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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you had a pleasant break and are looking forward to a great spring semester.

Exciting things are under way. The most visible is the renovation and addition to the student center. We expect it to be completed by fall 2007. It will be a great addition to the campus (more than doubling the size of the current building) and it will provide a one-stop-shop for all student services. During construction the snack bar and the bookstore will remain open. Follow the signs.

In addition we have a 9-hole disc golf course on campus. Disc golf is a rapidly emerging sport played around the world. Professors Brasher and Purcell are knowledgeable players and are willing to provide tips. Our course was designed by the southeastern United States senior champion who will be here later in the semester to conduct a workshop and participate in our first East Georgia College tournament. Stay tuned for the date.

The Vision Series spring presentations begin on March 2nd with a performance by the Atlanta Pops Orchestra. This is an extraordinary opportunity to enjoy one of the top-rated orchestras in the country at no cost and in our own Gambrell Center Auditorium. Mark your calendars.

The wrestling team continues competition in its first year as a member of the National Collegiate Wrestling Association by hosting a tri-match on February 2nd against the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech. The Bobcats lost a close match last fall to UGA but came back to defeat Mercer the next week. Let's all support our team.

New construction, new games, big name concerts, matches against UGA and Tech. Exciting? You bet, and I hope they provide you with pleasure and enjoyment. But remember academics come first. There are thousands of jobs out there for college graduates, and Georgia continues to import more college graduates each year than any other state. Keep your eye on the degree goal!

WINNING MASCOT RENDERING

Prior to the wrestling competition on Friday evening, January 6, students, faculty, and staff voted on the new EGC mascot rendering. The winner was EGC student Megan Odom. Congratulations, Megan.



Megan Odom's winning mascot rendering

EGC's Banner/PeopleSoft Reconciliations

Becky Foskey, director of accounting services at East Georgia College, was recently acknowledged by the Board of Regents Internal Auditors, for successfully submitting the Banner/PeopleSoft reconciliation in a flawless manner. Becky and her department, Linda Attebery and Sallie Canady, all of East Georgia College, worked collaboratively to submit the information for the internal audit analysis. East Georgia College was

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the internal audit analysis. East Georgia College was one of only four University System of Georgia institutions to achieve this recognition. Mrs. Adi Galloway, vice president for fiscal affairs, added, "It's not an easy job to accomplish – our financial accounts have to be reconciled student by student with our Banner records. Navigating around Banner (online student records system) is difficult at best. Every institution has Banner set up a little differently, so getting help from our system offices in the reconciliation process is extremely difficult. Becky has figured it out through hard work, constant analysis of the accounts, and by encouraging her staff to reconcile these accounts monthly. So, hat's off to Becky and her staff in this outstanding achievement."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA CABLE AND KATHI GARRETT

Angela Cable and Kathi Garrett were recently nominated to represent East Georgia College for the 2006 All-USA Academic Team. Angela is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cable of Bartow and Kathi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Garrett of Swainsboro. In both cases, the students' parents also attended East Georgia College.

The honor is in recognition of scholarly achievements and outstanding leadership while at East Georgia College. Both students are members of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at East Georgia College. Mr. Randy Carter is advisor of the East Georgia College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, *USA TODAY*, and the American Association of Community Colleges sponsor the annual All-USA Academic Team competition to recognize the top sixty students chosen from nominees from the two-year colleges. First, Second, and Third Teams, each consisting of 20 members, are selected from across the nation. The 20 First Team members receive stipends of \$2,500 each. All 60 members of the All-USA Academic Team and their colleges receive extensive national recognition through coverage in *USA TODAY*. This year nearly 1,600 community, technical, and junior college nominees will compete in this prestigious scholarship program. The national winners will be honored at the conference of the American Association of Community Colleges.

SPEAKING OF SALLIE

Sallie Canady, employed in the EGC Business Office from August of 1992 through January of 2006, has retired from her full time position in the Business Office. But, fear not, we can once again experience Sallie's smiling face and wonderful personality in February. Sallie will return in a part time position with Adi Galloway, vice president for fiscal affairs at EGC.

January Birthdays ~

1/01 Karen Curl
1/01 Anh Mynard
1/08 Donnie Wilkerson
1/13 David Strickland
1/15 John Smoyer
1/18 Norma Woods
1/19 Sandra Sharman
1/21 April Womack
1/25 Linda Connolly

Welcome new employees!

Massie Kight joined the EGC family 11-28-05 as Accountant I in the business office. She transferred from the Treutlen County School System where she was employed for the past 17 years as a bookkeeper. She and her family reside in Soperton.

April Womack joined the EGC family 12-19-05 as Records Coordinator II in the Registrar's Office. A graduate of Emanuel County Institute, April resides in Garfield with her husband and son.

Staff Development Retreat

Charles Lang, III, trainer and consultant, recently provided a staff development program to 38 East Georgia employees. The theme was "working from within to create a positive working environment." Employees received training on building the basics of a service culture including evaluation of internal and external customers, assessment of personal attitudes, nonverbal behavior, basic communication skills, and working within a team. The group participated in a variety of innovative team exercises designed to reinforce the program presented. The event was a fun-filled day focused on personal and professional growth.