



CAT TRACKS



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope you enjoy the first edition of the new year. This will be an exciting year with many new additions to campus, such as a new and improved Student Services Center and entrance to the campus. We encourage our off-campus friends to visit the campus and see the new and exciting additions.

NEW ADDITION TO THE EGC FAMILY

Our newest addition to the College family is Kyle Claxton! He is the new grandson of Denise and John Claxton. He was born Monday, January 8, around noon at a whopping 5 lbs. 14ozs. to Ben and Kelly Claxton. Kelly (formerly Dykes) is a graduate of EGC and worked in the business office a few years back.

NEWS FROM THE EGC IT CENTER

The EGC web site was migrated to a new network server during the holiday break. The new server has increased storage space and a faster processor. It will enhance the capabilities of the EGC website and related web pages. Thanks go to Wilder Coleman and Fritz Rathmann for their efforts with the server migration.

During the semester break at the Statesboro Site, the network connection was enhanced to allow new services. Before the network upgrade, faculty and staff located at the site were unable to use their PCs to access various network services from the Swainsboro campus. Through the installation of a VPN "tunnel," these services are now available at the site. Thanks go to Ty Fagler, Jason Brannen and Wilder Coleman for their efforts on this project.

CONGRATULATIONS, REGISTRAR STRACHER

Effective January 1, 2007, Janet Stracher was promoted to Registrar at East Georgia College. Congratulations, Janet, on your promotion. You certainly deserve it!

NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION

Dr. Tommy Upchurch has two books under contract with publishers. The first is *Race Relations in the United States, 1960-1980*. It is volume IV in a five volume series edited by Professor Ron Bayor of Georgia Tech. It is with Greenwood Press in Connecticut, and is scheduled for publication by January 2008.

The second is *Historical Dictionary of the Gilded Age* with Scarecrow Press in Maryland. It is scheduled for publication by January 2009.

NEWS FROM OUR HUMANITIES DIVISION

Dr. Caesar Perkowski will exhibit his photographic experience entitled *Dream Australia* at the Kalmanson Gallery on North Green Street in Swainsboro. The opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, from 2 until 3:30 p.m.

NEWS FROM OUR MATH & SCIENCE DIVISION

Dr. Glenn Stracher has completed an engineering geology book entitled *Geology of Coal Fires: Case Studies from Around the World*. The book will be published during the latter half of 2007 by the Engineering Geology Division of the Geological Society of America in Boulder, Colorado.

Dr. Stracher presented the "T. Mylan Stout Lecture" in Geoscience recently at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was hosted by Dr. Nancy Lindsley-Griffin, professor of geology at the university and also was honored at a breakfast the next morning.

He recently presented the "Interface Lecture in Science, Technology, and Society" at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta. Dr. Stracher was honored afterwards, at a university luncheon.

GDL ON CAMPUS

The Georgia Department of Labor will be on campus on Thursday, January 18th and Thursday, February 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room to register students for employment services. For more info call Anna Marie Reich (2039)

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Development and Alumni Relations

Please visit the Development (<http://www.ega.edu/development/>) and Alumni (<http://www.ega.edu/alumni/>) websites. The sites are located on the left side of the East Georgia College website page under Development and Alumni Services. There are several new programs in the beginning stages.

Our goal is to enhance the Development Department and create a strong Alumni Association. Please ask any Alumni whom you may know to contact us so we can update their mailing and email address. We want to keep all Alumni informed with the events happening on campus.

In the near future, the Alumni Association Steering Committee will have an announcement to make concerning an exciting piece of news for all alumni.

I look forward to working with each of you as you continue your education at East Georgia College and after you graduate. Please feel free to stop by and visit in room 572 of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center.

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CAT TRACKS OUT & ABOUT

Jan. 4, 2007 — Jerry Hooks & Danny Palmer attended Super Bowl XLI turf send-off hosted by EGC Alumnus Phillip Jennings, III on his turf farm. Governor Sonny Perdue spoke at the event.

Jan. 8 — Norma Woods attended Governor's Inauguration as our Customer Service Champion in Atlanta.

Jan. 9-10 — Dr. Tim Goodman attended the EPAAC meeting at Macon State College.

Jan. 11-12 — Norma Woods and Mary Smith attended Human Resources meeting in Atlanta.

Jan. 12 — Anna Marie Reich met with EGC Students at the Statesboro site.

Jan. 18-19 — Dr. Goodman will attend a Statewide Conference for USG Teaching Center Directors in Kennesaw.

Jan. 19-21 — Desmal Purcell will attend the State of the Arts Conference at Sapelo Island, Georgia.

Jan. 20 — Dr. Reid Derr, Dr. Walt Mason, and Dianna Wedincamp will attend with EGC Wrestlers the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Tournament at Mercer University in Macon.

Jan. 23 — Dr. Derr and Dianna Wedincamp will attend the quad wrestling match at Gordon College.

Jan. 25-26 — Mike Rountree will attend the Winter USG ACIT meeting at Albany State University.

Jan. 24-26 — Dr. Deena McKinney will attend the Professional Learning Conference on Teaching Area F at Macon.

Jan. 27 — Dr. Derr and Dianna Wedincamp will attend the Mercer Dual Tournament at Mercer University.

Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating in January!

01/01 Karen Curl
01/05 David McFarren
01/08 Donnie Wilkerson
01/13 David Strickland
01/15 John Smoyer
01/18 Norma Woods
01/19 Sandra Sharman
01/21 April Womack
01/25 Linda Connolly

STATE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS PROGRAM

We experienced a successful fund drive for the 2007 State Charitable Contributions Program. Due to the generosity of our faculty and staff, we donated **\$4374** to many worthwhile charities participating in this program. **Thank you for your support!**

MANHATTAN PIANO TRIO

The Vision Series proudly presents the first performance of 2007 at East Georgia College with The Manhattan Piano Trio, on Thursday, January 25 at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center. The program is free and open to the public. Three incredible musicians, Milana Bahl (piano), Dmitry Lukin (violin), and Dmitry Kouzov (cello), perform around the country and world. They have performed at many leading concert halls.