



CAT TRACKS



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GO BOBCATS!

The East Georgia College Bobcat Wrestlers in the second year of competing are rated nationally by the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) as 33rd. Three of the Bobcat Wrestlers are rated nationally in the top twenty. They are Chris Wickstrom (8th), his brother Celeb Wickstrom (11th), and Logan Brantley (16th). Matt Young is ranked 40th in the nation by the NCWA. Tyler Williams has been offered a scholarship from Mercer University.

We are very proud of our Bobcat Wrestlers and Coaches Reid Derr and Walt Mason.



EGC's Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Danny Palmer, pictured with the 2007 EGC Foundation Campaign Team Captains: Caroline Harless, Richard McNeely, Denny Key, Nick Herrington, and Henry Gambrell.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. DEE MCKINNEY

Dr. Dee McKinney recently won an Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Technology presented by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning. She was nominated because of her highly creative contributions to teaching, learning, and technology. Dr. McKinney will receive her award on April 3rd at the 18th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning at Ponte Vedra, Florida, at a luncheon for the award recipients and their nominators. She was selected to present a paper on her innovations at the Conference. She has also been nominated for the Boyer International Award given annually by the Center for the most outstanding and innovative faculty member.

Happy Birthday to those celebrating in March!

- 3/4 Priscilla Adams
- 3/7 Ken Homer
- 3/11 Randy Carter
- 3/14 Tori Kearns
- 3/19 Robert Surrency (retiree)
- 3/19 Dianna Wedincamp
- 3/24 Jennifer Fields
- 3/25 Bob Brown
- 3/25 Susan Gray
- 3/26 Willie Gunn (retiree)
- 3/26 Peggy Sammons (retiree)
- 3/27 William Donaldson (retiree)
- 3/31 Glenn Stracher

CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION!!

The 3rd annual Celebration of Education Essay contest is currently underway for elementary, middle, and high school students in Candler, Emanuel, Jenkins, Johnson, and Treutlen counties. Savings bonds will be awarded to the top three winners in each of the divisions at the Awards Ceremony on March 27th at the East Georgia College Auditorium preceded by a reception in the rotunda for all participants, their families, and school officials from the five school systems. Everyone is invited to attend!

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BOBCAT WRESTLING REPORT

The East Georgia College Bobcat wrestling team has just completed its second year of competition in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association (NCWA) and the program is growing. In its short existence, the team has already qualified four wrestlers to compete in the NCWA national wrestling tournament, and on March 8 through 10, Chris Wickstrom from Treutlen County will represent EGC at the national tournament in Dallas, Texas, in the 235 weight class.

The Bobcats met tough competition this year, as one might expect in college sports. Caleb Wickstrom, Chris's brother, won the most matches, garnering an 18-14 season record. Chris followed close behind in victories with 17, matched with 14 losses—although he will add to that record at the national tournament. Logan Brantley placed fifth in the Southeastern Conference Tournament on February 24 and earned a 12-10 record on the season. Matt Young worked hard all year and was faithful, but struggled with a 6-14 final tally. Others who competed on the team at various times but did not complete the season were Kenneth Johnson (5-7), a fifth-place Southeastern Conference placer at 165 pounds last year; a strong Tyler Williams (2-2); a promising walk-on, Will Wright (4-5); and Michael Durden, who was injured, but posted a 1-2 record. Chris Wickstrom led the team with eleven pins, followed closely by his brother, Caleb, with nine. Overall, the team finished the season ranked thirty-third among the approximately seventy active NCWA college wrestling teams. The Bobcats earned 235.25 team points, according to the NCWA team rankings on the NCWA website at <http://www.ncwa.net/rankings?type=team> and won four of its dual meets.

This year the team had three home competitions: a triad between EGC, Darton College and Gordon College on November 11, 2006; a triad against the University of Georgia and the national champion Knights of University of Central Florida on January 6, before the semester started; and a dual meet against Mercer University on January 28, 2007.

Next year the Bobcat Wrestling team hopes to attract more student fans. Highlighting next year's schedule will be a full-fledged college wrestling tournament, the Bobcat Wrestling Tournament, to be held all day in the EGC gym on Saturday, November 10, 2007.

Congratulations EGCS Students!

Seventeen students attending the East Georgia College site at Statesboro were recently selected by EGC faculty members to be recognized by Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. All students will receive a certificate from Who's Who and must maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average. The students are Rena Heard and Reina Heard of Albany; Ryan Ambrose of Springfield; Phillip Hull of Warner Robins; Danielle Tapley of Rincon; Jessica Jaramillo of Lawrenceville; William Crawford of Statesboro; Kanae Scott of Brooklet; Shaquanda Alston of Newington; Angie Reddish and Tommy Reddish of Lyons; Matthew Cheatham of Statesboro; Lauren Rowland of Vidalia; Bethany Hattaway of Savannah; Kelsey Ostoj of Statesboro; James D. Powell of Brooklet; and Aiyana Brown of Atlanta.

CONGRATULATIONS, MATT!

Matt Oxley, Entrepreneur Outreach Specialist with the GREDC at East Georgia College, has recently been named "2006 Citizen of the Year" at the 3rd Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet held in the Activities Center in Lyons. He is the 59th recipient of the honorary award. Born in Vidalia and a graduate of Vidalia High and Georgia Tech, Matt leads by example. Congratulations, Matt.