Allison Durden was crowned Miss EGSC. Hannah Gray was first runner-up and Taylor Hall was second runner-up in an entertaining evening of pageantry at East Georgia State College Saturday, February 28. The pageant was sponsored by the Student Government Association, and Dabney Edenfield was the Mistress of Ceremonies as Miss EGSC 2014, Harley Strickland, crowned her successor.

A special part of the evening was the return to the stage by former Miss EGSC winners Austin Carruth, Rachel Frederick, Morgan Lothridge and Whitney Bush. Allison will represent EGSC at the Miss Georgia Pageant this June in Columbus.

Eames Travel Fund continues at EGSC

By Elizabeth Gilmer, Director of External Affairs

When I met Charles Eames, I knew he wanted to make a difference in the lives of students pursuing a post-secondary education. I just did not realize how much of a difference he had in mind.

Eames said, "With the rising cost of gasoline, I realize that sometimes a college student may be one tank of gas away from dropping out of school. That is why I came up with the idea of the Charles Eames Travel Fund. It is my way of helping students stay in school."

The program works with random drawings each month for gas gift cards. At EGSC, we are able to provide a $50 card monthly to a Swainsboro student, not living on campus. Students may only win the card one time each semester.

Charles Eames is originally from Ohio, but has spent the last 30 years in the south and is a retired librarian from Waycross, Ga. He served on the board of trustees at Waycross College in Waycross and since the merger is serving on the board of the newly formed James M. Dye Foundation at Waycross College. Eames started the Charles Eames Travel Fund initially at East Georgia State College, South Georgia State College and Okefenokee Technical College. He has expanded the program now to include South Georgia Technical College, Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Wingate Technical College at Waycross College and the newly formed James M. Dye Foundation at Waycross College. It is a very unique program, especially because it is offered at seven different locations.

"Every qualified student will have some hope of being selected and sometimes hope and a little help can make a big difference." When you give to any cause, you want to make the largest impact you can. This type of gift fits that requirement. It is making a real difference and creating lifelong donors.

Students do not have to do anything other than watch their email accounts. Names are chosen randomly from a list of students meeting criteria, and the student is notified by Student Life.
Celebrate NanoDays™ 2015 at East Georgia State College Stateboro on March 31

NanoDays at East Georgia State College is an exciting opportunity for students and faculty to participate in educational activities and projects about nanoscale science and engineering.

NanoDays is organized by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network), a program funded by the National Science Foundation.

Join EGSC in celebrating NanoDays on Tuesday, March 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the Statesboro Campus.

During NanoDays, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the world’s thinnest material.
- Understand the power of science fiction storytelling and imagine how nanotechnology could change the future.
- Use special tools used by nanoscientists, show nano materials with spectacular images of atoms, and interact with other community members.
- Explore the miniscule world of atoms, molecules, and nanoscale forces.
- Experience hands-on activities and imagine how nanotechnology could transform our lives as much as our personal computer or the Internet.
- Visit science museums, research institutions, and the public loan from each other about this emerging field so that together we can make informed decisions.

Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network) is a nationwide festival of education and outreach led by 12 organizations and includes hundreds of museums and universities nationwide. NISE Network was launched in 2005 with funding from the National Science Foundation.

For more information, contact Jill Collins at JillCollinsSLP@aol.com.
Lee was forced to publish the sequel, as long as she's happy with the publication. But she maintains that these reports have no validity; in fact, she lamented that she was given the opportunity to reflect on the various aspects of science that they have gained throughout their education, apply their own ideas to group activities and discussions, and discover new ideas on their own. Lab investigations and field trips (optional) add even more to this awesome course!

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As far as my spring break goes, my plans are to be well planned. I work full-time for a government contract company; so, every Monday I am not at school, I am usually at work. Last year, I took my wife and children to Dunes Village Resort in Charlotte, South Carolina, and it was amazing. We stayed in a suite right next to the ocean that had an amazing view. Unfortunately, this year due to the beginning of April so you can imagine the ocean view was not possible. Luckily for us, Dunes Village Resort is not only an amazing hotel, but it also has an outstanding walking path. My children had an absolute blast, and my wife and I spent some quality family time together. It was too far one of the best spring breaks of my life.

I only have one spring break, and that is my vacation. My parents: Have fun!!! Life is so short, and every year I want to make sure I get to spend a lot of it granted. Going places, doing things, and being with my kids is a New York for the first time for a lot of fun. However, don’t forget that we are not only spending time together, but we also have a lot of options to share with each other. Instead of doing something expensive, or free, enjoy making memories. It is not just about one’s having such spring break and comes back to school energized, engaged, and enthusiastically prepared to gain a higher understanding of the world around us.

-- Andrew Stocker

This year my family and I are planning to tour the three houses of government: the White House, the U.S. Capitol Building, and the Supreme Court. I’m super excited about this trip. This mini-vacation will help my fam-
ily and me to perceive the significance of the division of power within the dem-
ocratic government. Last but not least, if we keep our fingers crossed, we may get to stumble across some famous president (President Obama).

The last day in Washing-
ton was very special, for the reason that I was able to see the Jefferson’s and the Lincoln’s Memorial and the famous monuments. It was definitely a breath of hot air.

-- Laney Devree

My birthday is on April 1, and my plans are to be only a blast for me. I live right in the center of Columbus, Ga., and have everything I need pretty close. I enjoy going up to any state park in the area and enjoying the nature and beauty of it. I will definitely be a breath of fresh air.

-- La’ Tangie Pinkston

To us, spring break just means a little vacation to get away from school. This spring break is going to be the best one that I have ever had. I plan on going to Panama City this year, it is going to be a blast for me. I lived right there just happened to be the only one that was able to go. It was a great place, and my friends and I will definitely be doing it again. I also want to go camping for a few days — anything to get away from the job and the traffic. Since I started going away to school, my monthly break has not been as much of an option. Now I think it is more of staying or going in and catching up on house chores, reading, and watching TV shows — again, anything to avoid the Masters’ traffic. I enjoy the time that I don’t have to work, I have free time, and I don’t have to have assignments to keep me down. I plan on trying to get out of Augusta for spring break after the spring football game. I plan on going to Galveston, Texas, and taking my family with me. We will take a trip there would be some of the best spring breaks of my life.

-- Lihron Chambers

-- Boards are closed.

-- Men’s Basketball Open Tryouts, 10:00 a.m.

-- Lady Bobcat Softball vs. Georgia Perimeter, 1:00 p.m.

-- American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., – 4:00 p.m, Fulford CLC

-- Bobcat Baseball vs. West Georgia Tech, 3:00 p.m.

-- Bobcat Baseball vs. South Georgia, 3:00 p.m.

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Critical Thinking is an important skill for all of us, in both our daily and professional lives. As students, being able to think critically is vitally important to excelling in all of your classes. Practice your critical thinking skills by entering the Connecting Students Critical Thinking Essay Contest, and perhaps you will win a prize in the process!

To answer this question, you need to brainstorm possible answers, select the one thing you feel is the biggest problem, discuss the problem (including why you think it is the most important), and consider solution(s) to the problem.

Content Details: Your finished paper needs to be a Word document in correct MLA format. It should be no more than 3 pages long. All quotes and paraphrases must be correctly cited. Flagrancy in any form will automatically disqualify your paper. (You are not required to include research – but if you do, make sure you cite it correctly!)

Submissions: Submit your paper as an attachment in Microsoft Word format to whitaker@ega.edu. In the subject line of your email, type “Critical Thinking Competition.” In the body of your email, include your full name, the email address you access most frequently, and a phone number.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 3, 2015, at 11:00 p.m. Winners will be announced on Monday, April 6, 2015.

So what can you win? Five top finalists will be selected. The finalists will be invited to attend the Connections Critical Thinking Conference held at the Eastern Georgia State College Swainsboro Campus on Friday, April 10, 2015. Conference attendees will evaluate the five finalist papers, and select a winner. Prizes include EGSC backpacks for the finalists, and a $25 cash prize for the winner!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Whitaker at whitaker@ega.edu.
interested students may speak to their academic advisors. Students should be prepared for the new Service Seal requirements to be announced soon. Learn how to be leaders in the process. The pay-off is worth the time sacrifice. Some of the work so much so that they believe they cannot do anything else, but they can help others and for the openness of a liberal society. The notion of public or- thodoxy exists, how should it be nurtured and defended? As the little platoons: family, community or campus service. Such a program allows students to work on projects that will benefit them in the job market. East Georgia State College’s Student Government Association, or SGA, is the campus student government association. The program allows students to help with the completion of service hours on and off campus. This seal is placed on your account. Unpaid fees and missing documents will prevent you from graduating and to decide which courses you need. Refer to the EGCS Catalog for more details at 478-289-2169.

Meet an SGA Member

Kathy Carpenter
Hometown: Life, Ga.
High School: Johnson County High School
Major: Exercise and Health Sciences

Why you serve in SGA: I serve in SGA to be a voice for the student body. I enjoy being involved and helping with the different events such as the Miss EGSC pageant, parades, and Dr. Seuss Day. I love being a part of SGA because we are there for the students and work at creating and doing fun things for them so they can have a great college experience at EGSC.

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Meet an EGSC Student Ambassador

Student Ambassadors is a select group of students who represent and serve the college at a number of events throughout the year.

Rudy Kaht
Hometown: Lyons, Ga.
High School: I was home- schooled all the way through high school.
Major: Business

Last time you were inspired: I reckon the last time I was inspired was by a person who would be my best friend who attends a Bible College. Right now, he is studying abroad in England. He recently contacted me and told me about a boy in Scotland that really wants to visit the United States and visit his family. He said the reason that he can’t get to spend time with Christians where he lives because there aren’t many over there. That inspires me to do what I’m supposed to do as a Christian here and be an example of Christ for the people I am around.

Why you serve as an Ambassador: It’s not only rewarding but because it gives me a sense of in- volvement in East Georgia State College.

Favorite aspect of life at EGSC: I like the atmosphere of EGSC. The professors are friendly and most everyone just wants us students to succeed.

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ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

BOBCAT BASEBALL: JUDAH WOLLENBURG
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Heath, Ohio
Position: 2nd Base
“Judah has been a big impact guy for us so far this year. Judah has been a staple in the middle of our order and playing big time defense up the middle. It has been great to see him having some success with the work he puts in.” –Coach Matthew Passauer

BOBCAT WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: FATIA SAMS
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Lithonia, Ga.
Position: Forward
“Fatia was a two-year player for the Lady Bobcats. She was a steady source of defense and rebounding for our team. She displayed an advanced skill set on offense and was as athletic as anyone on the court.” –Coach Brad Childers

BOBCAT SOFTBALL: DANIELLE RHEAUME
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Augusta, Ga.
Position: Catcher
“Danielle has played a vitally important role on our team during both of years as a Bobcat. Recently, in one game against ABAC, she scored the game winning hit in the conference double header. She is a great student athlete on and off the field and represents the team with pride and integrity.” –Coach Megen Smith

BOBCAT MEN’S BASKETBALL: TANNER REID
Class: Freshman
Hometown: Bettendorf, Iowa
Position: Guard
“Tanner is an excellent athlete and has contributed greatly to our program. He works very hard on the court and in the classroom. Tanner recently accompanied EGSC President Dr. Bob Boehmer and other administrators on the Presidential Bus tour, during which he did an exceptional job speaking to high school students about the importance of going to college.” –Coach Leroy Jordan

BOBCAT CHEERLEADING: CENITRA STEVENSON
Class: Sophomore
Hometown: Macon, Ga.
“Cenitra is one of the most talented dancers and choreographers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Her creative and innovative routines contributed greatly in the success of the squad. Cenitra is extremely dedicated and hard-working, and she influences everyone around her to work hard as well.” –Coach Taylor Edenfield

The first signs of Spring
A walk across the Swainsboro campus overwhelms the senses these days, offering the scent of tea olive and the sounds of people enjoying strolls under the pines without having to huddle against the cold. If you are lucky, you may even catch a glimpse of hammocks strung between the trees. Student Life Director Vicki Sherrod captured these students enjoying some of the wonderful warm days during the last week of classes before break. Despite the fear of one last cold snap, there is nothing like the perfect days of early spring in middle Georgia.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
For Students Interested in the Insurance and Financial Services Industry

The MassMutual Scholars Program is funded by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and is focused on expanding access and opportunity of higher education and employment to students who reflect the rich cultural diversity of our nation. They seek to increase the number of students completing college nationally, assist in decreasing student debt, raise awareness of careers in insurance and financial services, and recruit and retain the top talent touched by their programs.

In 2015, MassMutual looks forward to offering $150,000 in total funding, assisting at least 30 students entering their sophomore, junior, senior, or fifth year of undergraduate coursework with a scholarship worth up to $5,000. Students must complete and submit for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov and be interested in pursuing a career in the insurance and financial services industry.

For more information, visit https://massmutual.scholarsapply.org/.
On Wednesday, March 11, the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center transported students, faculty and staff to a wonderland filled with music and entertainment at the Second Annual East Georgia State College Homecoming Casino Night and Dance.

EGSC Homecoming offers a celebration of all Bobcat athletics as well as the institution rather than focusing on one particular sport. The Homecoming Casino Night and Dance began in 2014 as a formal yet fun event for the entire EGSC family and has become a highly anticipated tradition. This year’s Homecoming Committee, led by Assistant Director of Student Life Taylor Edenfield, chose to improve upon the inaugural celebration by increasing the number of casino games offered and changing the location from the EGSC Gymnasium to the beautiful and elegant Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center.

Sparkling gold fabric and white lights transformed the deck of the Fulford Center into a dance floor where guests moved under the stars to the tunes of DJ Sterling Knight (a.k.a. DJ Knightmare). Inside the Fulford Center, guests used “Bobcat Funny Money” to try their luck at 10 casino tables featuring games such as Blackjack, Texas Hold ‘Em, and Roulette. As the evening came to a close, Colton Kersey, a sophomore from Wrightsville, Ga., was named the overall grand prize winner for having won the most poker chips, and was awarded a $250 gift card.

Despite the excitement at the casino tables, the introduction of Homecoming Court and the announcement of Homecoming King and Queen offered the most anticipated part of the night. Members of the court had been nominated by either a student organization or an athletic team to which he or she belongs. The week prior to Homecoming, the 22 hopefuls—12 for Queen and 10 for King—campaigned by hanging flyers and sheet signs and even giving out baked goods and chicken wings. A great deal of effort and hard work turned into an intense yet fun competition, with each representative vying energetically for the coveted titles. Whitney Heath, representing Bobcat Softball, took home the crown of Homecoming Queen, and a prince became a king when Dakota Prince, the representative for Intramural Sports, was named Homecoming King.

International Club’s Harina Kesete was first runner-up in the competition for the title of queen, and Sophia Tarver of Bobcat Cheerleading was second runner-up. Kanston McIver, also representing the International Club, took the title of first runner-up in the competition for king, and Phi Theta Kappa’s Lucas Frink was named second runner-up.