



CAT TRACKS



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Fall is here!

Take time to enjoy this incredible time of year. We hope you will also take time to enjoy this edition of East Georgia College's *Cat Tracks*.



The Augusta Symphony Orchestra
Donald Portnoy (Center), Music Director & Conductor

ASO Performance At EGC

The Augusta Symphony, under the direction of Maestro Donald Portnoy, presents its fourth annual **"Music to the People" Concerts on Thursday, September 28, 2006** at the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center on the campus of East Georgia College in Swainsboro. The performances are sponsored by the EGC Vision Series, a privately-funded initiative that seeks to bring programs of intellectual and cultural enrichment to the college and its constituency. A morning concert for East Georgia College and area high school students will begin at 11 A.M., and a community concert will be held at 7 P.M.

Admission is free and open to the public.

"Music to the People" features the Augusta Symphony's 40-piece promenade orchestra performing programs of light classic and popular selections. This year's program features selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Khachaturian, and Dvorak. The evening concert in Swainsboro will showcase popular arias by Puccini and

Mozart, performed by soprano Tonya Currier.

Ms. Currier has performed leading roles with opera companies such as Chicago Lyric, Milwaukee Florentine, Fort Worth, Central City, Opera Carolina, Augusta, and many others. Her solo concert appearances include major works with the orchestras of Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Lake Forest, and Santa Cruz, among others. Other credits of note include her recent appearance with the Metro Chamber Orchestra of New York and her Carnegie Hall debut with the New England Symphonic Ensemble. Ms. Currier is a graduate of the Crane School of Music and the New England Conservatory and formerly was an Associate Professor at the University of South Carolina School of Music.



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EGC PLANT OPERATIONS ON THE MOVE

- Welcome Betsy McFarren to the Plant Ops family. Betsy, wife of David McFarren in IT, joined the team in late August and is doing a wonderful job as Custodian I.
- Felix Loya attended a Trane chiller training session in Charlotte NC. The trip, sponsored by Georgia Trane, included a tour of the Trane Chiller Manufacturing facility.
- Melvin Nunn attended a lunch and learn session sponsored by Mingledorff's in Augusta. The session focused on the HVAC issue of Pre-conditioned Air.
- Michelle Goff and Artica Gaston attended a BOR facilities meeting held at Georgia Southern University. The meeting was to provide updates on the BOR contracting procedures.
- We also welcome Christi Hutchings to the Plant Ops family. Christi transferred from the Office of Admissions and will provide administrative support to the department.
- Christi replaces Teresa Wiggins, who has transitioned into the Landscape Grounds Supervisor position – back to her first love!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

There's a new addition at the Avery household. **Jacob Samuel Avery** was born Monday, September 18, at 7:50 a.m. at Fairview Hospital in Dublin. He is a "big boy" at 9 lbs. 6 oz. and 21 1/2 inches. Donald said that Jacob has a little hair right around the edges, just like his dad! Stacie, Jacob and the family are all doing well!

OUT & ABOUT

- **Danny Palmer** attended a seminar for Development (Capital Campaigns) in Atlanta on September 6 & 7.
- **Jason Brannen** traveled to Statesboro to do an IT estimate for the EGC Site on September 8.

- **Ty Fagler** visited a location being considered at Statesboro to evaluate computer services concerns on September 8.
- **Dr. Paul Cerpovicz and John Smoyer** attended the environmental compliance assistance workshop at Georgia State University on September 19 & 20.

September Birthdays

9/2 Katherine Taylor
9/3 Annette Evans (retiree)
9/3 Dana Nevil
9/4 Thomas Thibeault
9/6 Massie Kight
9/7 Drew Durden
9/9 Donald Avery
9/11 Tom Caiazzo
9/11 Betsy McFarren
9/11 Fritz Rathmann
9/13 Patsy Blaine
9/14 Gladys Hoke (retiree)
9/18 Linda VonBergen
9/21 Carroll Smith (retiree)
9/28 Tonia Watts

NEWEST EMPLOYEES

Mona Lisa Claxton, Sr. Secretary, Humanities Division.
Betsy McFarren, Custodian I, Plant Operations.
Priscilla Adams, Director of Continuing Education.
Donna Freeman, Sr. Administrative Assistant,
GREDC/Continuing Education.

Other Personnel Changes

Mark Dallas, promoted to Director of Learning Support.
John Smoyer, transferred to Instructor of Biology.
Teresa Wiggins, promoted to Landscape/Grounds.
Mary Smith, transferred to serve as Special Assistant to the President.
Christi Hutchings, promoted to Senior Secretary, Plant Operations.

The State Charitable Contributions Program fund-drive is underway. This is our opportunity as an entity to make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate. Please remember to make your pledge or donation by November 20, any amount will be appreciated. Contact human resources at 289-2035 for additional information.