East Georgia State College opened as Emmett County Junior College in the fall of 1973, and soon after, on January 28, 1974, the student newspaper was born. Volume 1 Number 1 of The Hoopee Bird made its initial appearance as a six-page, stapled, mimeographed handset. The original staff of three elected editors worked hard to produce this paper. The paper’s main heading included Mike Stevens, Editor; Bob Bresen, Managing Editor; Debbie McClure, News Editor; Sandra Shepard, Advertising Editor; Jack Council, Art Editor; and Ronnie Miles, Photographer. Larry Hayes, Angie Kalti, John Mayfield, Homer Happ, and Phil Thompson comprised the remainder of the staff. The first issue contained news articles, editorials, a movie review, calls for articles, and an announcement of the next section. (Yes, we had a basketball team back then.)

With the current re-empowerment of publication of The Hoopee Bird after a multi-year hiatus, readers might be interested in the origin of its unique name which contains a “triple entendre.” Part of the context derives from the rise of the counter-culture movement in the 1960s and 70s, which among other things gave rise to all sorts of alternative publications, including an Atlanta newspaper called The Great Speckled Bird. The rest of the story was told by Editor Mike Stevens in a front-page article in the initial issue of The Hoopee Bird referencing initial criticism of the establishment of a college in Swansea from a writer of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution who declared, “For what it will cost to educate a student at a nearby college in Columbus you could have a Harvard University education.” This was the perfect symbol for our paper. “Harvard on the Hoop” is colloquial term for the nearby Ohoopee River) in describing the new college. At the same time, students who were working to create a student newspaper discovered the existence of a small bird, the hoopoe bird, that fit our paper’s nature which compels him to be versatile. I had the opportunity to work with and learn from Head Coach Drew Saberhagen and Assistant Director of Student Life / Cheerleader Coach Taylor Edenfield. This summer was an unbelievable experience. I had the opportunity to work with and learn from Head Coach Drew Saberhagen and Assistant Director of Student Life / Cheerleader Coach Taylor Edenfield. This experience gave him the opportunity to coach some of the top ranked college baseball players in the nation. This summer, the Stingers broke the team’s single season record for wins, E.R.A, and stolen bases. When asked about his time at Willmar, Passauer said, “This summer was an unbelievable experience. I had the opportunity to work with and learn from Head Coach Drew Saberhagen and an incredible front office. My time with the Stingers taught me valuable coaching skills that I am excited to bring to East Georgia State College.”

Passauer believes the future is bright for Bobcat Baseball. “We have a great group of guys this year,” he said. “We’ve put in a lot of quality work this fall, and I look forward to an extremely competitive spring.”
Fight Your Winter Blues with the Hottest Television Premieres

By Brandong Brigham, EGSC Augusta

Just renewed for its second season, the drama series Empire has been flying under the radar of many television viewers. With a great cast including movie icons like Teraji P. Henson, Terrence Howard, and Gabourey Sidibe, Empire is a family drama set in the world of a hip hop empire. Tune in on Fox at 9 p.m. Wednesday to find out what you have been missing.

What to Watch: Empire

EGSC Hosts Blood Drive

There will be a Shepard Community Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, February 2, at the tennis courts on the Swainsboro campus. Please give blood if you can. In the United States, 6 million people need blood each year, and the overwhelming majority of people who need blood would die without it. Every donation makes a difference in someone’s life, and donating is safe, quick and easy. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. Before giving blood, drink lots of fluids—especially water, get a good night’s sleep, and eat breakfast. Don’t forget to bring your photo ID with you.

Making Spring Semester Count

By Kevin Higgins, EGSC Augusta

Since this is my second semester in college, I am not as naive to the stress. This past fall at age 28 and as the fall semester came to an end I decided that it was time to take a step back. Knowing that it had been ten years since my last try, I decided to begin by taking just two classes to make sure that I didn’t stress myself too much. However, I still ended up having a stressful and challenging semester before midterm. This was my own fault because I did not manage my time properly, but also to be honest, I did not have to take two classes I was not interested in my being able to drop a class, I learned from it, and I ended up making an “A” in my other class.

This semester, I am taking three classes and working five days a week. The only days that I do not work are the days I have class, so trust me when I tell you that the key to surviving the semester is learning how to manage your time. Make sure that, if you work full-time or even part-time as I do, you make plans and schedule your class time around your work schedule. You can do the reading and prepare for the class when you are off work. You can, in the end, learn to withdraw from a course, don’t let that experience prevent you from making good grades in the rest of your classes. If you are receiving financial aid, always check with the Financial Aid office before withdrawing from any course that you think you may have to withdraw from.

Lastly, when at school, make life all about school. You are taking steps in life to better yourself, the quality of life for you and your family, and the quality of life for your friends and family. If you have them or for the people who will have them in the future. If you have children or for the people who will have them in the future. Enjoy it. You are taking steps in life to better yourself, the quality of life for you and your family, and the quality of life for your friends and family. If you have them or for the people who will have them in the future. Enjoy it.

I know school has already started and you’re probably already thinking, “How am I going to get through this?” But a new semester is always new and exciting. Here are four main points to help you meet those challenging expectations of spring semester:

1. Go to class.

This advice may seem obvious, but the list of reasons is too long to publish here. Give yourself an opportunity to ask questions and score those participation points that could mean the difference between an “A” and a “B.” Following this simple rule could also easily reduce to an letter acceptance from Georgia Southern or the University of Georgia as you continue your education.

2. Balance your time.

College is more than just cramming for the finals or tests. It’s about the experience and the journey of succeeding while creating wonderful memories. If you have a test in a week, study each night for just an hour or two to avoid cramming. With a study schedule, you will have time for friends or relaxing. If you can’t seem to tear yourself away from your books, you can always try setting a timer and then working on the same classes, you could give moral support. Your friends might even suggest a study method that you haven’t tried.

3. Ask for help.

There is no need to feel embarrassed about asking for help if you do not understand an assignment. It’s always important to ask questions. I ask lots of questions, sometimes the same one more than once, to make sure I completely understand the assignment. Professors are there to help you and make sure you are getting the best education, so all you have to do is ask.

4. Don’t get just—by exceed.

Most importantly, focus on striving for the best. In the classroom or in job interviews, the effort you put into your work is obvious. Aim to exceed your own expectations as well as the expectations of those around you.

It is never too late to start over. You just have to put your mind to it, and it do. Make spring semester the best one yet!
GSU Sun Belt Conference

EGSC Women's Basketball (WBB) vs. Georgia Perimeter

EGSC WBB vs. Atlanta Metro State College

11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Miss EGSC 2015 Pageant  –  LFG Auditorium

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Nick Kelch, and Director of EGSC Augusta, Regent University, Assistant

serves as the Director of AAMI Statesboro.

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Located at the University of South Carolina, the Aurora 5K recognizes outstanding work

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Kayla Waycaster

Sport: Softball  Position: Outfield

Hometown: Augusta, GA  High School: Cross Creek High School

Interesting Fact: “I was homeschooled for nine years. I didn’t start mainstream schooling until my sophomore year of high school.”

Career Highlight at EGSC: “Experiencing the Conference Tournament with my teammates.”

Why I Chose EGSC: “I wanted to continue playing softball in a relatively small learning environment that was close to home, so EGSC turned out to be the perfect fit for me.”

Future Plans: “I’ll graduate from EGSC in May with my Associates Degree, and I plan to transfer to UGA in the fall to obtain a degree in Chemical Engineering. I would one day like to work for a national pharmaceutical company.”

Jaquez Motley

Sport: Men’s Basketball  Position: Point Guard

Hometown: Hinesville, GA  High School: Faith Baptist Christian Academy

Career Highlight at EGSC: “When I scored 31 points against Chatt. Tech.”

Why I Chose EGSC: “I came to EGSC because I wanted to be a part of a well-rounded and successful basketball program at an institution that is also known for high academic standards.”

Future Plans: “After I graduate from East Georgia, I plan to play Division I basketball and of course I would love to one day play professionally.”

Domonique Clune

Sport: Women’s Basketball  Position: Forward

Hometown: Jonesboro, GA  High School: Dutchtown High School

Interesting Fact: “In my spare time I enjoy writing poetry.”

Career Highlight at EGSC: “I am just very proud to be a part of the most successful Women’s Basketball team that East Georgia has ever had.”

Why I Chose EGSC: “Coach Childers gave me a second chance to play basketball, and I am so grateful he did.”

Future Plans: “I intend to continue my education and receive my Bachelor’s degree, and then attend graduate school for physical therapy.”

Stephen Ferntheil

Sport: Baseball  Position: Catcher

Hometown: Anchorage, AK  High School: Service High School

Interesting Fact: “I am a black belt in karate.”

Career Highlight at EGSC: “When I got the go-ahead RBI against Walter State, the fourth ranked team in the nation at the time.”

Why I Chose EGSC: “I chose EGSC because the baseball coach gave me a chance to play ball again. I was unfamiliar with the school and the area at the time, but this has turned out to be one of the best decisions I have ever made.”

Future Plans: “I will graduate with my Associates Degree in May and I hope to continue playing baseball at a four year institution. My ultimate goal is to coach baseball at the college level.”

Sophia Tarver

Sport: Cheerleading  Position: Captain

Hometown: Twin City, GA  High School: Emanuel County Institute

Interesting Fact: “I have been cheering for almost 10 years.”

Career Highlight at EGSC: “Being a member of our Level 5 stunt group, and being recently named captain of the squad.”

Why I Chose EGSC: “I wanted to start out my college education at a small school close to home, and East Georgia is the perfect place for me.”

Future Plans: “I will graduate from EGSC in May and I intend to go to Kennesaw State and eventually become a Registered Nurse.”