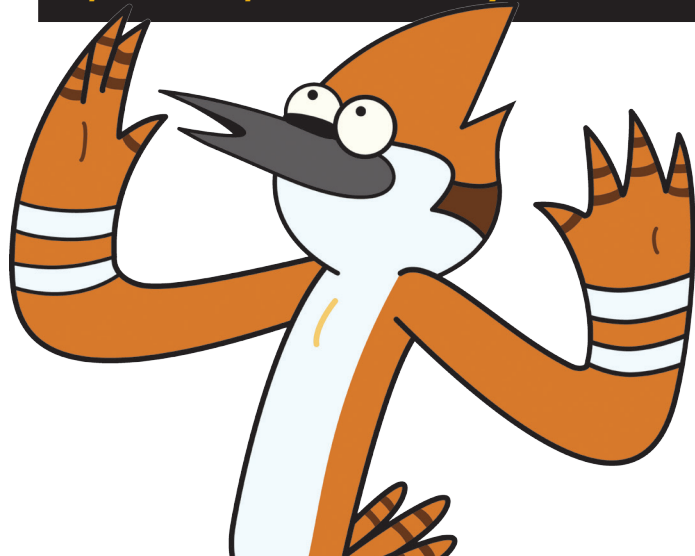


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DR. BOEHMER SHOWS OFF HIS SKILLS ON THE COURT

Boehmer to "lace 'em up" for EGSC Men's Bball in 2017

by APRIL FURST, EGSC Swainsboro

It is a well-known fact that Dr. Robert Boehmer loves athletics, but what is not well known is that he is still very passionate about playing basketball. For those who have been fortunate enough to catch glimpses of him shooting after home ball games, we have been the first to witness the greatness that will hopefully be a part of the upcoming basketball season.

On the subject, Coach Jordan had this to say, "I saw Dr. Boehmer shooting after a tough game at home and I said to him 'I ain't know you could shoot it like that; we could have used you tonight!'"

Maybe this is what sparked Dr. Boehmer's inquiry, but rumors began to swirl and it has just been confirmed that Robert G. Boehmer is moving closer towards pursuing his dream of playing college hoops for the same college he presides over.

Right now the details have not been ironed out but look very soon for Dr. Boehmer to trade in his wing tips for high tops and his wrist watch for wrist bands.



DR. BOEHMER READY TO GET IN THE GAME

Dr. Boehmer had this to say, "We'll see... I still love the game so we'll see."

He went on to say, "I was one of the first to be called 'Kamikaze Kid', playing for Coach Harter... I still remember taking Greg (Ballard) and Stu (Jackson) to the rim, they couldn't stop me. Had it not been for an altercation with Ron (Lee) I would have been on the team that beat #1 UCLA, who were led by Hall of Famer, Bill Walton and the legendary

Coach Wooden."

Due to a difference in the NCAA rules at the time, since Dr. Boehmer did not officially play that year, his eligibility clock never started ticking.

"Jenkins isn't Coldren but I think he could average 10 assists or more if he can get it to me in rhythm."

Said Boehmer about next year's team, "I'm looking forward to it!" Yes sir, Dr. Boehmer, we are too!

East Georgia State College to institute new curfew

by TERRY BULL, EGSC Swainsboro

As of April 10, 2017, East Georgia State College is initiating a curfew for the on-campus students. Lock in will begin at 8 p.m. and the police officer's patrol through the halls at 8:30 p.m. On the weekend curfew starts at 9:30 p.m. and patrol is at 10 p.m.

All visitors must be off campus before curfew unless permission to spend the night is granted. Furthermore, to keep campus traffic at a minimal, leaving after curfew will not be allowed.

All emergencies should be reported to the EGSC Police Department, and an escort will be provided if needed. Any student who is not present during

patrol will not be able to graduate nor attend any school events.

However, these sanctions can be reversed with the option of writing a research paper. The topic will be assigned by Alan Brasher at his discretion; therefore, think twice before missing curfew.

The new policy will also be posted on D2L as a reminder before it goes into effect. Afterwards it is your responsibility to remember to be in your room. Please remember the new dormitory rules are only to protect East Georgia's student life, and ensure organized living.



STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BE IN THEIR ROOMS BY 8 P.M.

EGSC faculty supports National Costume Day with letter grade bonus!

by SUMMER HOLIDAY, EGSC Swainsboro

On April 14, 2017, students who dress up from head to toe in recognizable costumes will receive a letter grade bonus in certain and specific classes. Although National Costume Day rotates based on a social media algorithm, East Georgia State College will be doing their very own version of this special day with an added incentive. Students who dress up and gather in the quad on April 14 at 2 p.m. for a picture will receive a letter grade bonus.

East Georgia State College students, reach into your closet and pull out

your old Halloween costumes or create a new one, because it's time to dress up for an academic come up! Yes, you read it clearly. You now have an opportunity to step out of character and be someone or something that expresses who you are.

Come out on the quad dressed for the occasion in celebration of this special holiday, and your final grade at the end of the semester will be bumped up an entire letter grade.

Please come to the help desk between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to sign in and show us your costume.

Also, be prepared to give a cool slogan that

represents your costume. A great example would be to dress up as Wendy Williams, and the slogan would be "How you doing?"

We are excited to see what the East Georgia student body looks like out of the ordinary. Do remember to dress appropriately. Don't procrastinate and be plain Jane on Costume Day!

Take the initiative to better your academic semester and have a little fun while doing so.

For information regarding the bonus/incentive to dress up please contact us at HoopeeBird-EGSC@gmail.com

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THE ALLEGED "CREATURE IN THE POND"

Creature in Ezra Pond?

by CRYSTAL WATERS, EGSC Swainsboro

After numerous sightings have been confirmed, it has been discovered that there is indeed an animal resembling the Loch Ness Monster living in the lake next to the gym on campus. Please be careful when near and definitely, at all costs, avoid going in to Ezra Pond.

The creature was first spotted when two students were fishing for fun in the gazebo by the lake. Believing that have caught a rather large fish, two students—who have asked to remain anonymous because of the college's policy on not eating the fish caught from the pond—tried to pull it in until something jumped out of the water.

"I let the pole go!" exclaimed the student. "I thought it was a gator or something, but it was huge!"

That was only the beginning. Another student claimed to have witnessed a cat pulled into the pond that was never seen again, while others have seen a shadowy silhouette swimming under the surface.

There have been sightings of such creatures for centuries, including the infamous Monster that inhabits Loch Ness, a lake in the Scottish Highlands. In some cases, these sightings have been classified as hoaxes, but, in others, the irrefutable evidence of the animals has left those searching for a glimpse anxious and willing to go to great lengths to see this private creature.

Is it possible that a seemingly prehistoric aqua-dragon could exist? Not to mention the possibility that this rarest of creatures could have made its home on our campus?

This concept may seem farfetched but, Dr. Donald Avery, Vice President for Student Affairs at EGSC, knows that it is a more logical and feasible than some might assume.

Dr. Avery told us about a visit from Lee Berger, who is an acclaimed National Geographic Explorer and famed paleoanthropologist.

"Many people don't know this, but when Lee Berger visited the campus several years back, he had an egg with him," said Dr. Avery. "Now, he would not specify what was in the egg, per se, but he did say it was very special and that if he could bury it in our pond, we would have something that would be a benefit to our college."

Years later, Dr. Avery is convinced that we now have our very own "Ezra Pond Monster."

"Not only have I seen 'Ezzie' [the name Dr. Avery has given the creature], but I have also been responsible for feeding him," Dr. Avery informed us.

Once word gets out of what East Georgia has on its campus, we may very well become the subject of national talk as well as becoming an international destination for travelers and scholars alike!



DR. AVERY CLAIMS TO FEED "EZZIE"

Nutritional awareness comes to EGSC

by EATON WRIGHT & CHRIS P. BACON, EGSC Swainsboro

East Georgia State College is going to be one of 17 colleges in support of a national movement to change the diets of on-campus students through the meal plans they provide.

Sugar-free alternatives will completely replace items containing sugar, steamed vegetables will replace fried menu items, and fried chicken will no longer be served.

While it is a well-known fact that everyone loves the delicious fried chicken in the cafeteria, it is time for East Georgia to be healthier. East Georgia State College is joining a new group on the cutting edge of developing a menu with options consisting of vegetables, wheat, water and other healthy choices.

It is said that one out of every eight Americans is obese. Why continue to uphold such a status when a simple change can be made?

As a college, we will begin eating right beginning April 19, 2017; this will officially be the last day of an unhealthy

lifestyle. All food must be purchased from the campus café, cafeteria, or coffee shop if it is to be enjoyed on campus. And all students must purchase a meal plan that provides at least one meal a day.

Outside food such as Zaxby's, El Valle, Taco Bell, Burger King and all other off-campus restaurants must be enjoyed off campus. Also, to fight the cause, we will be establishing Cat-Aerobics: A step-by-step exercise catalog for the Fall 2017 semester which each student must complete.

More information will be posted on the EGSC website and in *The Hoop-ee Bird* Fall semester.

As citizens of this great nation, it is time to put aside the grease and sugar and start building a greener future!

While America is becoming great again, we should be doing something similar for our bodies. Do not be afraid to fall in love with asparagus and okra, because a better you will be the reward.

Make your bodies great again!



POLITICIANS SIGN OFF ON HEALTH PLAN

goodreads @ EGSC LIBRARY

GoodReads: Pick one up today!

by EGSC Library Staff

Matilda by Roald Dahl [★★★★]

Little girl bullies evil headmistress with school supplies.

Hamlet by William Shakespeare [★★★★★]

A man fakes insanity in an unsuccessful strategy to solve family issues.

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald [★★★★]

A rich man throws elaborate parties and reaches for a green light.

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway [★★★★★]

Old fisherman hangs out on his boat for a really long time.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain [★★★★]

Boy and friend ride a raft down a river.



HAVE YOU SEEN IT?



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EGSC partnering with Apple for new Smart Merchandise

by EARL E. BYRD, EGSC Swainsboro
 Apple plans to test out new smart merchandise at a few select colleges and East Georgia State College will be one of them. In the fall, for the agreement to use the data collected from a group of students, you can be one of 300 students to test out Apple's new iBag, iSweater, and iPanic.

Each of these three items is equipped to assist the user with daily functions. The user interface built into the devices will provide new and innovative opportunities to experience the college life.

The iSweater for example, will have a built-in body camera that will enable the wearer to record videos for vari-



THE NEW iSWEATER

ous reasons and connect those videos directly to the user's social media or online accounts. The iSweater will also feature a downloadable app that allows you to download other sweater templates. Some of these templates will be free, while other high-end brands will cost, but the entire look of the sweater will be able to change based on one simple touch. The product line will eventually include a tank top, t-shirt, or hoodie option, and is made of moisture-wicking, waterproof material. The camera module is removable for easy clean up.

The iBag, which will specifically be for college students, will alert its owner to class and scheduling concerns. You will also be able to program your iBag to have your book and notebook ready when you walk into class. You can also set reminders in the iBag to make sure that you have all of your materials for class, including papers, quizzes, writing utensils, calculators, art supplies and more, depending on your needs. The iBag is available in crossbody purse, backpack, messenger bag and clutch options.

The iPanic, however, stands to be the thing that will do the most good on a college campus: a tool to help you not only remember when your assignments are due, but help you when



iBag

TEST OUT THE iBAG

you're stuck on an assignment the night before you have to turn it in. The iPanic allows students to order takeout (including coffee!), locks Netflix and other entertainment options on their computers, and sets a wake up alarm to keep you from drifting off if your typing slows down significantly.

The iPanic will also prompt students with different resources and reminders, asking such things as "did you do the citations page?" or "don't forget to change your title to a real title, not just the placeholder you stuck there to get your creativity going." It will even alert you to when you have forgotten to expand on sections marked "blah

blah blah expand later" before you send them to your professor!

Mike Roundtree, the Vice-President for Information Technology, believes this is another great opportunity but was unsure how East Georgia was selected.

"Frankly, I don't know why they chose us, but I'm super glad they did," said Roundtree. "This will be a great opportunity for the college and our students!"

Students who are interested or would like more information should sign up or inquire at the help desk in the Jean Anderson Morgan Student Activity Center. Because there are a limited number of packages, students will receive a ticket and must pay attention to the school website and their emails for the winning numbers.



THE iPANIC MAY BE A HIT

Prized rodent lost on campus; \$500,000 Reward Offered

by JOE KING, EGSC Swainsboro

The American Fancy Rat & Mouse Association (AFRMA) and his owner, Dr. James Burkhart are offering a combined \$500,000 reward for Burkhart's prize winning rat, Mr. Templeton. The rodent was last seen during an event at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center on EGSC's Swainsboro campus Thursday, March 16, 2017.

It is thought that Mr. Templeton was spooked by the appearance of Bob the Bobcat, the mascot of our college. Instead of helping to look for him, the guests for the event panicked at the thought of a loose rat rather than assisting in locating the lovable little guy.

"It really is tragic, but I am sure that we will find him with the help of students," said Dr. Burkhart. "It's just really unfortunate that I have so many other requirements, otherwise I would be canvassing the campus until I find him."

Mr. Templeton has been in several magazines after winning three competitions including the AFRMA's Best Critter Award. He is a very valuable sire as his offspring sell for more than



MR. TEMPLETON WENT MISSING FROM THE FULFORD CENTER, SHOWN ABOVE

\$1,500 each because he is from a long bloodline of champion rats.

"Most people don't even know that these competitions exist or that so many people are concerned with the bloodline of what most consider a common household pest," said Dale Taylor, who is the vice-president of AFRMA. He guarantees that ratteries nationwide pay top dollar to breed with Mr. Templeton.

During the event on campus, audiences applauded as the rodent showcased his smarts and ability to do vari-

ous tricks on command. We witnessed him doing circles as his owner said, "doughnuts" calmly, and stand on his hind legs with his forepaws clasped when Dr. Burkhart said "pray."

While it is possible that Mr. Templeton could have gotten out of the Sudie A. Fulford Center, he has experience in the wild. Dr. Burkhart said he is attracted to the jingling of keys, so if you would like the reward, please make sure you jingle your keys on campus and keep your eyes open!



ZOMBIE OR STUDENT LEAVING EXAMS?

Zombies???

by ANITA GRAVES, EGSC Swainsboro

Reports have been flooding in of strange noises in the woods at night and shadows darting across the quad. What are they? Could it be zombies?

While there are only fleeting photos for proof, it is possible that zombies could be present on campus. Not to be mistaken for students and staff who have yet to visit Common Grounds for their first cup of coffee, these shuffling shapes have been seen to chase

the campus's ever-present herd of deer (which can usually be spotted by the Nature Trail) and is responsible for the lack of stray cats on campus as well.

Cold and flu season hit pretty hard this year, and allergy season came right on its heels... Could the ever-changing weather patterns be responsible for a mutating sickness that turned a simple cough into a need for brains?

If you notice your friends starting to crave brains, groan uncontrollably, lose their ability to speak, or begin to shuffle when they walk, please quarantine them and contact *The Hoopee Bird* so that we can gather photographic evidence of this phenomenon!

Make sure that your friend didn't just get out of an exam or a particularly difficult lab session before shutting them in a closet, however! Zombies and undercaffeinated, over-worked college students sometimes have more in common than you'd think!



HAVE YOU SEEN MR. TEMPLETON?

HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED?

CRAVING FOR BRAINS?

UNCONTROLLABLE GROANING?

DIFFICULTY SPEAKING?

SHUFFLING WALK?

HAVE YOU SEEN BOB?

Bob the Bobcat, EGSC's loveable mascot, has not been seen since an outdoor event a few weeks ago. It is possible that Bob was **abducted by aliens.**



BOB, COME HOME!

**CONTACT THE HOOPEE BIRD WITH ANY LEADS!
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by JUSTIN CASE, EGSC Swainsboro

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Any semblance of veracity is purely coincidental.

Please be advised, these are not intended to be true accounts.

HAPPY APRIL FOOLS DAY!