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Hoopee Who?

The History of The Hoopee Bird

by John K. Derden
Professor Emeritus of History

East Georgia State College opened as Emanuel County Junior College in the fall of 1973, and soon after, on January 28, 1974, the student newspaper was begun. Volume 1 Number 1 of The Hoopee Bird made its initial appearance as a six-page, stapled, mimeographed handout. The original staff as listed on the paper's masthead included Mike Stevens, Editor; Bo Brewer, Managing Editor; Debra McClure, News Editor; Sandra Shepard, Activities Editor; Jack Council, Art Editor; and Ronnie Mills, Photographer. Larry Hayes, Angie Kight, John Mayfield, Jenny Oglesby, and Phil Thompson comprised the remainder of the staff. The first issue contained news, editorials, a movie review, calls for articles, and even a sports section. (Yes, we had a basketball team back then.)

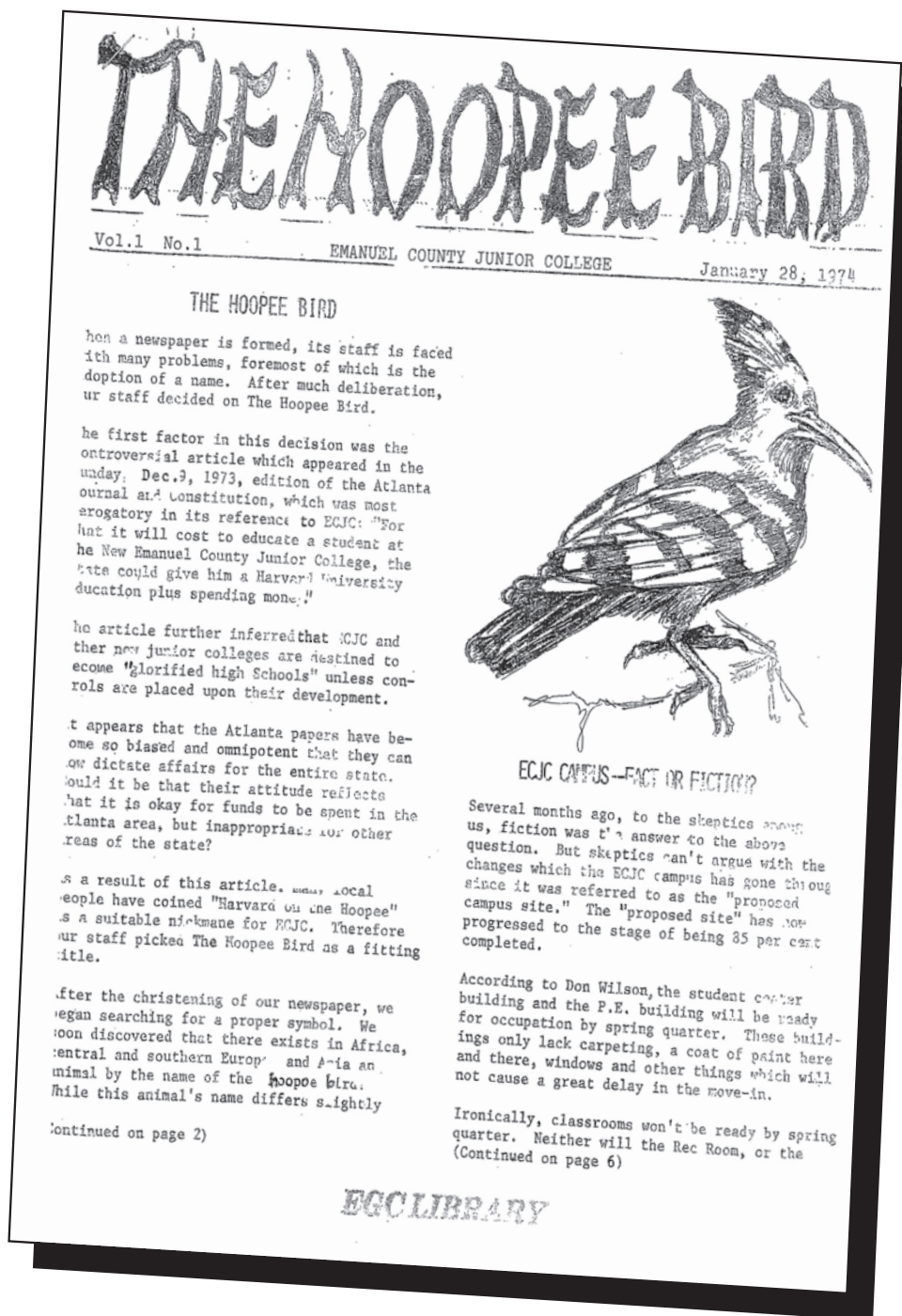
With the current resumption of publication of The Hoopee Bird after a multi-year hiatus, readers might be interested in the origin of its

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 Swainsboro from a writer of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution who declared, "For what it will cost to educate a student at the new Emanuel County Junior College, the state could give him a Harvard University education plus spending money." Others coined the phrase "Harvard on the Hoopee" (a colloquial term for the nearby Ohooppee 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 ranged in Africa, Asia, and Central and Eastern Europe. A drawing of a hoopoe bird appeared on the front page of the first issue of the paper. Editor Stevens commented:

We believe the hoopoe is the perfect symbol for our paper. The hoopoe seems to fit our image. [It] displays much versatility . . . has an inquisitive nature which compels him to probe and search for what he considers to be important . . . exhibits much energy and activity . . . [is] rather disorganized at times . . . [and] his nonconformity can also be paralleled to today's youth.

The paper's name, then, combined echoes of the alternative newspaper, The Great Speckled Bird, a play on the phonetic equivalence of "Hoopee" and "Hoopoe," and a bit of a retort to the critics of the new college. East Georgia State College's growth and the continuation of The Hoopee Bird testify to the vitality of both.



East Georgia Goes West for 71st Annual Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant

On February 28, EGSC students will line the stage in the Luck Flanders Gambrell auditorium as they compete for the title of Miss East Georgia State College. The new Miss EGSC 2015 will go on to compete in the 71st annual Miss Georgia Scholarship Pageant in June. However, this year will be a bit different. Not one but six contestants in the upcoming Miss Georgia pageant have called East Georgia home.

In addition to the newly named Miss EGSC, three of her predecessors will also compete. Morgan Lothridge, Miss East Georgia College 2011, will compete under her new title, Miss Golden Isles 2015. She is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern University.

Austin Carruth earned the title of Miss EGSC in 2013. Now a student at Columbus State University, she will compete in Columbus as Miss Middle West Georgia.

Last year's Miss EGSC, Harley Strickland is currently a student at East Georgia and will take the title of Miss Coastal Empire to the Miss Georgia pageant this year.

Two contestants also have ties to East Georgia. A 2012 EGC graduate, Amanda Lawler is a recent graduate of Georgia Southern University and is Miss Wayne Coun-



Harley Strickland (right) and Amanda Lawler (left) are pictured here with Maggie Bridges, the current Miss Georgia.

ty 2015. Caitlin Coleman is a current EGSC student who serves on SGA and as an EGSC ambassador; she will compete in June as Miss Emanuel County.

The Miss Georgia scholarship program is one of the largest in the country and the pageant has grown from a single performance at Memorial Stadium to a

four-night event. Almost every contestant is a college student as the program has added many college franchises. In 2002, the organization formed Miss Teen Georgia America for high school students across the state.

This year's Miss Georgia pageant will be held June 17-20.

A New Face for Bobcat Baseball

by Taylor Edenfield
Assistant Director of Student Life / Cheerleader Coach

For the first time in East Georgia State College baseball history, a new face will be at the helm of the program. Named Interim Head Coach on November 2, 2014, former Assistant Coach Matthew Passauer will be the second to lead the Bobcats after Chuck Lusted.

Lusted became EGSC Baseball Head Coach when the program was created on December 1, 2009. He played an integral role in the development of the college's baseball field as well as that of the entire program. Although Coach Lusted has relocated to Atlanta, his legacy as the man who laid the foundation for Bobcat Baseball will never be forgotten.

Passauer, a native of Erie, Pa., worked directly under Coach Lusted as Pitching Coach and Recruiting Coordinator during the 2013-14 baseball season. Before beginning his coaching career at EGSC, Passauer played collegiate baseball at the University of Maryland and Lee University. During his time at Lee, Passauer played a key role as a relief pitcher on the number one nationally ranked team and competed in the College World Series two consecutive seasons.

In addition to Passauer's time under Coach Lusted, he also spent the summer coaching in the Northwoods League for the Willmar Stingers. 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



Interim Head Coach Matthew Passauer

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."



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The Call of the Hoopee Bird

By The Hoopee Bird Editorial Staff

As we move into the second month of 2015, many of us have made resolutions for the new year. We may have already grown tired of a daily trip to the gym or our plan to eat kale with every meal, but perhaps other ideas are gaining momentum. For the staff of The Hoopee Bird, the first days of 2015 brought with them a plan to revive our old school newspaper, a resolution that is realized in this first issue of the “new” Bird.

Great excitement and anticipation surrounds the paper that you hold in your hands today. No matter where you are in the world, print on paper represents the work and care of a group of people striving to bring information to readers. The recent attack on the staff of Charlie Hebdo in Paris forced many to consider the power of the pen and the responsibilities of those who write (and draw).

The influence of journalism exists in the crowded streets of Paris but also among the quietly swaying pines of eastern Georgia.

Whether you sit in the light-filled atrium in Statesboro, in the gazebo overlooking Ezra Pond in Swainsboro, or beneath the oaks draped with Spanish moss in Augusta, The Hoopee Bird is your newspaper. We hope that, in the coming months, it will be filled with news that interests and inspires you and brings you closer to your fellow Bobcats.

Although our newspaper looks much different than its predecessor, our concerns are the same as those of the original staff. In its first issue on January 28, 1974, The Hoopee Bird called for students' ideas and opinions, instructing readers to “tell us anything.” We invite you to do just that—submit letters to the editor or contact one of our faculty advisors to become a staff writer (Communication Arts majors can even earn credit!). As an East Georgia student, you have the ability to make your voice heard. Send us your thoughts to “the Bird” at oohoopee@ega.edu.



Fight Your Winter Blues with the Hottest Television Premieres

by Ca'Seita Byrd, EGSC Augusta

Are you faced with spare time after studying? Do you need an escape from reality? Well, look no further. Enjoy your evenings this February with mind-bending, nail-biting moments from your favorite television series. Shows such as *The Walking Dead* return mid-season with thrilling surprises after the last episode left fans wondering “Are the writers serious?” If zombies are a little too gory for you, then check out ABC's *Once Upon A Time* to see a different kind of villain in action. Sword and axe fighting enthusiasts, the History Channel's *Vikings* will premiere for its third season. More anticipated February premieres include *The Voice*, *The Amazing Race*, *House of Cards*, and ABC's *Fresh off the*

Boat.

Fresh off the Boat is a new comedic series based on the life of chef and food personality Eddie Huang and his book *Fresh off the Boat: A Memoir*. The show portrays the life of a Taiwanese family that moves from Washington, D.C., to Florida to open a steak restaurant during the late 1990s. Viewers craving more excitement will have to wait until April for the world-wide anticipated *Game of Thrones*, an edge-of-your-seat drama/action series about nine noble families who fight for control of the land of Westeros. Premier information for reality shows, crime dramas, and more can be found at www.imdb.com or www.cinemablend.com.

Singled Out?

Take Back Your Valentine's Day

by LiRhon Chambers, EGSC Augusta

Once a year on February 14, many couples exchange gifts, cards, chocolate, and flowers. This special day is awaited by couples who are in love. Unfortunately, the singles hate it. Some singles are even depressed on Valentine's Day, saddened without a partner.

Several singles tend to feel unloved or unwanted on this day, preferring to call it “Single Awareness Day” instead. However, the dateless should remember that this day is not to be enjoyed only by couples. The holiday can be spent with loved ones as well. For instance, you can celebrate this day with family, close friends, and anyone who values your love and affection.

Here are a few ways that singles can enjoy Valentine's Day:

Spoil yourself: Buy yourself flowers, cards, or candy. Go to the spa. Take the opportunity to dress up and wear a new outfit you have been saving for a special occasion.

Party with friends: Plan a “singles’ party.” You can even organize dinner and a movie with a few close friends.

Express your appreciation of loved ones: Instead of being upset about being alone on Valentine's Day, tell your coworkers, friends, parents, or anyone dear to you how much you love and appreciate them.



Think positively: There is no need to have a pity party. At least you do not have to worry about buying expensive gifts.

Silent Art Auction

East Georgia will host a silent art auction in the Student Art Gallery in the JAM Student Center on the Swainsboro campus on Tuesday, February 17. The preview begins at 5 p.m., and the auction will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

EGSC Hosts Blood Drive



There will be a Sheppard 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, about 4 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 attempt in college, I am no stranger to failure. This past fall at the age of 28 and as the father of a five-year-old son, I decided that it was time for me to go back to school. 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 did not overwhelm myself. However, I still ended up having to withdraw from one before midterm. This was my own fault because I did not manage my time properly, but to be honest, I did not really know how. I got over having 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 two of the days I have classes, so trust me when I tell you that the key to surviving the semester is learning how to manage our time. Make sure that, if you work full-time or even part-time as I do, you keep up with your assignments. Use the syllabus in each class to your advantage. If you have an assignment due the following week or even weeks later, do the reading and prepare for the work ahead. Also, if you have 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 class to see how it will affect aid for the next semester.

Lastly, when at school, make life all about school. Be happy that you are there and enjoy it. You are taking steps in life to better yourself, the quality of life for your children if you have them or for the next generation, and the world. Take this semester not only to teach yourself how to survive this semester but also the next and how to survive life. Set yourself in motion, and make this semester count.

How to Succeed in a Challenging New Year

by Ashley Francis, EGSC Swainsboro

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 a new beginning. 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 lengthy 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 eventually lead to an acceptance letter 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 friends to study, the answer is simple: start a study group with your friends. Even if you are not taking 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 nothing wrong with 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 just get 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 do it. Make spring semester the best one yet!

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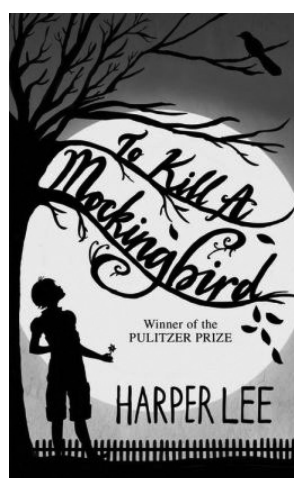
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To Kill a Mockingbird Performance Scheduled for Feb. 1

To Kill a Mockingbird, a play by Christopher Sergel adapted from the novel by Harper Lee, will be performed at 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1, in the Luck Flanders Gambrell Auditorium on the EGSC Swainsboro campus. This performance is sponsored by the Emanuel Arts Council, the Averitt Center for the Arts, and the National Players. Tickets are \$15 per person; for more information, please call 478.237.6426.



BYRD HONORED BY ACCG

The Board of Managers of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia has unanimously named EGSC Professor of Political Science Roger Byrd to the Board of Directors of the Civic Affairs Foundation. ACCG, Georgia's county association, believes that government is most effective when citizens understand its role and function and are involved in the community. For these reasons, the Association established the Civic Affairs Foundation in 2006 in order to foster civic engagement and increase public awareness of the role and value of county government programs and services.



The need in America for this work is acute as citizens grow increasingly distant from their own government and lose recognition of the critical roles they play in contributing to a healthy and civil society.

ACCG Civic Affairs Foundation programs provide a variety of civic engagement experiences for students across Georgia from high school through graduate school. These programs offer students a chance to learn practice-based lessons about where they live and how they can make a difference in their communities through public service.

In making the announcement ACCG Executive Director Ross King said "We are thrilled to have Professor Roger Byrd join this vitally important Foundation Board and look forward to his active participation."

See you there! Events at EGSC

- January 31..... EGSC Women's Basketball (WBB) vs. Georgia Perimeter.....2:00 p.m.
- January 31..... EGSC Men's Basketball (MBB) vs. Georgia Perimeter.....4:00 p.m.
- February 2..... Shepard Community Blood Drive: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Mobile Unit at Tennis Courts
- February 3..... Retro Jam in the Atrium at EGSC Statesboro11:00 a.m.
- February 3..... Vision Series "The Glenn Miller Band", LFG Auditorium7:00 p.m.
- February 6..... EGSC Baseball vs. Chattanooga State2:00 p.m.
- February 7..... Softball / Baseball Opening Day Cookout 11 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- February 7..... Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Spartanburg Methodist.....1:00 p.m.
- February 7..... EGSC Baseball vs. Chattanooga State12:00 p.m.
- February 11 Black History Month Lecture with Dr. Jeff Howell4:00 p.m.
J503 Library
- February 11 EGSC WBB vs. Albany Technical College5:30 p.m.
- February 11 EGSC MBB vs. Albany Technical College7:30 p.m.
- February 14 EGSC MBB vs. South Georgia State College.....4:00 p.m.
- February 17 Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Darton State College1:00 p.m.
- February 18 EGSC WBB vs. Atlanta Metro State College5:30 p.m.
- February 18 EGSC MBB vs. Atlanta Metro State College.....7:30 p.m.
- February 22 Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Louisburg College1:00 p.m.
- February 28 Candace Canady Memorial Scholarship 5K & Fun Run8:00 a.m.
- February 28 Vision Series "Sherman's March Tour"9:00 a.m.
- February 28 Lady Bobcats Softball vs. Florida State-Jacksonville1:00 p.m.
- February 28 Miss EGSC 2015 Pageant – LFG Auditorium7:00 p.m.

PROFESSOR STRICKLAND NOMINATED FOR AWARD

Professor David Strickland was recently nominated for the leading national award for student success curricular development and program management sponsored by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition located at the University of South Carolina. The award recognizes outstanding work



with first-year students and his nomination attests to the respect and admiration that Professor Strickland has gained "while working in creative ways to enhance the academic success of first-year students". Professor Strickland was a runner up for the award and is included on the "honor roll" of practitioners in the field. He will be recognized for his nomination during the 34th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience in Dallas, Texas, February 7-10, 2015.

Dr. Lee Cheek, Dean of the Social Sciences, commends the nomination of Professor Strickland, noting that "Strickland's scholarship in the field of student success and enhancement has now received the national recognition it deserves. East Georgia State College is blessed to be the recipient of his diligent academic labors on a daily basis--and not only has he received this high honor, he continues to serve our students and insure their academic success by engaging in research to advance his work"

Professor Strickland is Director of the Student Success Program and an Associate Professor of Sociology at East Georgia State College (EGSC). He is co-author of a freshman orientation course textbook at EGSC: College Success: A Concise Practical Guide (formerly Student Success), now going into its seventh edition. The first year experience textbook has been adopted at over 25 institutions in over 20 states and an adoption in Nigeria, Africa. He is also co-author of an introductory sociology textbook (My Sociology, now in its second edition). He has been a pioneer in the area of online instruction and served as co-author for the e-Core version of Introduction to Sociology, which has been used by the University of Georgia throughout its thirty-four institutions. In addition to writing, Professor Strickland has taught college courses full time for more than nineteen years. Regarding the topic of orientation to college, Professor Strickland credits some of his insights to the fact that he—like a large number of his students—was a first-generation college graduate.

GSU Sun Belt Conference Champions Visit EGSC for AAMI

Five students from Georgia Southern University's Football team presented words of advice on success at the End of the Semester Reception for the East Georgia State College students that are in the African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Program. The event was held on campus at EGSC in the Fulford Learning Center on December 3, 2014.

Ryan Nowicki #49 (Placekicker) ia junior, Sport Management major , spoke about ways to remove obstacles to become a winner. Manrey Saint-Amour #75 (Offensive line) a senior, General Studies major provided tips on what to do if you fail at anything in life (whether it's on the field or in the classroom). His presentation also provided advice on how to pick yourself up when things go wrong. Andy Kwon #60 (Offensive line) a sophomore, Sport Management major shared his story about being of Asian descent and having a passion to play football. Although his parents were supportive, they lacked knowledge of and did not really understand why he had such a love for the game. Andy discussed what to do when it comes to time management; how to prioritize balancing athletics and academics. Patrick Flowe #48 (Linebacker), Health & Physical Education major explained how he defined good sportsmanship. "Toward the end of the championship game, Matt (Dobson #7) had an awesome play and as a result of his interception we won the championship game. When the game was completely over, Matt went to the guys on the other team and congratulated them for playing so well. In my opinion, that is what sportsmanship is all about." Matt Dobson #7 (Safety) a junior Health and Physical Education major was the last to speak. He shared a personal story of how college can be challenging. He encouraged students to take advantage of the resources that are available and use them to improve their GPA and overall college experience.

The administrators, faculty, staff, and students from East Georgia State College were very impressed by the presentation and thanked them for coming to East Georgia.

EGSC President Bob Boehmer ended the evening by thanking the guests for attending and presenting. In his remarks he emphasized the importance of community. That evening, EGSC AAMI administrators, faculty, staff, and students, GSU football players, Mr. Barry Young and several Swainsboro High School students were all represented. Dr. Boehmer made the point that it takes a solid, committed group to make programs work – whether it is a football program or a program like the African American Male Initiative, a committed community is vital. With AAMI over the past year, progress has been consistent because of the commitment of the community of stakeholders.

Deborah Kittrell-Mikell serves as the Director of AAMI Swainsboro campus while Antre' Drummer serves as the Director of AAMI Statesboro.



Matt Dobson and AAMI participant

Jordyn Nail Appointed as Interim Director of EGSC Augusta

East Georgia State College President Bob Boehmer is pleased to announce the appointment of Jordyn Nail as interim director of EGSC Augusta effective 1/12/2015.

Nail, a native of Swainsboro, is a 2009 graduate of Georgia Southern University with a Bachelors Degree in Math. While at GSU, she was a valuable role – year member of the Eagles Softball team. Nail then began her teaching and coaching career at Swainsboro High School. She became a member of the EGSC faculty as a math instructor and Lady Bobcats softball coach in 2010. The establishment of the new Academic Center for Excellence offered the opportunity for Nail to transition as the Director of Learning Support in Spring, 2012. She earned her Master's Degree in Math from Georgia Southern in May, 2014.

According to Nail, "A key element of our current mission is to successfully prepare students for transfer to other USG institutions. In Augusta, we extend educational opportunities for students in the region, contribute to workforce development, and increase the rate of academic success among students. I am excited and thankful for the opportunity to further EGSC's mission and build upon the success of Dr. Jeff Edgens. I especially look forward to

collaborating with Georgia Regents University, Assistant Director of EGSC Augusta, Nick Kelch, and Director of EGSC Statesboro, Caroline McMillian, to continue the growth and development of EGSC Augusta and its impact on Richmond and the surrounding counties."

Dr. Jeff Edgens, the first director of EGSC Augusta, is moving to an administrative position with Thomas University in Thomasville. He has played a vital role in the growth of the EGSC program in Augusta since it began in 2013.

EGSC Augusta students are able to use GRU classrooms on the Summerville campus. They are issued a



Georgia Regents University ID card which entitles them to use the GRU library, recreation center and some of the food services that Georgia Regents offers.

After 30 semester hours and 2.3 GPA, students may transfer to Georgia Regents University. To make the transfer process as seamless as possible, transfer sessions are hosted to aid with the move to GRU. This option gives students the best of both worlds.

GLENN MILLER ORCHESTRA WILL PERFORM AT EGSC

Travel back in time with East Georgia State College and the Vision Series Committee as we remember the 40's with the Glenn Miller Orchestra on Tuesday evening, February 3, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Luck Flanders Gambrell Center on campus. Sponsored by the Vision Series, a privately funded initiative that underwrites academic and cultural enrichment programs at East Georgia State College, the concert is free and open to the public.

Join us on this magical evening as we listen to arrangements of "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "A String of Pearls," "Rhapsody in Blue," and many others, by the world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra. Owned and operated by Glenn Miller Productions, Inc., under license from the Miller Estate, this orchestra has the sole and exclusive right to use the Glenn Miller Orchestra name. They are a fully self-contained group consisting of the musical director, five saxophone players, four trumpeters, four trombonists, and three rhythm musicians (piano, bass and drums). Also, there are two vocalists, one male and one female, who perform individually and as part of The Moonlight Serenaders vocal group.

Although the concert is a free Vision Series event, seating is limited, so come early for your best seating opportunity. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Elizabeth Gilmer at East Georgia State College, 478-289-2037 with any questions.

ATHLETES' SPOTLIGHT

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 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."



Interesting Fact:

The original issue of *The Hoopee Bird* included the 1974 Emanuel County Junior College Basketball schedule. The season opened with a game against Starland Dairies, and all games were played in the Gumlog Elementary School Gym in Swainsboro.