NEWS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

About a month ago I asked you to make a conscious effort to reduce energy usage on campus. The first report is positive. Compared to July, August consumption was down 35%. It was also down 33% compared to August 07. This translates into a cost savings of $7,729.71 for the month!!!! Thank you for your effort. Keep up the good work. It is truly amazing how much difference your diligence has made.

EGC'S NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

Effective September 29, 2008, East Georgia College (Swainsboro & Statesboro) will have new hours of operations. Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m; Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Closed Friday afternoons.

EGC’s Library hours will be remain the same Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Closed Friday after 12.

College Café will open Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

EGC Book Store will be open Monday & Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 5 p. m. - 7 p.m. and on Wednesday & Thursday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Fridays.

The new hours will help with energy reduction savings at EGC.

NEWS FROM THE EGC COUNSELING OFFICE

Anna Marie Reich, Counselor for Student Services, is pleased to announce an upcoming nursing workshop at EGC. All that are interested please attend the workshop.

September 30th Career Day Nursing (R.L. Brown Room) in Student Services from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

NEWS FROM EGC FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Barbara Green, Director of Financial Aid, reports that on September 6, 2007 - 1,420 students were awarded financial aid to EGC totaling $7,216,709.00.

As of September 11, 2008 - 1,801 students have been awarded financial aid totaling $9,662,336.00 and the numbers continue to rise.

EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE’S STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Student Government Association 2008-09 members (L to R) are Paris Pitts, Raven Hall, Joseph Nasworthy (in back), Alexa Watkins, Livia Morris, Shakari Smiley, Gena Garrett, David McIntosh, Jessica Best. SGA is actively involved in governing all student activities held at East Georgia College. They are elected by the EGC student body and are under the direction of Student Life Coordinator Vicki Sherrod and Dr. Glenn Strachener. Upcoming programs include funny customized tee-shirts, DUI simulator for students during alcohol and drug awareness day, EGC talent show, and Miss EGC Scholarship Pageant (a preliminary to Miss Georgia Pageant).
HUMAN RESOURCES

Tracy Woods, Director of Human Resources, and Norma Woods, Director of Marketing and Community Relations (former Human Resources Director), attended the University System of Georgia’s Human Resource Association Fall Conference in Stone Mountain on September 10th – 12th.

“Creating a More Educated Georgia”

Open enrollment for the University System of Georgia employees will be held October 6, 2008 through November 7, 2008. This is the time frame for employees to make changes to their benefits for the upcoming plan year (January – December 2009). East Georgia College will host a Benefits Fair for employees in October. Employees will be able to speak with vendor representatives regarding new benefits and changes for the 2009 plan year. Look for upcoming announcements.

NEWS FROM FISCAL AFFAIRS

Adi Galloway, vice president for fiscal affairs at EGC, added the following emphasis on Dr. Black’s intro message. East Georgia College, along with the other 34 institutions in the University System, was recently challenged by the Chancellor and Board of Regents to cut energy costs during this unexpected budget crunch. Non-residential campuses were advised to find creative ways to do this, as the campus missions do not include having to operate on a 24/7 schedule. East Georgia College’s Plant Operations staff immediately began to examine energy consumption across campus, and devised a plan to use the HVAC (heating and cooling) system to reduce consumption of purchased energy from Altamaha EMC. Beginning about August 6, temperatures in the buildings were raised slightly, which also complies with the Governor’s Energy Council recommendations, and night and weekend temperatures were raised significantly. In addition, the Academic Affairs office crafted shifted classroom schedules to maximize the use of one or two buildings for night classes, instead of spreading out one or two classes per campus facility. Faculty and staff have been diligent about turning off lights when not in use and becoming very aware of energy usage in their respective areas. When the power bill appeared on September 11, a decrease of 35.5% consumption from the previous month was reported! This decrease also represents a 32.9% reduction from last year during the same period. The decrease reduced the energy cost by $7,730 from the previous month. The obvious effort on everyone’s part is paying off in a big way! With the heating season fast approaching, the effort will need to continue, as historical data indicates a significantly higher consumption – and cost – during the winter months. Please do your part to keep everyone apprised. Remember that no checks can be written during that down time, so please plan on getting check requests to the Business Office for processing no later than September 25, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. All payrolls will be completed no later than Friday, September 26th.

3) Dr. Black, Michelle Goff, and Adriance Galloway, along with representatives from Maxwell-Palmer Architects, presented the preliminary design plans for the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center to representatives from the BOR Facilities Office on September 10, 2008. The plans were well received by the BOR Facilities staff and the architects will continue to refine and complete the drawings and specifications for the project so that the construction contract can be bid later this fall.

GoPrint Print Management Information

To assist in the management of paper utilization around the campus, the GoPrint Print Management System has been installed in the library and in the student computer labs at both campus locations.

With the GoPrint system, all EGC students are provided a 300-page printing allotment each semester. If a student utilizes all of his/her 300 pages before the end of the semester, he/she can purchase additional printing pages online or by paying at the cash/coin kiosk located in the library and at the Statesboro computer lab.

Since the beginning of fall semester, we have already seen a significant reduction in wasted/unclaimed printed sheets in the computer labs and library. Thanks go to Teresa Oglesby, David McFarren and Wilder Coleman for their work on the GoPrint system.

Other Topics From Fiscal Affairs

1) Becky Foskey, Massie Kight, Debbie Wilson, Brenda Crews, and Selena Bedgood completed their training and pre-production duties for the PeopleSoft V8 Upgrade last week. Everyone in Fiscal Affairs is putting in many hours, both on-campus and off-campus, to complete the work of this upgrade and keep the Business Office functioning. I also want to thank Carolyn Odom, Marcie Salter, and Chelsie Price for keeping the Business Office open and operating during everyone’s absence.

2) A reminder that PeopleSoft Financials will be down as of 5:00 PM on September 26, 2008, and we will not be operational again until October 8, 2008 at 8:00 AM. If these dates change, we will keep everyone apprised. Remember that no checks can be written during that down time, so please plan on getting check requests to the Business Office for processing no later than September 25, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. All payrolls will be completed no later than Friday, September 26th.

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News From Plant Operations

Welcome! Our new Custodial Supervisor is Ryan Stemple. Ryan hails from Michigan and brings over ten years experience to the department. Please help us welcome him to the EGC Family!

Site work for the new Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center is nearing completion. The design of the building is wrapping up and construction should begin in January. This facility is possible by a generous donation from Ms. Fulford’s family.

Tips for doing your part to reduce our energy consumption: Flip your switch when you leave your office and classrooms. Remove heat producing items from your office (lamps, coffee makers, etc.) Take your space heaters home. Dress appropriately for the weather.