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EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE

Growing and Changing

East Georgia College is breaking ground for a new academic classroom building in Statesboro to be constructed on Highway 301 South. The architect for the project is Cogdell and Mendrala and the contractor is Pope Construction Company. The new 28,000 square foot facility will house student classrooms and administrative and student services rooms to serve East Georgia College students in Bulloch and surrounding counties. Currently, these functions are being held in a leased facility on Fair Road in Statesboro and classes are being held primarily in classroom spaces at Georgia Southern University.

Congratulations on the Groundbreaking for the new East Georgia College at Statesboro!



Left to right.....Garrett Nevil, Chairman of Bulloch County Board of Commissioners; Kelly Wilson of University System of Georgia's Office of Real Estate and Facilities; Caroline McMillan, East Georgia College/ Statesboro Site; John Black, President of East Georgia College; Dawn Cartee, President of Ogeechee Technical College; Joe Brannen, Mayor of Statesboro; Davie Holland, Chairman of the Development Authority of Bulloch County; Willie D. Gunn, East Georgia College President Emeritus. Photo by Jerry Hooks

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East Georgia College Circle K Receives Honors

In February, Michael Owen Henry, President, and Brittany Horton, Vice President, of the East Georgia Circle K Club, attended the Circle K District Convention in Waycross. Both of them were elected to regional offices for the 2010-2011 school year.

In addition, the East Georgia Club won the Spirit Award for the weekend and two club members received Distinguished Members recognition.

Ms. Joiner and Ms. Thomas were also recognized as advisors. "It was a complete surprise," said Ms. Joiner. "We're honored to receive the award in our first year of working with the club."

East Georgia College Circle K Expands Community Outreach

By Carolyn Thomas

This year East Georgia College Circle K club has achieved several new accomplishments.

For the first time, Statesboro students have participated as members of the club. Ms. Courtney Joiner has worked with a group of students in the Swainsboro campus and Ms. Carolyn Thomas has focused on the EGCS center.

"This has been an advantage for our EGCS students," stated Caroline McMillan, director of the EGCS center. "It gives them a chance to contribute immediately. It's also helpful that those enrolled in the Service Learning class

can choose Circle K activities as their class project."

Another advantage for students transferring to GSU is that the service hours earned transfer along with academic credit. This provides a head start for anyone wishing to earn the service transcript offered by GSU. According to Ms. Thomas, "We work very closely with the GSU Circle K club, so our students know each other and will feel comfortable joining the GSU branch when they leave us."

Circle K is the largest college service club internationally. As the college branch of the Kiwanis Interna-

tionial, scholarships are available to Circle K members. The club focuses primarily on helping children.

Some of the activities of the EGC Circle K Club included working with the GSU Circle K booth at the Kiwanis Fair, volunteering at the Special Olympics, Koats for Kids, various bake sales, cooking dinner at the Ronald McDonald house in Savannah, and hosting the Pine Tree Breeze benefit bike ride for the Herrington Homestead for Boys and Girls.

Ms. Joiner and Ms. Thomas look forward to an even stronger year next year. They are grateful to the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club for sponsoring us, as well as Dr. Paul Cerpovicz, previous club advisor, for support and advice. "In addition, the EGCS faculty and staff have been extremely supportive," noted Ms. Thomas.



Peace + Satisfaction = Success By Karen Ryles

What constitutes success? Awards? Fortune? Fame? I am sure we all have pondered this question at least once in our lifetime. But seriously, what is success and how is it measured? Although I am a simple freshman, I have my own opinion.

To me success is the peace and satisfaction one finds in his or her present surroundings in life. One may find his success story in a business. He is happy being rich and worrying about the affairs surrounding that business. On the other hand, one may be as poor as a church mouse but be extremely successful. He finds his success in simply keeping a decent job and providing for his wife and kids.

One achieves success by first setting goals. The goal should be realistic and achievable. Sure, we all dream big and have huge goals, but we should have smaller goals that work up to the bigger goals. Take me for example. My goal is to finish college and become an athletic trainer. That is my smaller, more achievable goal. My dream, or rather my huge goal, is to one day travel to the Olympics and be a trainer there. That is a goal that can only be fulfilled after I complete my several smaller goals. After setting goals one must work to achieve the goals. Anything worth having does not come without a price. Work brings accomplishment, accomplishment brings satisfaction, and satisfaction brings success. Intertwined with work is perseverance. Perse-

verance is a drive to do your best and see a task to its finish. Upon persevering in your work ethic to complete a goal, success is evident. The peace and satisfaction resulting from completing the goal I feel is known as success. It is measured by the individual, not the world.

Most of you who are reading this know that East Georgia began its basketball programs this past fall. I feel privileged to have been a part of that. The boys' team ended its season with nine wins and six losses. For the most part, people see that as a very successful season for a team that has just begun its program. They worked hard and persevered until the end. I am very proud of them. Though we, the girls' basketball team, were not seen as being successful in the eyes of those who strictly look at the win and loss column, we had a goal and we saw it to the end. We opened the door for a new coach and team to make Lady Bobcat basketball great. I have a peace and great satisfaction knowing that I was a part of something new. Sure, we did not win, sure, we never really even came close to winning, but we never quit. We saw the season to the end. We succeeded.

Although some will not agree with my thoughts and point of view, I felt led to, hopefully, encourage you. I struggle with feeling successful. I fall into the trap of thinking like the world. The world says that, yes, awards, fortune, and fame are what make a man success-

ful. We need to be the generation to stand up and say, no that is not what makes us successful. What are we scared of? Are we scared of ourselves? Each other? Whatever it is that makes us fall into that trap, we need to leave it behind. We are in college, either as students or teachers. We have a duty to ourselves and our families to be successful. Be the best we can be. And find that peace and satisfaction. Without success we are nothing, we will simply be people chasing after something the world says is real, not what we know is real. Now I encourage you all, go out into your day and seek to find the peace and satisfaction in each and every task you do, so that you can be successful today and forever.

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Bobcat Basketball *By Coach Neil Bailey*

The East Georgia College men's basketball team exceeded almost everyone's expectations in their inaugural season by finishing with a 9-6 record. "I am very pleased with how things turned out this year," said EGC head coach Neil Bailey. "You never know what you are going to get when you have open try-outs, but I think it was a good first year, especially the way we finished." The Bobcats finished the year by winning 9 out of their last 10 games after dropping their first 5 contests. The Bobcats had to fight and claw for several of those wins, winning 3 games that came down to the last shot.

Included also in the big wins for the first year program were 2 wins over GJCAA member Emory Oxford College. In the first game at EOC, the Bobcats won with

last second free throws by Steven Black; later in the season EGC blew out the Eagles when they visited the Bobcat Den, winning by 17. The lone defeat suffered by EGC after the Christmas break was to GJCAA Champion Middle Georgia College. The Bobcats gave MGC everything they could handle before falling to MGC, who finished the year as the #7 ranked team nationally.

The team hopes to build on its first-year success. "We still are facing a lot of obstacles as a newly established program," commented Bailey, "but I think that we have some good athletes returning, and with some hard work and a lot of luck I think we can be a factor in the conference next year." Guard Dana King, who

added a spark to the team when he joined for the second semester added, "I see championships in our future. We won't settle for anything less than a state championship and a trip to the National Tournament." King returns for the Bobcats along with his 8.6 points per game and his team-leading 3.1 steals per game. The Bobcats also return their leading scorer and 3-point-threat Steven Black who averaged 14.8 points per game, and leading rebounder Kenneth Jordan who averaged 10.8 rebounds and 11.4 points per game. JR Acree, the team's second leading scorer at 13.7 points, also returns. The future does seem bright for Bobcat basketball.

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SUDIE A. FULFORD COMMUNITY LEARNING

Jean Schwabe Joins East Georgia College as Director of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center

By Jerry Hooks

Dr. John B. Black, president of East Georgia College, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Jean Schwabe as Director of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia College. Nearing completion, the new facility is a gift to the college and community from Mr. and Mrs. A. D. "Pete" Correll in memory of Ada Lee's mother, Mrs. Sudie A. Fulford.

Mrs. Fulford and her children, Durward, Ada Lee, and Beverly were long time residents of Swainsboro. Beverly continues to reside in the family home in Swainsboro.

A highly revered teacher in the Emanuel County School System, upon retirement in 1978, Mrs. Fulford had taught 3rd, 4th, and 7th grades at Swainsboro

Grammar and Elementary Schools.

Mrs. Schwabe retired in 2009 from the Emanuel County School System after 31 years of service that began in 1978 as a gifted education teacher in Montgomery County. During her tenure with Emanuel County Schools, Mrs. Schwabe served as language arts teacher, gifted education teacher and school counselor, assistant principal, staff development/secondary curriculum director, coordinator of assessment and student services, curriculum director, and assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

She earned her Bachelor's degree in education/communication at Georgia Southwestern University in Americus and Master's degree in reading, school counseling, and educational leadership at Georgia Southern University.

Her professional organization affiliations include Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Georgia Retired Educators Association, Emanuel Retired Educators

Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Emanuel Arts Council Board of Directors, and Emanuel County Education Foundation Board of Directors. Other affiliations include First United Methodist Church of Swainsboro Scholarship Chairperson and Sunshine House Board of Directors.

"I am delighted to be a member of the East Georgia College family, and it is an honor to be named the first director of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center. This is a wonderful opportunity to share new experiences in learning with the schools and communities in our service region. The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will feature many exciting high tech additions including a domed ceiling that will serve as a planetarium. I look forward to serving the tour groups and guests as we shape and mold the many aspects of this amazing Center that is unlike any other facility found in our area," commented Mrs. Schwabe.

SUDIE A. FULFORD COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER MISSION STATEMENT/GOALS

By providing an environment where learning opportunities take place and community relationships are enriched, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will develop individual capacity and improve the quality of life for Swainsboro and Emanuel County.

The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center has three primary goals:

- 1) EDUCATION-provide access to enrichment/remedial activities
- 2) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT-foster relationships among community in order to strengthen the community
- 3) HOSPITALITY-provide a welcoming environment for interaction among students, teachers, community and East Georgia College faculty and staff



Join us as we learn and grow together.....

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First EGC Softball Recruit:

- Brandi Sykes from Johnson County High School



The Crowds Cheering at our Men's and Women's Bobcat Basketball Games!



- Miss East Georgia College: Tiffini Rowland
- 1st Runner Up: Heather Freeman
- 2nd Runner Up: Rachel Hendrix

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Ms. Joiner teaches History at EGC on both the Swainsboro and Statesboro campuses. She has been employed by East Georgia for three years. She earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from Georgia Southern University. She currently lives in Statesboro, GA with her family.

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Karen Ryles

Karen is a current freshman at EGC. She plans on transferring to Georgia Southern University this summer and pursue a degree in Athletic Training. Karen graduated high school from Appling Christian Academy located in Baxley, GA in 2009. After her first semester at EGC she was recognized for her excellent grades by making the Dean's List for Fall 2009. Karen has really enjoyed her time at EGC and asks, "With staff as helpful and kind as those here at EGC, who could ask for a better place to start your college years?"

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