Fall 2017 on the Swainsboro campus as they explore the campus.



Photo by Joshua Smalley

MASON BEE HOUSE



PUN-BASED MASON BEE HOUSE BY ELY

Photo by Joshua Smalley

STUDENT VOICES

Opinion: What about us?

by KIERSTAN LEEKS, EGSC-STATESBORO
 Wouldn't it be nice to have a game room at East Georgia State College's Statesboro Campus? Should there be a place for students to lounge around and catch up on homework while waiting for another class? Wouldn't it be lovely to wait for a friend

in a pavilion instead of a hallway?
 On EGSC's Statesboro Campus, a main concern for the student body is there is NO place for students to visit, hang out, catch up on homework, play games or even to take a nap. We love the A.C.E center; however, there is a certain limit to what students are

allowed to do in there. Unlike the Swainsboro Campus, Statesboro has no student union, no cafeteria or no student housing.
 I have talked to and interviewed a few students regarding this matter. The students feel that Statesboro Campus would have more participation from students

if there was a place for the students. It does not have to be like Swainsboro's Student Union; it can be Statesboro's own unique pavilion. It was even suggested by the president of East Georgia State College, Dr. Robert G. Boehmer, that EGSC Statesboro should have a permanent outside pavilion for students and

student activities.
 With the help of East Georgia students, the Student Government Association, and you, we can make this happen. In order for things to change, action must be taken toward change. Let us put our best foot forward and make this happen!



LEEKES

Opinion: An argument for more meal options

by DESTINY JOHNSON
 As a sophomore who commutes to school every day, having a balanced, consistent lunch is challenging. Since I don't stay on campus, a meal plan is not paid for automatically by my financial aid. During my first semester here at East Georgia State College, I frequently bought food from the school using my own money because there was a variety of foods being served at the time. I also bought food from the Campus Café

for a short period of time because I could order my food and take it with me to go.
 Since then, I started preparing my own lunch at home and eating it at school. Carrying my lunch for a couple of weeks started to become unsatisfying to me, because I was out of ideas about what to pack for a lunch. Sometimes I would just wait until I got home to eat, but I couldn't do that every day. I left school late in the evening around 6

p.m. and waiting to eat made me feel less energized and nauseous. I felt stuck about what to do because waiting in the long Café and cafeteria lines was not an option for me anymore. I was tired of wasting my money every day on not only school food, but also on local restaurants.
 As I talked to some of the students around the school about their opinions on the school food, they also felt that the school should have more variety. Some stu-

dents don't eat at all if there isn't anything that appeals to them on the menu of food being served that day. Not everyone has transportation to take them to local restaurants to order takeout food. That leaves their options with either not eating or forcing themselves to eat what's on the school menu. There could be some students who can't eat certain foods because of a food allergy. The food on campus is satisfying, but eating the same thing

every day is not. There could also be students who are dropped off at school that can't leave the campus to get food and have to either eat at school or wait until they get home.
 Providing more varieties of food such as baked, grilled, or even more desserts at an affordable price could get more students to buy more on-campus foods. Meal plans could even be offered to students who commute to and from school. The plan could



JOHNSON
 be included with their financial aid and allow them to use it for lunch, dinner, or breakfast.

Three tools for success at ESGC

by DWAYNE PAGE
 East Georgia State College has many staff and departments that are dedicated to student success. Students often find the transition from high school to college as a difficult process. However, this doesn't have to be the case at EGSC. The library, ACE, and professors are all dedicated to student success and higher education. For every academic mountain a student needs to climb, there is a staff member or department on campus that can help the stu-

dent reach the greatest heights.
 The library is the cornerstone of any higher education institution. EGSC's library is committed to helping students with research and citations. In an interview with Katie Shepard, a librarian on campus, she states that, "Our specialty is finding information and showing people how to find information."
 Any research papers and citation concerns can be addressed at the library.
 EGSC's ACE Center

is another great department on campus that is provided to help students. The ACE provides tutoring in almost all subjects.
 Teenie Leader, an ACE coordinator, had this to say about even more services the ACE offers: "We also hire students that are good at science and math." So, the ACE also provides work-study as well.
 Whether you need help in math, writing, or want to help tutor students, then the ACE is the place to go.

At EGSC, the professors are just as passionate about student success as anyone. When speaking with Professor Antré Drummer, an Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Director of the African American Male Initiative (AAMI), he had this to say about the importance of meeting with professors during their office hours: "Students should identify their struggles early on and don't wait to seek out help from their professor."
 Professor Drummer

is just one example of EGSC's faculty that strive to help students succeed.
 Whether you are a freshman, transfer, or non-traditional college student, EGSC has the tools to help you. If you're struggling in Pre-Calculus or American Literature, the ACE, Library, and professors can help you get where you want to go. Don't wait until halfway through a course before you seek help. Ask around campus about these resources and someone will gladly



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 point you in the right direction.

EGSC SGA...

(From Front)
 ence for them, and what improvements could be made in housing. The students can reply to the survey from an email sent to their CatMail November 9.
 The Miss East Georgia State College pageant is no longer a preliminary to the Miss Georgia Pageant, but it has been

linked to more regional pageants. SGA voted to have a Mr. EGSC Pageant along with Miss EGSC.
 Their current project is the parade float for the upcoming Swainsboro Christmas parade. It will ride as the Grinch on December 7, 2018 in Downtown Swainsboro.
 In closing, I asked Pres-

ident Perry for a quote, and she responded with the anonymous quote of "Be stubborn about your goals, and flexible about your methods."
 That stands for what East Georgia's Student Government does. They are open to different ways to be the voice of the student body, and

they would appreciate feedback from the students so they can find the best way to do so.
 They welcome student involvement in their meetings, which are held every Friday from 12 a.m. – 1 p.m. in conference room B171 next to the Office of Human Resources in the JAM Center.

Hoopee Bird Quiz

Q. How does prokaryotic DNA differ from eukaryotic DNA?

- I. Prokaryotic DNA lacks nucleosomes.
- II. Eukaryotic DNA has telomeres.
- III. Prokaryotic DNA is replicated by a different DNA polymerase.
- IV. Eukaryotic DNA is circular when unbound by centromeres.

Answer:
 A. I only
 B. IV only
 C. II and III only
 D. I, II, and III only

Q. A certain jar contains 60 jellybeans: 22 white, 18 green, 11 yellow, 5 red and 4 purple. If a jelly bean is to be chosen at random, what is the probability that the jelly bean will be neither red nor purple?

Answer:
 A. 0.09
 B. 0.15
 C. 0.54
 D. 0.85
 E. 0.91



Q. What is the name of this painting?

Answer:
 A. "Oath of Horatii"
 B. "Death of Socrates"
 C. "Saturn Devouring One of His Children"
 D. "The Gleaners"

Midterms...

(From Front)
 elected in the House. Florida voters also passed an amendment to restore voting rights to felons.
 Voter turnout for a midterm election this year jumped over a nine-digit wall that it never passed before, reaching 100 million. In total, 113 million voters—49% of eligible voters—had a say-so in what their state decided.
 Georgia's voters broke an all-time high for voter participation in a gu-

bernatorial election with 3.9 million votes which is an amazing turnout! It almost trumped the record breaking 4.1 million during the 2016 presidential election. Both definitely blow out the 2014 midterm turnout of 2.5 million.
 At the time of this report, in Georgia's outstanding Governor election, Kemp led Stacey Abrams 50.3% to 48.7%, but there were still ballots to count. If Kemp's vote percentage dropped below 50% and all votes are counted for, the top two

nominees would go into a run-off until December 4, even if he ended up getting majority vote. Kemp's lead stood at approximately 63,000 votes at the time of this article's writing. The Secretary of State's office made public a spreadsheet with a county by county breakdown of the more than 21,000 outstanding ballots, while the Abrams Campaign team claimed there are more absentee ballots on top of that to be counted for. Kemp was 25,622 votes above the threshold for a runoff

election.
 If Abrams were to win through a second election after a run-off, she would become the first black woman to ever become Governor, adding more to the number of firsts for women and overall for politics.
 With this being the first election after the historically far-separated 2016 presidential election, we see that history is being made again. Could these first times and broken records be a public and political backlash towards the 2016 upset?



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Check out the next edition for the answers!

BOBCAT ATHLETICS



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THE 2018-2019 MEN'S BOBCAT BASKETBALL TEAM WITH COACHES LEROY JORDAN AND KOWASKI BROOKS

An exciting season for Men's Basketball

by JOSHUA SMALLEY
This year, Bobcat Basketball's men's team is a very young team with a few experienced players that are returning for the 2018-2019 basketball season. One of the returning players is Dallis Jacks, a point guard from Atlanta, Ga.

"We are expecting him to have a really good season leading us this year in the point position," said Head Men's Basketball Coach Leroy Jordan,

Jr. Tyonn Stuckey, another guard, transferred to EGSC from Point University. Eugene Lamont Ballard, Jr., joins the Bobcats from Statesboro, while Jaylen Bussey is from Conyers. Kenneth Lee, Jr., is a guard from Riverdale, Ga. Kamereon Miller is from Atlanta, and Datrean Robinson is from Daytona, Fla. This group of players rounds out the guard core. This team will play defense

core as the season is going on.

The Bobcats' forwards and centers consist of Quenterius Murray from Washington County, Ga.; Kyron Gray from Hartsville, S.C.; Ta'san King from Snellville; and Momodou Singateh from Douglasville, Ga.

"We feel like, as a team, we can get better and become a team that can compete in this conference in the NJCAA Division 1," explained

Coach Jordan.

During the first part of the season, they plan to build chemistry and see what kind of team is developed by January. During the Jamboree Season, the Bobcats had five wins and zero losses. Now, they are in the non-conference season. The real season is January through March.

"By the time March gets here, we're ready to make things happen," said Coach Jordan.

Their first home game on November 7, 2018, the Bobcats were victorious over Brewton Parker. The three leading scorers were Kyron Gray, #24, with 15 points; Momodou Singateh, #5, with 13 points; and Dallis Jacks, #1, with 12 points. It was an exciting victory for their home game.

As Coach Jordan stated, "We're excited about what we have this year. Our 18-19 team is one of the 13 guys that really

play hard and together."



COACH JORDAN

KYRON GRAY
44 POINTS
40 REBOUNDS
GCCAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

COURTNEY BUTTS
18 POINTS
7 REBOUNDS
GCCAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JAYLEN BUSSEY
24 POINTS
5 REBOUNDS
GCCAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK



2018-2019 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
DECEMBER		
Sat.1	Spartanburg Methodist-MBB	Spartanburg S.C 3:00p.m.
Wed.5	Ga. Highlands-WBB	Home 5:30p.m.
Wed. 5	Brewton Parker J.V.-MBB	Mt. Vernon Ga. 7:30 p.m.
Sat. 8	Combine Academy-WBB	Away 3:00 p.m.
Wed.12	Spartanburg Methodist-WBB	Spartanburg S.C. 5:30 p.m.
Fri. 14	USC Salkehatchie-MBB	Walterboro S.C. 7:00 p.m.
Sat.15	Southern Union-Ala.-WBB	Southern Union Ala. 2:00p.m.
Sat. 15	Spartanburg Methodist-MBB	Home 4:00 p.m.
Wed.19	South Ga. Tech-WBB	Americus Ga. 2:00 p.m.
Fri. 28	Gulf Coast Classic-MBB	Panama City Fla. T.B.A.
Sat. 29	Gulf Coast Classic-MBB	Panama City Fla. T.B.A.
Jan		
Wed 2.	South Ga Tech-WBB	Home 5:30 p.m.
Sat.5	Albany Tech-WBB-MBB	Albany Ga. 2:00-4:00
Wed. 9	Gordon State College-MBB	Home 7:30 p.m.
Sat.12	Southern Crescent Tech-College-WBB-MBB	Griffin Ga. 2:00-4 p.m.
Wed. 16	Central Ga. Tech-WBB-MBB	Home 5:30-7:30
Sat.19	Andrew College-WBB-MBB	Home 2:00-4:00
Wed.23	Georgia Highlands-WBB-MBB	Rome Ga. 5:30-7:30
Wed.30	South Ga. Tech-WBB-MBB	Home 5:30-7:30
Feb.		
Sat. 2	South Ga. State- College--MBB	Waycross Ga. 4:00 p.m.
Wed. 6	Albany Tech College-WBB-MBB	Home 5:30-7:30
Sat.9	Gordon State College-MBB	Barnesville Ga. 3:00 p.m.
Wed. 13	Southern Crescent Tech-WBB-MBB	Home 5:30-7:30pm
Sat. 16	Central Georgia Technical-WBB-MBB	Macon Ga. 2:00-4:00pm
Wed.20	Andrew College-WBB-MBB	Cuthbert Ga 5:30-7:30pm
Sat. 23	Georgia Highlands College-WBB-MBB	Home 2:00-4:00pm
Mon.25	South Georgia State College-MBB	Home 7:00p.m.
MARCH		
Fri.-1 - Sat.-2	GCAA -WBB PLAY OFFS	TBA
Sat. 2	South Georgia Technical College-MBB	Leave time 8am Americus Ga. 6:00pm
Tues.5- Fri-8.- Sat.-9	GCAA -MBB- PLAYOFFS	TBA