We hope everyone had a nice summer and welcome to Fall Semester 2008!

News From External Affairs
Mary Smith and David Gribbin attended the Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation sponsored by the Commission on Colleges and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on July 27-30, 2008 in Orlando, Florida. Following the conference, Dr. Goodman and David Gribbin provided an overview of the SACS reaffirmation process and the role of the Quality Enhancement Plan at the Fall Workshop. As part of the process, faculty and staff were divided into focus groups for discussion of possible QEP topics for East Georgia College. David Gribbin is working on a SACS website where accreditation resources can be stored for faculty and staff use, including a newsletter and timeline.

On June 16, 2008 Mary Smith attended a National Association of College and University Attorney’s webinar, Political Campaigns on Campus, hosted by Georgia Southern University.

On Wednesday June 11 at 1PM, Division Chairs, Vice Presidents and Directors attended a webinar, The Law for Community College Administrators, in the President’s Conference Room.

Thursday May 15, Drew Durden and Mary Smith attended a GEMA sponsored Emergency Response Drill at Georgia Southern. The “Active Shooter” drill was attended by law enforcement and emergency medical personnel from several counties. Media coverage by a Savannah television station included interviews with GEMA officials and video clips of the drill’s highlights.

Other Important Events During the Summer
May 13, Dr. Madison Dixon Drive Dedication.
June 13, Ribbon Cutting at EGC/Statesboro Site.
June 20, Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center groundbreaking ceremony at EGC.
August, East Georgia College/Georgia Southwestern State University begin BBA online degree.

Movies Made at EGC
The Robert Feline Playmakers and EGC’s Literary and Creative Arts Magazine Wiregrass
Proudly Presents
QUINCE’S DREAM
An original video movie based on
A Midsummer Night’s Dream by William Shakespeare
Featuring
Faculty: Mark Dallas, Dr. John Derden, Desmal Purcell,
Dr. Alan Brasher, Ron Ellison and
Students: Ben Peacock, Brad Waters, Karen Purvis, Zahrah Moutabakkir, Brock Aldrich, Bob Jones
And SPOKES OF WIRE
(Wiregrass poems read with video enhancement)
Thursday, August 28, 11:30-12:10 (after Student Success Class)
EGC’s Richard L. Brown Room
Presenting Leontine Leader, Jessica Spearman, and Dr. Dana Nevil
Bring lunch from College Café, Everyone Welcome! FREE!
Upcoming SACS Reaffirmation Review

EGC is accredited by Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Every 10 years, colleges are reviewed for reaffirmation of their accreditation by SACS. EGC last underwent a SACS review in 2000. EGC is now preparing for its review in 2010. A leadership team has been organized to coordinate preparation for the 2010 review and meetings have been held on campus. New to the review process is the development of a Quality Enhancement Plan that focuses on an area critical to the College's success. Look for updates in Cat Tracks as preparations for the College's 2010 review unfold.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the gift of a new Community Learning Center project for East Georgia College at the March 18th and 19th Board Meeting. The new Center, donated by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. "Pete" Correll, will be named the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center, in memory of Ada Lee's mother, Mrs. Sudie A. Fulford. Groundbreaking was held on June 20, and construction has begun at the main entrance of EGC. Completion is planned for the summer of 2009. Open to all Emanuel County residents, providing space for individual as well as group learning, the Center will include an educational technology site where teacher education students, K-12 teachers and students, and college faculty will acquire hands-on training in the latest classroom technology. The Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center will also be utilized for continuing education classes and workshops for the Georgia Rural Economic Development Center. We can not wait for this new addition!

Dr. Anupma Prakash to Visit EGC

Associate Professor at the Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska in Fairbanks (UAF), Dr. Prakash will visit EGC Geology Professor Dr. Glenn Stracher from September 2-7. The two professors will be working together on their forthcoming Elsevier Geoscience publication: The World Atlas of Coal Fires and Combustion Metamorphism.

Dr. Prakash is a world-renowned expert in remote sensing and the interpretation of satellite data. Born and educated in India, prior to her professorship at UAF, Dr. Prakash worked as a research scientist at the International Institute for Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation at Enschede, the Netherlands. This fall the two professors will appear in a National Geographic Channel movie shot in the United States, India, and China.

Rendering of the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center at East Georgia College under construction.

Other upcoming Vision Series Events this Fall 2008

Augusta Symphony Orchestra in Concert - September 25, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Luck Flanders Gambrell Center Auditorium.

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author, Historian and Legal Scholar, Dr. Ed Larson - October 9, at 11 a.m. in Gambrell Center Auditorium.

Balalaika, Russian Folk Music Trio - October 23, at 11 a.m. in the Gambrell Center Auditorium.

Off-Broadway Musical Wicked - October 11, at The Fox Theatre in Atlanta.

Major General Perry M. Smith to Speak at EGC

Teacher, Speaker, TV and radio commentator, and best-selling author Major General Perry M. Smith, will speak on September 11, at 11 a.m. in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center at East Georgia College. Sponsored by the EGC Vision Series, a privately funded initiative that underwrites academic and cultural enrichment programs for East Georgia College students and the surrounding community, the performance is free and open to the public. This presentation will kickoff the 2007-2008 Vision Series events. Hundred of millions of television viewers world-wide came to know him during the Persian Gulf War as a military analyst for Cable News Network, News Hour with Jim Lehrer, and NBC and CBS News. Major General Smith served for 30 years in the U.S. Air Force and now resides in Augusta, Georgia.