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EGSC'S NEW RESIDENCE HALL, BOBCAT VILLAS - WEST, UNDER CONSTRUCTION

EGSC has new residence hall available Fall 2016 in Swainsboro

East Georgia State College is on track to open a new 212-bed residence hall, Bobcat Villas - West, in Fall 2016 as planned.

The University System of Georgia selected to build and manage the residence through a new Public-Private Partnership initiative with Corvias Campus Living. Such a partnership allows the college to keep down costs.

East Georgia State College broke ground for the new resident hall May 6, 2015. The construction schedule has been met so that the 53 – 4 bedroom compartments is scheduled to open in Fall of 2016, as planned.

Students will have access to WiFi technology as well as an integrated security system designed to keep students and property safe. Students will also enjoy designated spaces for gathering

and socializing or studying.

Amenities include basic furniture such as bed, television, chair, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher. The amenities are included in the price, which is 2,812 dollars per semester.

Rooms are reserved through an application process on a first come, first served basis. Students must complete the application process and

pay the fees before they are allowed to take possession of their living quarters. Financial Aid can be used to help with housing and meal plan charges, but not with the application fee and the security deposit.

If you are interested in a tour, contact the Director of Housing Missie Roberson at 478-289-2172, Fax: 478-419-1003 or by email at housing@ega.edu.



DORM LIFE AT EGSC

Live on campus for the real college experience

by KESHAUNA JONES, EGSC Swainsboro

When I graduated from high school, I didn't know what to expect. College has definitely been an inspiring journey for me so far. I have learned so many things about life and being on my own. There is no such thing as an easy road in life, and college helps you prepare for the road ahead. Living on campus takes this to the next level: you meet new people, experience different things and have freedom that you did not have in high school.

Living on campus allows you to experience totally new things. You grow as you make new friends and build relationships. My cousin even met her husband in college. Living on campus your freshman year

gives you the full college experience. Only when you live across the hall from some of your classmates can you really understand the character and struggles of your peers.

Dorm life also offers a gateway into the real world. You experience life without your parents. Being on your own highlights how responsible you have to be and how your parents have prepared you for life on your own. Also, in time, it will show how well you can uphold your morals and values.

The college experience overall happens when you meet your roommates, new classmates and peers from all over the world. It's definitely an inspiring experience, and I'm enjoying every minute of it.

Don't see red; get registered instead!

by TABITHIA ROSS, Assistant Registrar

Take a moment to fast-forward to the first of August. You have just returned to campus following a great summer. You spent a couple of weeks volunteering at a youth camp, a week at the beach with family and even found time to hang out with Grandma. You stroll into your advisor's office ready to take on fall semester and register. There are two critical classes that you need to take in order to graduate on time this semester. Not so fast, Sonny! Your advisor halts you at the door, "I'm sorry, but those two classes you need to take this fall semester filled up over the summer. We had five orientation sessions and registered a record number of students! It is going to be spring before we can get you in to the subjects you need."

spreading the word to your relatives of your impending graduation.

The only thought that crosses your mind is "What is she going to say?"

In recent years, the Registrar's Office has expanded the early registration period in an effort to get more currently enrolled students registered before the onslaught of new student orientations taking place in the summer for the fall semester. All too often, despite months of open registration, students still wait until two or three days before the start of the semester to try to "get a good schedule," and let's not even mention the students registering during the drop/add period. Open registration is a time when current students have the best pick of all the class meeting times, locations and professors. If you wait until the "late

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CLASSES ARE FILLING UP FAST registration" period, for either summer or fall term, you may wind up paying for a class that doesn't even fit into your major, not to mention an additional \$40 late registration fee. East Georgia State College is the most affordable institution in the state, but if you start paying for classes you don't need, you are wasting precious time

and money. Don't miss the opportunity to register when summer and fall class registration is open during late March and April!

Schedule an appointment with your advisor as soon as possible to get the best return on your financial investment.

Now, back to planning one awesome summer!

Venturing Crew proposed at EGSC

The Boy Scouts of America's Georgia-Carolina Council is pleased to announce that a newly proposed Venturing Crew at East Georgia State College is seeking students interested in serving the community while experiencing high-adventure in an outdoor club setting.

Venturing, a BSA program for young men and women up to age 20, focuses on the outdoors, arts, hobbies, sports, religious life, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics).

Venturing gives young adults challenging, exciting adventures such

as scuba diving, cycling tours, climbing, and rappelling, and hobbies that include shooting sports, community service projects, living history, video gaming and more.

Although outdoor activities are a major part of Venturing, the program also features life skills like leadership development, public speaking, interviewing, and mentoring.

To join or receive more information, send Benjamin Porter a text message or email with your name and contact information to (912)682-3428 or benjaminporter4@gmail.com.

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A LESSON BEFORE DYING

BY ERNEST J. GAINES

READ IT NOW BEFORE CONVOCATION:

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016



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 April 11

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GoodReads for March

by EGSC Library Staff

Check out one of these books from the EGSC Library that we have recently reviewed on Goodreads. To see more recommendations, visit our page at <https://www.goodreads.com/EGSCLibrary>.

Looking for a book that we don't have? Let us know, and we can order it for you from another library for free.

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng ★★★★★

"Lydia is dead. But they don't know this yet." This sentence opens Ng's beautifully written novel that explores the circumstances of a high-achieving teenage girl's death. Only by examining everyone else in her life from her father and his first generation Chinese-American roots, to her mother's prom-

ising career put aside for motherhood, to the unique pressures of family expectations does the reader begin to understand who Lydia really was and how she died.

For fans of *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold and *Cartwheel* by Jennifer DuBois.

Humans of New York: Stories by Brandon Stanton ★★★★★

From the popular Facebook page of the same name (with 12 million followers!), this book is a new collection of unseen photos taken by Brandon Stanton whose goal is to take a complete photographic census of New York. This book includes a fresh set of faces and newer, longer stories.

For fans of *PostSecret* by Frank Warren and *Hy-*

perbole and a Half by Allie Brosh.

The iZombie Omnibus by Chris Roberson, Michael and Laura Allred ★★★★★

This complete comic book detective series stars a female zombie who works in a cemetery to feed her appetite. With each brain she consumes, though, she also takes on the personality of the deceased. With her friends, a werewolf, some vampires, a ghost, and a mummy; she uses her newly acquired powers to solve murders, right wrongs, and help out the newly dead.

For fans of *Fables* by Bill Willingham and *iZombie* (TV show).

Have a book to recommend? Email us at library@ega.edu, or stop by and tell us!

Edited by Margie E. Burke

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HOW TO SOLVE:

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(Answer appears elsewhere in this issue)

The Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Bottom line
5 Petty malice
10 Aquarium growth
14 School founded in 1701
15 Knight's "suit"
16 Frost lines
17 Organ knob
18 W.C. Fields persona
19 French door part
20 Churchill's "____ Finest Hour"
22 Get into
23 Like days of yore
24 Alluring
27 Whistle blower?
30 Roped by all fours
31 Venomous snake
34 With intensity
36 Layered
38 Prepare to fire again
39 Faze
40 Type of bypass surgery
42 Long letter
43 Wallet bill
44 Leak stopper
46 Bamboo
47 Sign of things to come
49 Girder material
52 "____, humbug!"
53 Pass-the-baton race
57 Word sung on 12/31
58 Shish ____

DOWN

1 Dermatologist's concern
2 Solemn vow
3 ____ gin fizz
4 Not so hot
5 Calendar abbr.
6 Early online service
7 Bring in
8 Hammer slantingly
9 "To ____ is human ..."
10 Big name in computers
11 Amount of work
12 Characteristic carrier
13 Call from the flock
21 Warm-up at the Belasco
23 Raphael or Rembrandt
25 Platoon member
26 Demeanor
27 What a hold holds
28 Neptune's domain
29 Beat
31 Bit of high jinks
32 Artillery burst
33 Spruce up
35 Youngster
37 "____ alive!"
41 Sauerkraut, essentially
42 Virility
45 Apt
47 Ambiguous statement
48 Musical show
49 Get smart
50 Yellowfin, e.g.
51 Exuberance
54 Mona ____
55 Allege
56 Ball material
58 Connections
59 Part of EGBDF

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National
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See you there!

EVENTS AT EGSC

- Mar 19 – Apr 30...Smithsonian Exhibit
Hometown Teams, Library,
Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Mar 31....AAMI Basketball game, gym, 6 p.m.
- Apr 1....First Friday at The Morgan House, 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 2....Softball Game vs. ABAC, Double Header, 2 p.m.
- Apr 3....Library open 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Apr 4 - 8....Spring Break, Augusta campus
- Apr 4....Intramural Basketball, Gym, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
...Poetry Month Program, Library, 4 p.m.
- Apr 5....Intramural Basketball, Gym, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Apr 6...Job Fair, Swainsboro, Gym, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Apr 7...Softball Game vs. GMC, Double Header, 2 p.m.
- Apr 8...Intramural Basketball, Gym, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
...Baseball Game vs. Gordon College, 4 p.m.
- Apr 9...Baseball Game vs. Gordon College, Double Header, 12 p.m.
...Softball Game vs. Andrew College, Double Header, 2 p.m.
- Apr 11...Intramural Basketball, Gym, 3 p.m.
...Poetry Month Program, Library, 4 p.m.
- Apr 12...Transfer Tuesday, JAM Center, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
...Intramural Basketball, Gym, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Apr 14...Baseball Game vs. ABAC, 3 p.m.
- Apr 15...Intramural Basketball, Gym, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Apr 16...Baseball Game vs. ABAC, Double Header, 1 p.m.
- Apr 18...Intramural Basketball, Gym, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
...Poetry Month Program, Library, 4 p.m.
- Apr 19...Baseball Game vs. Andrew College, 3 p.m.
- Apr 21...Honors Night, Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- Apr 22...Works In Progress, Statesboro, Doors open at 7 p.m.
- Apr 25...Poetry Month Program, Library, 4 p.m.

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Solution to Crossword

Solution to Sudoku

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STUDENT VOICES: CAMPUS CARRY

Georgia passes ‘campus carry’ bill legalizing guns at colleges

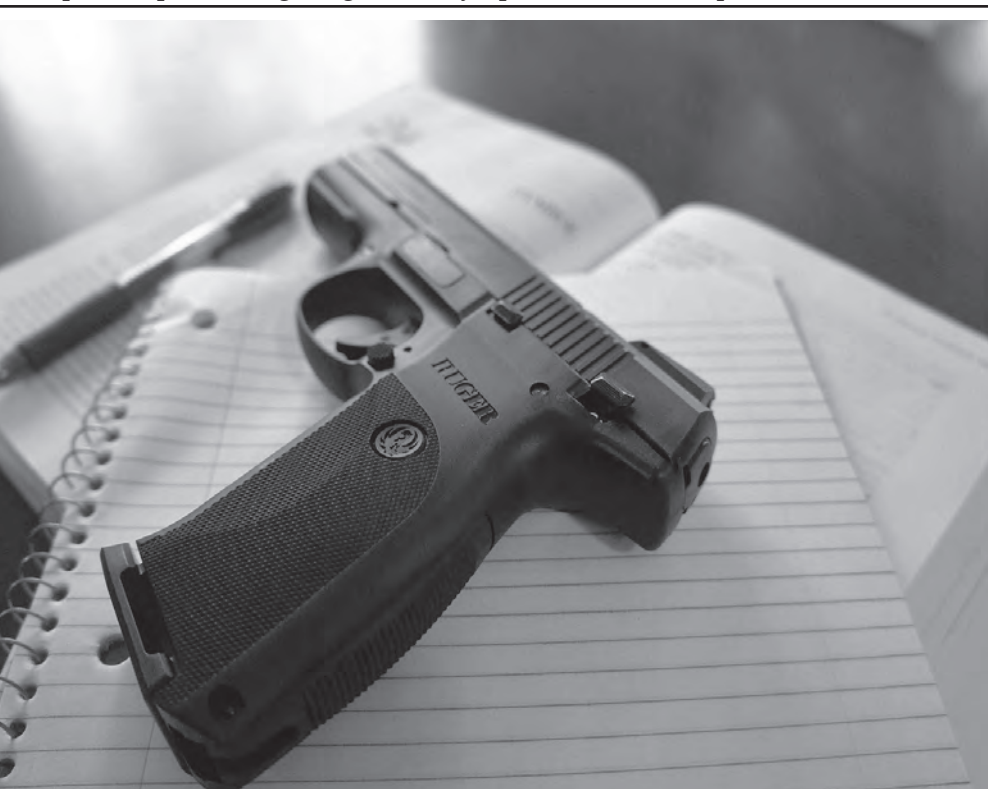
by KRISTINA TORRES, *The Atlanta Journal Constitution*
 The Georgia Senate on Friday gave final passage to a bill that for the first time would legalize firearms on all public colleges in Georgia, following an emotional two-hour floor debate over the wisdom of letting students carry concealed guns on campus. House Bill 859 now goes to the desk of Gov. Nathan Deal, who with a sweep of his pen can sign

the measure into law. The legislation would allow anyone 21 or older with a weapons license to carry a gun anywhere on a public college or university campus, except for inside dormitories, fraternities and sorority houses, and at athletic events. HB 859 also would mandate that those weapons be concealed — something proponents say makes it safer — since Georgia requires gun owners to apply for gun “carry” permits that

include fingerprinting and background checks. If it becomes law, the bill would make Georgia the ninth state to allow campus carry, with nearly two dozen others allowing individual schools to decide. Supporters of the legislation have also linked their effort to the safety of students, noting events such as recent robberies at Georgia State University’s downtown Atlanta campus library that is only steps from the state Capitol.



Photo by Hyosub Shin/AJC
MARCH 11, 2016 ATLANTA - SENATOR MOTIONS TO RESOLVE DEBATE DURING THE DEBATE ON HB859



Guns don’t belong on campus

by DAMIAN DOOLEY, EGSC Swainsboro
 The very thought of people who are not police officers carrying guns on a college campus should concern everyone. Passing a law that permits concealed carry on Georgia’s college campuses is the wrong move for legislators. The real issue

for our representatives should be how to help students access college and earn degrees, not how to carry weapons on campus. Unfortunately, college students are not known for being extremely responsible, so the dangers associated with guns on campus outweigh the possible

benefit that a gun owner might stop a shooter from harming others. Every college in Georgia should come together to fight guns on campus so that we can all learn, teach, and work in an environment that doesn’t include weapons around every corner.

Guns aren’t the answer

by JARED JENNINGS, EGSC Augusta
 Campus carry is not the answer to solve campus shootings. I do believe in the second amendment right, but a school is still not a place where someone can freely car-

ry their weapon around. This is going to scare parents and not allow their children to attend certain colleges. Instead, I’d rather the student orientation class offer information for students to learn how to act and

what to do in high-stress situations. Schools can have a greater amount of security around to monitor buildings. Having extra guns around campus doesn’t make me feel safe.

Stuck on the fence

by JASMINE CALHOUN, EGSC Augusta
 As a student attending one of the many colleges now permitting concealed weapons on campus I have mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am not happy that the law has passed yet I am not upset. First, being the mother to a six-month-old little boy, I definitely do not go anywhere that I believe is unsafe; I would like to believe that

school is one of the few places I can go and not worry about my safety. Will these gun laws become looser as my son grows? It scares me that my son will grow up around guns—guns that are in school. On the other hand, I completely understand that people have the right to defend themselves no matter where they are. In fact, it can be debated that Campus Carry law

address one of the lower levels on Maslow’s Hierarchy of needs. In addition, this particular level is entitled safety and on this level, an individual should feel safe in every aspect and area of his or her life. Lastly, looking back on all of the shootings that have occurred at colleges and universities only adds to why having a weapon on campus is a positive thing.

I don’t trust it

by DYNASTY BLUE, EGSC Augusta
 Just because you own a gun, doesn’t mean that you know how to use it. Campus safety is looked at from different angles and I would expect it to be, but for young adults to have control over something that is beyond their years is crazy. Just like me, I have never been put in a situation where I needed to stand up for my side with a

weapon, so I don’t know what to expect or how to go about that kind of situation. For someone to have access to a gun, that person needs to have taken a class or attended a program of some kind to ensure that they know how, when and where to use a gun. I don’t trust gun handlers who have never been in high-stress situations. I would suppose that they don’t know

how to use it or what to look for while using a weapon. Who is to say that a gun owner might have a bad day and begin opening fire for no reason? They would just open fire anywhere without thinking about who would be affected by it. Guns can be used for protection or they could be used by irresponsible adults who just want to react to situations that do not require a reaction.

A right to safety

by ASHLEY FRANCIS, EGSC Swainsboro
 April 20, 1999, began like any other day with students saying goodbye to their parents and going to class, but Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold turned the day into one of tragedy by carrying guns onto the Columbine High School campus and killing 13 people before killing themselves. Since

then, school shootings have become more common, and it is time to take action to prevent these horrible tragedies in America. Some people say that we would be safer if guns were allowed on campus, but if we let students carry guns, the effect could be deadly. What might be simple confrontations could

escalate quickly with the presence of weapons on campus. Arming students could lead to more violence, not less. It is time for action, but solving violence with violence is not the answer. The best solution is to take the non-violent route with extra security measures to make sure guns are not brought on campus.

What do you think about guns on campus?
 Email Ashley Francis at afranci3@ega.edu or The Hoopee Bird staff at ohoopee@ega.edu.

The wolf at the door

by CORY J. GRACE, EGSC Augusta
 The door to my classroom swings open a familiar face of a fellow student stairs back at me as I glance over. I smile. The student’s face has no reply gesture as he raises a shot gun in the direction of the first row of students. I assess the situation, fall to the floor, draw my service weapon that I conceal under my shirt, and before this student fires his first shot I stop it with just one pull of my finger. But, that is not what would happen; in reality, if that were to happen today, I, along with possibly all of my classmates, would be severely wounded or dead. I was merely a sheep, with no shepard or sheepdog to protect me. As a veteran of the recent wars, I had to be trained to overcome the fear of violence. Furthermore, I had to learn how to inflict controlled violence on a combatant.

a vote of 37 for and 17 against. It still has to be signed by Gov Nathan Deal with in the next month. I am in the position for the right to carry on campus, not because I am trying to pick a side, but because I know of the true threat that faces this nation and also the world. There has been a spike in violent acts to people who have no way of protecting themselves, throughout the world. I can’t argue with the numbers. I fall in the category of the sheepdog, to reference the concept of Army Ranger, West Point psychology professor, and author, Lt Col. Dave Grossman, who explains of three types of people in the world, the sheep, the wolf, and the sheepdog. Most people are privileged sheep, happy and content, going about their lives. Then there are wolves that prey on the unsuspecting sheep, and then there are sheepdogs, the ones who spend their days protecting the sheep and fighting off the wolves. As a sheepdog, I find it hard to do what I think is right for my community if I have restriction on the tools I need to do the job.

There is no easy way to explain the taking of a life. It is not like the video games with no consequences or reproductions, not like a movie you can simply turn off. For a human to follow through with killing another human, something had to have seriously gone wrong. To kill in cold blood, as seen in recent mass killings on school grounds in this country, you have to be out of your mind, and that is exactly the case. The people that conduct these kinds of killings are mentally ill and there is no real way of predicting their actions. The day has come where we Americans have to fear an unknown monster in the mix. There is no real permanent solution to this problem that faces our citizens, yet Georgia Legislators are trying. They passed House Bill 859. Friday, March 11, HB 859 was passed with

This HB 859 will give myself and others like me the ability to provide safety for myself and others. I can only hope that cooler heads prevail and new methods of controlling the mental issues of the flock are found, so that the sheepdogs can retire to the porch to live out the remainder of their lives in peace. If you want to read a informative book on this matter, read Lt Col. Dave Grossman’s *On Killing*. He says it a lot more eloquently than I.

Guns should be allowed on campus

by JACQUELINE YEPE, EGSC Swainsboro
 Imagine that your campus was under attack by strangers who plan to destroy everyone on campus. How would you defend yourself? People should be allowed to carry guns on campus for their own protection. Having the right to bear arms is secured by the Second Amendment of the U.S.

Constitution where it states “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” Of course, this change should be accompanied by more strict requirements in order to obtain a gun license so that legalizing guns on campus will not be a critical

situation. Students and teachers should be allowed to carry them in case someone’s life is in danger. Classes on learning how to use a gun properly could be offered on campus so that students would be well informed on how to use guns, providing knowledge and increased security for everyone.

The EGSC Learning Commons is now open on Sundays! The EGSC Library is open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the A.C.E. is open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come study with us!

****Hours subject to change on holiday weekends. For the most updated schedule of Learning Commons hours, check our website****

SPORTS

"I love to win but I love to lose almost as much. I love the thrill of victory, and I also love the challenge of defeat." Lou Gehrig

The Atlanta Braves rebuilt

by COREY HIGGINS, EGSC Augusta

If you grew up in the South during the '90s there was one baseball team that you routed for: The Atlanta Braves. Their success in the '90s, winning 14 consecutive division titles, a record that still stands today, and a World Series Title in 1995, earned them the moniker, "America's Team." With an all-star cast that included John Smoltz, Tom Glavine, Greg Maddux, David Justice, and a young rookie by the name of Chipper Jones, the Atlanta Braves won their first (and currently only) World Series Title in 1995. Champs at last, Braves country was on top of the world expecting many more championships to come.

Since the end of that amazing run, the Braves have found themselves struggling to make it to October. Over the last seven seasons, the

Braves have made the playoffs only three times, and of those three trips to the post-season, they failed to advance. Moving forward into this season, the experts are saying that the Braves are predicted to have another mediocre season. With the starting rotation ranked dead last, the Atlanta Braves have to prove that they are legitimate contenders.

The Braves are rebuilding in all facets of the game. After the firing of Frank Wren, John Coppolella takes the reins as the Braves new General Manager. One of the newest editions to the Braves coaching staff is former Brave and future Hall of Famer Chipper Jones, who was just a young rookie back in 1995. Former Brave and one of the game's greatest center fielders, Andruw Jones, also joins the coaching squad.

This year brings further anticipation as the

Braves have picked up the highly sought after, and first-overall draft pick, Dansby Swanson, a Marietta High School graduate and hometown kid. Playing college baseball for Vanderbilt University, Swanson put up huge numbers and brings with him a great glove and a big bat.

According to Talkinghop.com, Fredi Gonzalez recently hinted that we might see Swanson sooner than later. Can Dansby Swanson fill the shoes of the great Andrelton Simmons, arguably the best defensive player in the majors?

The Braves have hung their hats on great pitching in years past: Smoltz's slider, Tommy's fast-ball, and Maddux's change-up. Can Julio Teheran usher in a new era of pitching dominance? With each year, Tehran's pitching is demonstrably improved, igniting the hopeful hearts of Braves Country.



Photo by Kevin Higgins

BRAVES MEMORABILIA COMMEMORATING 1995 CHAMPIONSHIP
In a recent article by David Purdum of the AJC, former Brave and Hall of Famer Tom Glavine noticed a "footprint" of the '95 Braves in this year's squad. Glavine says, "I know when I came through the minor leagues, it was a similar process to where it seemed every year they were loading up on arms in the draft and trying to rebuild the organization through the arms and add a few players along the way." Is Tehran slowly emerging as the big toe in this new "footprint"? With only a few remaining players from seasons past, the dust has not yet settled for the Atlanta Braves. When I say rebuilding in all facets of the game, this also includes the construction of a brand new ballpark. SunTrust park is currently being hammered out in preparation for the 2017 season. Located in Cobb County, with a price tag of 1.1 billion dollars, Sun Trust park should be impressive. All the pieces are here, from the top to the bottom. Will all these pieces properly fit together and be the Braves' ticket to their next World Series title?

The Masters Experience: An Augustan reflects on Masters past, looks forward to Masters future

by COREY HIGGINS, EGSC Augusta

I was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, and, growing up here, the one thing that comes around every year is the Masters, possibly one of the hardest tickets in all of sports to acquire. As a young child, I knew all about the Masters; that was a normal part of childhood, and life in general, although I never knew the enormity of the event to the rest of the world until I was a little older.

I remember the first time I stepped foot on the Augusta National Golf Club to experience the Masters tournament. The course is wrapped neatly with thick bamboo and green bushes, which keep the course hidden from outside the gates. As I walked up to the gates, I had no clue as to what I would actually be seeing. As the crowd pushed through the gates, I heard friends, family, and strangers excitedly talking about their favorite parts of the tournament and course. When I finally entered, I understood what the fuss was about: the entire compound, including the course and all of its antebellum buildings, looks like a watercolor that came from the mind of Monet.

As I walked to the course, I began to notice the greenest grass I had ever seen. Kneeling down and placing my hand on the ground, the grass felt comfy and del-

icate. As I looked closer, every blade of grass was a mirror image of the other, equivalent to a field of identical twins. The continuous field was met from time to time with an array of vibrant colors from the famous azaleas. When you think of azaleas, you think of beauty, Augusta National, and The Masters. The azaleas were in full bloom, dusted with a shining yellow cloud of fresh pollen of the mid-spring season.

Aged Georgia pines are scattered across the course, providing a picturesque contrast of sunlight and shade. One of the most iconic scenes is "Amen Corner," coming out of hole 11, through 12, and into 13. I believe that's the best venue to observe. Some of the most exciting golf takes place here at "Amen Corner."

Visiting the Augusta National golf course during The Masters is truly an experience of a lifetime; One that everyone should have on their bucket list. During the most prestigious golf tournament on the planet, the personality and character of the patrons was in absolute harmony with this new world I had discovered. Everyone enjoyed themselves and not one could ask for a better place to be that day, stress-free, as if the outside world never existed and tomorrow would surely never come. Watching the greatest golfers on the planet is truly an amaz-



HIGGINS WITH FOWLER

ing experience. I was able to see Fuzzy Zoeller's last Masters appearance with his daughter-caddie by his side. While observing some of the veterans depart I was now seeing some of the young guys coming in such as my favorite golfer Rickie Fowler.

Rickie Fowler has said, "My first years on tour, I tried to be super professional by considering the yardages to every feature and hazard. Over time my caddie and I noticed I play better when we keep it simple. Think about the distance you want the ball to fly, and only that number."

This year's Masters tournament will be unforgettable just as so many more before it. We will definitely see new history being made. According to the experts

the front runners to pull out a Masters victory are North Ireland's Rory McIlroy, from Dallas Texas Jordan Spieth, and Australia's Jayson Day. Let's not forget Rickie Fowler (my personal favorite). Also Dustin Johnson, Bubba Watson and the list goes on and on. Also getting an invite this year will be Augusta's own Vaughn Taylor. Taylor attended Hephzibah High school, then went on to play golf for Augusta State University where he was named an all-American. This will be his first time since 2008 to play in The Masters. With this year's Masters I think it's safe to say its anyone's green jacket to win just as we have seen in the past.

Masters-isms

You never know what's going to happen on Sunday at the Masters.

The Masters doesn't even begin until the back nine on Sunday.

Members of the Augusta National refer to spectators as "patrons," not "fans."

"Conduct, Customs and Etiquette," Robert "Bobby" Jones wrote that etiquette and decorum are just as important in golf as rules governing play, and that excessive celebration by a player or his partisans is not proper. "Most distressing to those who love the game of golf is the applauding or cheering of misplays or misfortunes of a player. Such occurrences have been rare at The Masters, yet we must eliminate them entirely if our patrons are to continue to merit their reputation as the most knowledgeable and considerate in the world."

Running is not allowed on the course. Patrons are to walk and always use the crossing areas that are roped off.

Patrons are to be silent and still when a shot is being taken.

Cell phones, cameras, and all other electronic equipment are not allowed inside the course on tournament days. The only exception to this policy is on practice rounds and par 3 contest.

All persons accept the possibility to the inspection of their property entering, during, and exiting the tournament.

No autographs are allowed on practice and tournament days. Autographs are only allowed at the practice range and on the Par 3 course during the Par 3 contest. The members of the Augusta National designate an "Autograph Zone," which is a roped-off area between the practice green and the driving range. Members of the National rope off this one area and expect that patrons know the unwritten rule: Autograph space is reserved for children.

SPORTS POLL

How many career ejections did Bobby Cox accrue over his managerial career?

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| A. 57 | C. 17 |
| B. 101 | D. 161 |

Side note: Bobby Cox has a total of 161 ejections, just one game shy of a complete regular season. The manager with the second-most ejections, long-time Giants skipper John McGraw (1899-1932), compiled only 118 ejections.

This month in sports history...

by COREY HIGGINS, EGSC Augusta

1. On March 2, 1968, Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain scored an NBA record 100 points.

2. On March 10, 1941, the Brooklyn Dodgers announced that their players would start wearing batting helmets.

3. On March 10, 1993, Sherry Davis became the first woman to be the PA voice of a major league team, the San Francisco Giants.

4. On March 10, 2002, ESPN aired

their first motion picture, *A Season on the Brink*, which chronicled famed college basketball coach Bobby Knight.

5. On March 3, 1985, Willie Shoemaker became the first jockey to win 100 million dollars.

6. On March 3, 1962, Herschel Walker was born.

7. On March 6, 1922, Babe Ruth signed a 3-year contract for \$52,000.00 a year with the New York Yankees.

8. On March 8, 1971, Joe Frazier defeat-

ed Muhammad Ali.

9. On March 13, 1954, the Braves' Bobby Thomson broke his ankle and a then-unknown Hank Aaron took his spot.

10. On March 16, 1876, Nell Saunders defeated Rose Harland in the first United States women's boxing match.

11. On March 16, 1936, NHL record 10 goals in 1st period, NY Rangers (7), NY Americans(3) and a record 26 points in the 3rd period.

12. On March 16, 1991, at the World

Figure Skating Championships, the United States won all three medals: Kristi Yamaguchi won gold, Tonya Harding finished with the silver, and Nancy Kerrigan took home the bronze.

13. On March 16, 1964, Paul Hornung and Alex Karras were reinstated to the NFL after an 11-month suspension for gambling on football.

ENTERTAINMENT MONTHLY



2016 is the year for DC and Marvel fans

by JACQUELINE YEPE, EGSC Swainsboro

Detective Comics (DC) and Marvel Comics have been rivals for so long, but no matter which side you choose, it is thrilling to see how many movies they plan to release this year. Seven major DC and Marvel movies are being released; buy your tickets ahead of time, and don't be left without a seat.

Deadpool has already been released on February 12. Check out this hilarious comedy about a former Special Forces operative who is turned mercenary and subjected to a rogue experiment that leaves him with accelerated healing powers, adopting the alter ego name *Deadpool*.

Batman vs. Superman

Dawn of Justice was released March 25. This highly anticipated movie presents Superman as a threat to human kind. Batman takes on Superman while the world wrestles with what kind of a hero it really needs. With Batman and Superman fighting each other, a new threat, Doomsday, is created by Lex Luthor, and it is up to Superman and Batman to set aside their differences along with Wonder Woman to stop Lex Luthor and Doomsday from destroying Metropolis.

Captain America: Civil War releases on May 6, and it follows the events of the movie *The Age of Ultron*. In this new movie, the collective governments of the world pass an act designed to

regulate all superhuman activity, polarizing the opinion among the Avengers and causes a rift between former allies Captain America and Iron Man.

X-Men: Apocalypse is a follow-up to *X-Men: Days of Future Past*. With the emergence of the world's first mutant, Apocalypse, the X-Men must unite to defeat his extinction-level plan.

Suicide Squad releases on August 5, and it is about a secret government agency recruiting imprisoned super-villains to execute dangerous black ops missions in exchange for clemency. The new Joker plays in this movie, so look out.

Doctor Strange releases on November 4. After his career is destroyed, a

brilliant but arrogant surgeon gets a new lease on life when a sorcerer takes him under his wing and trains him to defend the world against evil.

Sinister Six is scheduled to be released November 11. There have been rumors that there may not even be a movie, but it seems that Sony Pictures is actually working on it. This film will feature an all-star lineup of Spider-Man villains and features Doctor Octopus, Electro, Sandman, Mysterio, Vulture and Kraven the Hunter.

Congratulations to all of you DC and Marvel fans on an exciting year. If you aren't in this group already, you might be by the end of 2016.

Zodiac of the Month

Spotlight Signs: Pisces and Aries

by ANGELA DANSBY, EGSC Augusta

Welcome to another installment of Zodiac of the Month! Last month, this column was all about your specific sign and the characteristics you may share with it but this month we're doing something a little different. This month we are going to be focusing on the zodiac signs for March which are beloved Pisces and Aries. Also don't feel bad that your sign isn't in the spotlight for this month: we have plenty more installments to come!



ART BY KEVIN HIGGINS

What's in store for an Aries this Month?

If you were born between March 21 and April 19, then you, my friend, are an Aries. This month is all about self-reflection.

It is important in March of 2016 that you start to recognize your weaknesses and evaluate how to overcome them. We all have weaknesses and it's okay, but members of the Aries folk, you must own your weaknesses and not hide nor over-compensate for them.

However, don't see this as a weakness. Look at it as a trait that can be useful to you at given times. Stay away from criticism and focus on your achievements. March is a perfect month to leave stuff or situations that have effected you in the past. Aries, this month is your chance for self-development! Stay away from negativity and don't let the haters stop you! It's all about you and self-doubt will never be the key to unlocking your potential. Be who you really are: the driven, energetic, go-getter who refuses to get down in the dumps.

What's in store for a Pisces this Month?

If you were born between February 19 and March 20, then Happy Birthday to you fellow Piscean! The solar moon is looking upon you (and me) this month, giving us a "just do it" attitude! If you ever thought about trying something new—such as a picking up a hobby, traveling, or heck maybe even trying a new book—no time is better than now!

March is also the time to start making healthier choices. Begin working on ways to maintain your health by eating healthier foods and trying new exercise routines. Pisces, March of 2016 is a month when you feel a greater sense of self and of the power you have to control your life – it is a time of decisions and of taking matters into your own hands.

Keep being assertive. Keep being persistent. Follow your callings. By doing so, you will develop better relationships. So go out there and be the best you can be, fellow Pisces!

Should you go see *Deadpool*?

by ADRIHAN HATCHER, EGSC Augusta

For those who have never experienced the character of *Deadpool*, the time has come for you to face the fact that your childhood wasn't as awesome as those of us who grew up reading the exploits of this one-of-a-kind superhero.

For years, many comic book readers have been praying for the day that the film industry would put their favorite, although crazy, superhero on the silver screen. As of February 12, 2012, the *Deadpool* fans have been going to church because their prayers have been answered. A superhero movie like *Man Of Steel*, or *Thor*, or even

the five *Spiderman* movies did not have the hype that this movie has received.

The movie is about our protagonist *Deadpool* (Ryan Reynolds) who finds out he has cancer literally everywhere in his body and is promised by the government that they cannot only cure him, but government officials can make him a superhero. He gets cured but of course get's screwed over and is made a cancer slave. He escapes to find out he's immortal and must now save his girl Vanessa (Morena Baccarin) from the government organization that experimented on him.

Un-killable, ugly, and slightly in-

sane, he sets off to do what he was destined to do: kill a lot of people and make jokes along the way. It's going to be a fun ride as we get to watch *Deadpool* takeover the big screen for the first time.

Everyone and anyone should check out this movie. Just to see a new take on how to be a superhero while throwing shade on anyone in his way even himself. Because who else could be a superhero that looks like Freddie Kruger and make you laugh like Kevin Hart.

Should you see this movie? Yes, as soon as possible.

Why? Guaranteed to make you laugh until you cry.

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PRITCHARD, HART, KAHT AND HAMILTON

Phi Theta Kappa plans for 2016

by JESSICA PALUMBO, Swainsboro Faculty Editor

Each semester, the East Georgia State College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the International Honor Society of colleges offering two-year degrees, invites a select group of students to become a part of Beta Iota Beta. Membership offers many opportunities for scholarship and service, and 2016 promises to be a big year for PTK at EGSC.

On the first Friday of March, four members of Beta Iota Beta traveled to Atlanta to attend the Georgia Regional Spring Conference at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Chapter President Rudy Kaht, Secretary

Kimberly Hamilton and members Mary Hart and Barrett Pritchard began the event Friday afternoon by meeting members of other chapters from across the state. Sessions included information on the Honors in Action program and College Fish, a free completion and college transfer tool.

The next day's sessions included updates from Georgia regional representatives and international headquarters as well as more exploration of research themes. Students visited the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site before experiencing a Taiko drumming performance by the Atlanta Taiko Project. At the Regional

Awards Ceremony, Kaht accepted an award for the chapter's two-star-level activities in 2015, including establishing leadership.

This year, the chapter's goal is five stars, which includes an Honors in Action research project, a college project that embraces the mission of EGSC, increased engagement on campus and in the Georgia region and participation in international activities.

Beta Iota Beta welcomed its newest members at the spring induction ceremony on Monday, March 28, at the Morgan House in Swainsboro. Invited students may accept membership any time before the end of spring semester.

Dining room days: Food services at EGSC

by HARRY DUKES, EGSC Swainsboro

James, a freshman at East Georgia State College, goes into the dining room and looks at what is being served. Nothing catches his eye, so he turns around and decides to go to the café window. Here, students can buy standard fast food items such as chicken tenders, fries and burgers. On Fridays, the café is the only place to buy lunch on campus, so James and other students have fewer choices. As the weekend approaches with the dining room's doors closed until Monday, the struggle to find the next meal becomes even more apparent for residential students.

Varying opinions about food services on college campuses are nothing new, and Director of Auxiliary Services, Ruth Underwood, works to balance the demands of a student population that includes residents and commuters.

The current meal plan at EGSC leaves many students like James with questions. Why do we have \$145 flex dollars and \$1,041 in meal plan that can only be used at certain times on certain days? This arrangement is based on the number of students, according to Underwood.

"The dining room is primarily made for the residential students, and the café window is made for those who commute," she said.

Part of the answer also lies in the facilities at Bobcat Villas. Every dorm room comes equipped with a microwave, a stove, a pantry and a refrigerator that are shared by four roommates, so students can cook what they please. However, cooking isn't a simple solution for those who do not have transportation. In order to make a smooth transition to the weekends for these students, grocery delivery service on campus might be worth consideration. Students could order items needed—perhaps even with some of the flexible meal plan money—to bridge the gap in dining room service.

Questions remain about the future of food services here at EGSC, especially with another dorm set to open soon. Based on the size of EGSC and the number of potential customers, it seems unlikely that we will have restaurants on campus, according to Underwood. However, all hope is not lost. Fortunately for those attending East Georgia State College in fall 2016, Underwood looks forward to significant changes.

"We will be adding lunch in the dining room on Fridays, an increased amount of meals that a student can receive and an additional \$200 in dining dollars," she said. "We may also try to have at least one other dining station with extra staff."

AROUND CAMPUS



LANGSTON



CAVALIER

Jon Langston and Lacy Cavalier to open for Chase Rice at EGSC

by KATELYN MOORE, EGSC Communications Coordinator

The opening acts for the upcoming College Days, Country Nights: The Chase Rice Back to College Tour have been announced. Georgia native Jon Langston and Louisiana native Lacy Cavalier will be opening for Chase Rice when he takes the stage at East Georgia State College on April 29, 2016.

Langston always had music in his life, even playing in a band in eighth grade; however, he set his sights on playing football in high school and earned a Division I scholarship to

play at Gardner-Webb University in North Carolina in 2009. He didn't pick up his guitar again until his junior year of college, after multiple concussions forced him to hang up his uniform. He started writing his own songs and posting them to Youtube. He played the Georgia Theatre on November 7, 2015 as a headline performer, and is now a resident of Nashville, Tenn., where he has a publishing deal with Sony ATV and is managed by KP Entertainment.

Cavalier's career began at nine years old when she landed a coveted role on the hit chil-

dren's TV series Barney and Friends. She spent two seasons on the show and decided to focus on her music. Soon, she was performing at every fair and pageant around her hometown of Minden, La. In January 2013, at the age of 15, she packed her bags and moved to Nashville, where she quickly caught the attention of award winning songwriter and producer Victoria Shaw, who signed her. Her music is inspired by her Louisiana roots and features a hint of Cajun flair.

Tickets are now available at www.ega.edu/chaserice for \$22. EGSC-Swainsboro stu-

dents can pick up their one free ticket at the Business Office until April 1. To pick up their ticket, students MUST have their Cat Card. Faculty and staff can purchase one ticket at the reduced price of \$16. At the close of business on April 1, all remaining tickets that have not been claimed will be available for \$22.

Keep checking the EGSC webpage and Facebook page for more information, and don't forget to tag your social media posts with the official hashtag for this event, #ChaseMe-ToEGSC!

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Homecoming Queen and King announced

by KATELYN MOORE, EGSC Communications Coordinator

On Wednesday, March 9, 2016, East Georgia State College held their Homecoming and Spring Formal. The theme was "Green and Gold: Never Fold," and was held at the Sudie A. Fulford Community Learning Center. Attendees enjoyed a lighted dance floor and a casino night featuring Black Jack, Texas Hold 'Em, Craps, Roulette and a Money Machine.

EGSC's 2016 Homecoming Queen was Breanna Stidem, representing the Student Government Association. The Homecoming King was Dave Pitts, representing the International Club. First runner up for Queen was Briunna Robinson, representing Bobcat Cheerleading, and first runner up for King was Jacob Teston, representing Bobcat Baseball.

The week prior to the event, representatives from clubs and organizations on campus campaigned. Representatives were: Mary Hart and Rudy Kaht for Phi Theta Kappa, Britne McDuffie and Dave Pitts for International

Club, Keshaua Jones and Kevin Higgins for the Hoopee Bird staff, Courtney Hewitt for Bobcat Softball and Jacob Teston for Bobcat Baseball, Alexis Tillmon for Women's Basketball and Sayvon Wilson for Men's Basketball, Paige Hodges and Hakeem Rhodes for Student Life, Kaylia Johnson and Shawn Hagins for Residence Life, Briunna Robinson and Brandyn Snyder for Bobcat Cheerleading, Haleigh Baker and Brannon Braddock for Student Embassadors and Breanna Stidem and Barrett Pritchard for Student Government Association.

Homecoming night featured a music by student Dajha Carswell, and the \$250 Casino Night winner was Alexis Sanders.

There were over 400 in attendance, leading Assistant Student Life Director Taylor Edenfield to say, "This was one of the most well-attended events we've had."

Congratulations to EGSC's Homecoming King and Queen, Dave and Breanna!

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Grand Opening held for Smithsonian exhibition

by KATELYN MOORE, EGSC Communications Coordinator

On Saturday, March 19, 2016, crowds gathered at East Georgia State College's Luck F. Gambrell Center to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting at the Smithsonian exhibition of Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America. Presented by Georgia Humanities, this exhibit tells the story of how sports have shaped the American culture and community.

Opening Day festivities began early, with a performance by the Swainsboro High School Band of Gold concert band, directed by Barry Golden. The band performed a selection of fight songs to get the crowd amped up for the sports exhibit. Joining the spectators were local school mascots, Bob the Bobcat of East Georgia State College, Paul the Patriot of Southeastern Technical College, the David Emanuel Academy Eagle, the Emanuel County Institute Bulldog, and the Swainsboro High School Tiger. The mascots circulated through the crowd to visit with everyone in attendance.

The program began at 10 a.m. with a welcome from Swainsboro Mayor Charles Schwabe.

"This is a great day and an amazing thing. I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to put this all together," Mayor Schwabe said. He then invited Smithsonian Committee Co-Chair Angie Williams to the stage to present a proclamation from the City of Swainsboro.

"I hope, as people see this exhibit as it is here, it will remind us of the victories of the past and inspire us to the victories of the future," he concluded.

The invocation was then given by Rev. Kenny Griffin, a member of the local Hometown Teams Committee. The National Anthem was sung by Rosey Young, the Swainsboro Middle School Assistant Football Coach.

Arden Williams, the Georgia Humanities Coordinator of Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America, presented an introduction to the exhibit and expressed thanks to all involved in the project.

"About two years ago, when we were in discussion about this exhibit and talking about the different communities that applied, we looked at Swainsboro. At the time, I was working with a graduate assistant and he came running in and said to me, 'I just read this [application] and I predict they're going to make it,'" she said. "Our group of evaluators all agreed unanimously that Swainsboro should be on the tour. Then we decided—again, unanimously—that Swainsboro should go first."

She then introduced Dr. Jamil Zainaldin, president of Georgia Humanities.

"If there is one thing that seems to unite our nation, the one thing that we can all get around, it is sports. It is a bit of a mystery. There is something about sports, the contest, the story of each individual, that is powerful," he said. "It is in the heart."

'team,' that helps make the point, which is that we depend on each other, whether we win or lose, how we work together is something that stays with us our entire life. Sports is a very human thing and the meaning that it has is very life-giving. It is the ultimate humanities experience," he said.

EGSC's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Elizabeth Gilmer, recognized local dignitaries in attendance at the event, of which there were many.

Honorary Hometown Teams tour spokespersons Carolyn and Coach Bill Curry then addressed the crowd.

"We live by our stories," said Mrs. Curry, who is a historian. "I'm going to tell you one of mine. My mother gave me a birthday party at the local recreation center. I never played on an organized team, and I'm really sorry, but I'm happy today to see so many women's teams today! My mother had this huge birthday cake for me. It was a football field. There were little cheerleaders (I was a cheerleader) and football players (Bill Curry was one of those). There's a photograph of me looking down at that cake, smiling. Little did I know that, the rest of my life, I'd be looking down on a football field!"

Mrs. Curry shared that she had attended over 700 football games between Coach Curry's high school, college and professional games, as well as the games he coached throughout his career.

"Even if you did not play—the women in the audience—you were an important part of the game. I have seen mothers, grandmothers, sisters, who are so supportive of the members of their families that were on those teams. They became part of our family," she said. "You form a family with the players, with their mothers, with their extended families, and that is the great thing about sports. Even though I have never participated, it has been a joy to me. I'd like to say thank you to the women who are so supportive. Hallelujah! The women get to play now!"

"More than anything in my life, I longed for my father's approval. Every down on the high school field, I wondered if he was watching me," opened Coach Curry. "I'd get home after the games and I'd wait. Finally, I'd crack, and I ask him how I did. Invariably, he'd say, 'I don't know how you did, but that Carolyn Newton is the greatest thing!' That is a true story."

He then quoted from the poem *The Law of the Jungle* by Rudyard Kipling. "Now this is the Law of the Jungle -- as old and as true as the sky; And the Wolf that shall keep it may prosper, but the Wolf that shall break it must die. As the creeper that girdles the tree-trunk the Law runneth forward and back -- For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf, and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack."

"Team sport, when properly coached and administered, recognizes that every human being is equally important. Ev-



Photo by Courtney Powers, EGSC Marketing Coordinator

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ery one of God's creations is precious, sacred and unique," he said. "There's never been anybody like you. There will never be anybody like you. It doesn't matter what color or your skin is; it doesn't matter what your religion is; it does not matter where you come from or how you talk or how you think. What matters is that you are a sacred and important soul. Everybody in America is an immigrant. Unless you are a Native American, everybody came from somewhere. We all owe our heritage to the lineage that saw us to this point."

"We're being told again that we should live in fear. Rudyard Kipling understood something about the fabric of attempting something—especially if you attempted a republic, which is what we live in, with democratic principles. Unless we can come together we're in trouble," he said. "We are in trouble."

Coach Curry continued, "Kipling understood that the strength of the pack is the wolf and the strength of the wolf is the pack. That's what team sport gives us." He explained how that, when he played for Coach Vince Lombardi, there was no room for racism. "He would not tolerate a racist remark. You made one racist remark, and you were gone," he said. "When you don't have racism, what do you have? You have unity. Nobody could beat us. We beat their brains out. What a great lesson."

"What do the great teams have? Why do we resonate with the huddle? Because when you step into the huddle, Black America is going to be there. Liberal America is going to be there. Conservative America is going to be there. West Coast, East Coast, North, South, every religion, every kind of human being is going to be there. You can either cooperate with everyone else or you can go home. That's what the great teams have, and that's what the great talents have. Tolerance and love for each other. That's why I have given my heart to this. We're very honored to be here and be a part of this today."

Dr. Carmine Palumbo, Dean of Humanities at EGSC and the local exhibit scholar, then presented the keynote speech, "How Sports Have Shaped Swainsboro and Emanuel County."

His address included four points: 1. Sports

are unalienable from the places where they are played; 2. Athletics bring people together in circumstances that have the potential to bring out the best qualities of human nature; 3. Swainsboro / Emanuel County has a long and storied tradition of valuing athletics and producing good teams and athletes; and 4. That we are all one Hometown, comprised of many Hometowns.

"Sports--organized athletics--are defined by the places where they are played, and conversely the places where sports are played are defined by their sports teams. This concept is central to this Smithsonian exhibit that we have all gathered here today to appreciate," he said. "The sports and the places are two halves of a whole."

He went on to say, "Athletics bring people together in circumstances that have the potential to bring out the best qualities of human nature. I think we can all agree that a good sportsman or sportswoman is someone who plays fairly, is a good team player, loses gracefully, wins with class, and respects the rules and the officials. As these too are the traits that we admire

in good citizens, it is no wonder that those who have participated in athletics are valued members of any community.

"This is a college and community that loves its hometown teams and the teams of its many hometowns. It loves its sports heroes and remembers the teams that played on the biggest stages and won the biggest games. It loves the values that are demonstrated through athletic competition, like loyalty, team spirit, and fair play. It looks for those values in its citizens, students, and co-workers. Above all it loves the opportunity to be the first hometown to host this historic exhibit."

EGSC President Bob Boehmer then gave closing remarks and invited the assembled to join him at the entrance of the Luck F. Gambrell Center to cut the ribbon and open the exhibit.

The full audio recording and transcript of the program will be made available on the local Hometown Teams website at www.ega.edu/hometownteamsec in the coming weeks.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, attendees were invited to view the exhibit and also participate in

a tailgate party featuring favorite tailgate foods and refreshing sodas.

Keep an eye on the Hometown Teams Emanuel County Facebook page for updates on other events to celebrate the Smithsonian Exhibit, such as the Friday Night Lights Movie Nights, Moonlight Paddle, and more!

Visit our webpage at www.ega.edu/hometownteamsec to schedule group tours and field trips. If you are interested in volunteering at the exhibit, please contact us at 478-289-2190 to schedule your availability.

The exhibition at EGSC will be open seven days a week until April 30. Hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. Don't miss this special exhibit, locally sponsored by East Georgia State College, the City of Swainsboro, Emanuel County, the Mill Creek Foundation, the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce and Joint Development Authorities, and the Emanuel Arts Council.

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