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SGA election outcome declared

By Anna Crusselle

Jalen Hudson, a Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management major and current president of Brother 2 Brother, has become the new president of the Student Government Association. Sharlotte Baine, the runner-up, will assume the position of vice president. Their terms will start on July 1.

Sharlotte Baine is pursuing an associate degree in psychology and plans to return in the fall to obtain a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

The need to be more involved on campus led Baine to pursue a role in the SGA. She works on the Paulding campus as a library assistant and orientation leader, and is the vice president of Women to Women.

"I started to wonder what



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Jalen Hudson, (left), newly elected SGA president, wants students to be aware of services GHC provides and the function of the SGA and how students can be involved. Paulding campus psychology major, Sharlotte Baine, (right), will begin her term as the new SGA vice president before the fall semester. She wants to get the student body more involved in the processes of the SGA.

SGA was about," Baine said. She wants to expand her social skills by working with people through SGA.

Baine is enthusiastic about encouraging greater student involvement in the organization. One of her visions is to designate times to speak to different classes about her experiences and get feedback from students.

"I want to see students being more active, which is something we've been discussing with each other to figure out how we can get more involvement in our events," Baine said.

She has proposed hosting a one-day event dedicated to promoting the SGA and its initiatives. The hope is that it will help more students become familiar with the organization and encourage them to participate in its activities.

One plan is to hang posters around campuses and reach out to students directly. Hudson said the goal is to empower more students to take on SGA roles.

"I think there is a lot of intimidation about roles that comes with the thought of being a part of SGA. We want to let students know that once they get the role, there isn't an immediate need for them to know everything and we are there to support them," Hudson said.

Hudson wants students to know that he is accessible and always open to communication. He also plans to increase awareness about the resources students have access to.

"Among the student body, I do hear many positive

things about Highlands," Hudson said. "When I do talk to other students, I remind them of things that GHC offers, even therapy."

SGA has recently been focusing on making changes to the current constitution and amendments. There are also plans to add a chancellor, treasurer and campus representatives.

"Clifton (Puckett) is sending out an email to all students to see if there is anyone that would like to fulfill the position of an SGA representative for each campus," Baine said.

Elizabeth Dose, associate professor of psychology, has gotten to know Hudson and Baine through teaching psychology and overseeing the Psychology Club.

Dose said Baine is confident in sharing her own experiences. "She is a strong advocate for mental health, as is Jalen," Dose said.

"Jalen brought research interests and ideas. He would generate really interesting and deep conversations about race and mental health, etc.," Dose said.

Dose encourages Hudson and Baine with the advice to create visibility going forward.

"When you put one foot out, it leads you to so many opportunities you might not have thought of," Dose said.

Degree and graduation forms streamlined for students

By Abigail Henderson

GHC has recently revamped its Program of Study process and graduation application, giving the former more options and making both easier to complete. Students will also be able to track the status of both forms through their GHC Banner Web accounts for transparency and peace of mind throughout the process.

Students had to file a petition to change their pathway prior to this, which has now been replaced by the Program of Study update. The update offers a more efficient approach that simplifies the process of changing a student's pathway, concentration or degree. It also allows students to request changes via their GHC Banner Web account.

One notable benefit of the Program of Study update is it empowers students to declare double degrees and pathways. This means students can earn two degrees concurrently without needing to

undertake additional coursework. This will benefit students who wish to explore multiple interests or career paths.

A double degree means a student is pursuing two different degrees, and a double pathway means a student is pursuing two different pathways under the same degree. For example, a double degree would be an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Science, while a double pathway would be an Associate of Arts in political science and journalism.

Bachelor's degree students can now request a minor in their field of study.

Academic Adviser, Yorsheko Owens, said that Bachelor of Science students can now request a healthcare management or sport management minor. Bachelor of Business Administration in Healthcare Management and Bachelor of Business Administration in Logistics and Supply Chain Management students can also request a sport management minor.

The allowance of minors will also

help students
who wish to
continue

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their studies under the new CPoS rules. Academic Adviser, Josh Grant, said changing their Program of Study to a bachelor's with a minor in their desired field will open that pathway for CPoS-compliant tuition coverage.

"It doesn't add every class, but it does add some classes and so it does give them more flexibility," Grant said.

The graduation application process has also been revised, making it more straightforward for students to complete.

Overall, these changes to the GHC Program of Study offer students greater flexibility and convenience in planning and accomplishing their academic goals.

Students can visit the GHC website for more information regarding double degrees and double pathways.

Manufacturer's Roundtable discusses workforce paradigm shift





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Left: A Cartersville-Bartow Chamber of Commerce member and GHC representatives, such as President Mike Hobbs (standing, far left), have a discussion after the roundtable ended. Right: Division Chair of Business and Professional Studies, Joy Hambrick (left), BBA of Logistics and Supply Chain Management major, Miriam Lister (center) and Dean of Business and Professional Studies, Melanie Largin (right), discuss expectations of the roundtable before it begins.

Honors Project on display in Marietta campus library

By Abigail Henderson

Logistics and material management major, Chanin Kenner, completed an Honors Project for his art class in the fall 2022 semester. The piece is currently on display in the Marietta campus library.

"[Chanin's] professor was so impressed that he shared a photo with me," Ken Reaves, Marietta campus dean, said. "We wanted to begin the process of displaying our student artwork here in Marietta to give our site a student-friendly ambiance and show off the talent we have on site."

The piece features two musicians that have left a lasting impression on their respective genres, communities and the global rock-star culture: Future and Jimi Hendrix.

"My inspiration for this project was immortalizing two individuals who have revolutionized the music industry in their respective eras. As a zealous listener for both artists, it was an honor to invent a comparative side-by-side where both legends could finally be seen in one take," Kenner said.



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Chanin Kenner's side-by-side depiction of Jimi Hendrix (left) and Future (right).

He said that Future frequently compares himself to the guitar legend, Hendrix, making it evident that artwork should be created that allows viewers to "instantly draw key descriptions, similarities and contrast at once."

Kenner said that time became a significant factor to consider in the creation of the piece given the level of detail he wanted to capture, mainly when painting intricate facial features.

It took Kenner around six weeks to complete the project between brainstorming and coursework, from sketching to signature.

The monochromatic tone is one of Kenner's favorite details of the piece. He said limiting himself to using various shades of a single color produced a "different meaning" to the piece as one

tone resulted in "one solid, bold statement."

"Colors sometimes transcend one another, so using one tone for acclaimed artists who arguably are the most colorful, the monochromatic tone invites a sense of unity and respect for both icons," Kenner said. "Doing this, the legacy speaks for itself in presence rather than color taking anything away."

He said that Hendrix revolutionized rock music and became one of the most renowned musicians of the 20th century. Little did Hendrix know, a trailblazer in modern trap music, Future, would draw inspiration from his style and incorporate it into his music.

Kenner hopes that as others seek to understand the meaning of this piece, they will realize the "importance of impact" and that it will inspire them to think of how they will be remembered by others even after they are gone.

"Impact can mean a slew of different things in different situations. Whether it is politics, religion or art forms, you never know what your purpose could lead to or who's watching," Kenner said. "Staying true to yourself shows that your impact could potentially change anything or anyone."

Reaves hopes other students interested in art or following an art pathway will be encouraged by Kenner's piece and other artwork displayed on campus.

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Student-assisted film, 'You're Killing Me,' released

By Ashley Hall

GHC film majors are able to see the fruits of their labor after "You're Killing Me," an action-horror movie produced by Quiver Distribution and Iris Indie International, was released on April 7. It was directed by Beth Hanna and Jerren Lauder.

Several students worked on set to produce the feature film, including Damon Self as a grip and electric, Katie Weatherford as a standin and additional script supervisor, Emily Harris as a stand-in, Joseph McDaniel as an art production assistant, Justin Ford as assistant editor and visual effects. Albert G. Cooper III as a set production assistant and grip and Gustavo Castillo as craft services.

Division Chair of Film and Theater, Seth Ingram and Adjunct Film Instructor, Kevin Greene, were co-producers of the film. Iris wanted to produce a female-led horror film, and Greene - who also works with Iris - wanted to work with GHC students on another film.

"I worked for the production company originally and we just had such a positive experience with the university, the set, the students, that we came and brought another one that'll be important too," Greene said.

Ingram said part of the challenge of producing a film is having recognizable talent. The call was answered by McKaley Miller

as Eden, Keyara Milliner as Zara, Brice Anthony Heller as Barret Theodore Schroder, Morgana Van Peebles as Kendra, Anne Heche as Astrid Schroder and Dermot Mulroney as Congressman Schroder.

The film follows Eden, who wrangles her life-long best friend, Zara, into attending Schroder's 'Heaven and Hell' party to convince him to talk to his dad about recommending her for a scholarship to a prestigious university. The fun stops after Eden finds incriminating evidence of Schroder, Gooch and Kendra's involvement in a classmate's disappearance.

Most of the film was shot

overnight, meaning students were burning the candle at both ends.

"There was one morning where we wrapped, and I got in my car and drove to a math class," Weatherford said. "...it was the first time I was on camera, so I had all my makeup on still. And I was covered in glitter and just exhausted..." She can be seen as one of the partygoers that snuck in their phone.

Ingram said the film was more stunt-heavy compared to others the students had previously worked on, which Self helped build some equipment for. Self said he built a camera rig to attach to a car and a system that

replicated water pooling into the car for one of the stunts.

Harris said she was only able to be on set for one day, but that she still learned about the film production process.

"I think that was my first time being on set, even before the short films that we did," Harris said, "When I got down there, it was hectic and I was trying not to get in anyone's way."

Harris was a stand-in for Miller, a position similar to a stunt double, while also helping with other things on set like lighting and scene set-up. She noted she was able to play cards with Peebles.

"I would say my experience after being there for one day... gave me an idea of how the proper etiquette should be when you're on set with other people that you're working with, whether it be a big production or small," Harris said.

Ingram said having "real credit on a feature film coming out of college" puts these film students ahead of others that only have student and short film experience. Greene added that film students will be able to go straight into working in film production upon graduation because of this.

"...the ability to get on these sets now does help kind of avoid that catch-22 of, 'Well, you can't get on set without experience,' but I can't get experience without getting on set," Weatherford said.

"I feel very comfortable just going onto a professional set, just how I am now," Damon said. He added that the friendships he gained from the experience will last much longer than any potential film opportunities.

Harris said, "It's very much a bonding experience because a lot of us Highlands kids worked on it. I feel like with every film set, it's a fun experience."

"You're Killing Me" is available for rent and purchase through Amazon Prime Video, YouTube Movies & TV, Google Play Movies & TV, Vudu and Apple TV.



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Division Chair of Film and Theater, Seth Ingram, held a viewing of "You're Killing Me" with the film students on April 19 in the Floyd campus MIC as part of the Spring Fling.

The RESTRICT Act crosses boundaries

By Tami-Ann Treasure

The newly-introduced RESTRICT Act, also known as the TikTok ban, is a vague and broad bill proposed by Congress in March. The act is supposed to grant access to the U.S. Department of Commerce to ban or restrict a range of communications and technologies from six specific foreign adversaries.

The bill was initially introduced in an effort to ban TikTok, but is worded so poorly, you can't help but wonder if it covers a wider scope.

If a bill is too broad, there is a possibility it could extend to areas it is not intended for, such as social media platforms based in the U.S. However, they should also be given scrutiny due to the spread of misinformation through these platforms.

Jason Kelley and David Greene, writers of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, said, "If Congress is concerned about foreign powers collecting our data, it should focus on comprehensive consumer data privacy legislation that will have a real impact, and protect our data no matter what platform it's on—TikTok, Facebook, Twitter or anywhere else that profits from our private

information."

It is not clear whether companies or individuals who use these apps would face consequences for using them.

"The question becomes, if the legislation is intended to target companies that use the banned technologies or apps, not individuals that use banned technologies or apps, then is it really a ban? It would not seem to be, in the true sense of the word," Teresa Hutchins, professor of political science, said.

This country is known to be very proud of its free speech. How does this bill not undermine free speech if what we are allowed to have on our personal devices is being targeted?

An article from ExpressVPN states, "The Act could give the government too much power to ban apps and services that allow people to communicate, such as TikTok, thereby limiting freedom of expression. It could give the government too much leeway to control and censor information."

The concerns of foreign governments using technology to gather data on citizens for various purposes are valid. However, it wouldn't be a simple fix as our technological world is too inte-



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grated.

If the privacy of our citizens is the true concern, a data privacy bill should be passed. The RE-STRICT Act is not about getting ahead of national security issues—it is just another means of government control.







Editorial:

Willow Project will accelerate destrution of our enviroment

By Six Mile Post Staff

The Biden administration has approved an \$8 billion oil-drilling project in Alaska. The Willow Project has had strong opposition, even from the president himself, in the past. Environmentalists and some Alaskan natives strongly oppose this project and are concerned about the climate breakdown this will cause.

Other Alaskan natives are rejoicing at the approval of the project because it will help create new jobs, increase state revenue and improve quality of life. However, we fear the quality of life of our future hangs in the balance.

This project will greatly set back all the progress the U.S. has made trying to turn towards more renewable and green resources. Giving more oil to the nation with the second highest greenhouse gas emissions is like giving a lighter to someone that's trying to quit smoking.

It would produce a peak of 180,000 barrels of crude oil a day. Alaskan natives have also voiced fears about the effect the drilling will have on the environment and wildlife.

Biden signed off on this a day after he said he would bar or severely limit drilling in the area. Who changed his mind and what convincing matters were so effective in the process of getting this approved?

The project was rejected in the previous administration, but has surprisingly now been passed in a Democratic-ruled Congress. The Biden administration has made minor changes to the bill to appease environmentalists, but no bill-tweaking can make us lose sight of the problem at hand.

The now-approved Willow Project has been in the planning process for 30 years. The disapproval it faced over that period of time was just a ploy because there is no way something being planned for 30 years would not eventually take effect.

Conservation groups have decided to file a lawsuit to stop this project because it does not take the already climate-sensitive wildlife into consideration, including threatened polar bears and other issues.

This project goes against any and every single 'truth' that Biden voiced across a whole nation, using events and panels to portray his action plans regarding the steps to clean, renewable energy.

The Willow Project puts the U.S. a step away from being dependent on importing oil supply from overseas and will possibly alleviate high prices on oil products. However, it will also tighten the grip of oil dependency for everyday life, which will only make it more difficult to move towards alternative fuels and materials.

The project is a product of bygone days and does not have a place in a reality where we are already starting to see the effects of climate change. The preservation of wildlife and the environment is not regarded and the only ones who will prosper at the end of the day are the investors.

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eSports joins League Competitive Sports

By Ashley Hall

Gaming computers have been installed in the Cartersville campus Game Room, located on the second floor of the Student Center, just in time for eSports to be added to new League Competitive Sports coming in the fall.

Student Engagement Coordinator, Clifton Puckett, said an eSports team had been in the works before the COVID quarantine. He wrote proposals for the team, but the pandemic set back its development and implementation.

"Over this past summer, with more students coming back on campus and trying to find ways to keep students engaged, I thought it was a good time to bring back eSports," Puckett said.

He said eSports will run under three tracks: A competitive track for the eSports League Competitive team, a casual track for Gaming Club members and other students to have friendly competitions and an academic track for possible future classes such as gaming journalism, video game design and voice acting.

He also said the team will be student-led with a faculty adviser to oversee and guide the team members. There will be sub-teams that specialize in different video game genres, such as first-person shooter, fighting and multiplayer-online battle arenas (MOBAs).

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Instructor and Gaming Club Co-Faculty Adviser, Victoria Banks, has been helping guide the development and operations of the eSports team. She has experience around the sport from her previous career as a gaming journalist.

"[GHC staff] wanted to offer that opportunity for students because they were having a lot of high school students who were in eSports teams interested in coming to GHC," Banks said.

Banks has been an advocate for video game-related extracurriculars and courses since coming to GHC.

"I think it's an underserved community here at GHC in some ways, with the coursework in that regard, because there's not really a major for it. But it kind of falls within a middle ground of humanities and STEM and stuff," Banks said.

The games the eSports teams will likely play include, but aren't limited to "Overwatch 2," "Valorant," "Rainbow Six Siege," "Counter-Strike: Global Offensive," "Rocket League" and "Super Smash Bros."

Puckett said being part of the team can help competitive gaming students have that outlet while also surrounding themselves with others who have the same interests and goals. He added that eSports could have a bigger reach than traditional sports because of the bigger social environment and more ways to connect.



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The gaming PCs in the Cartersville campus Game Room are made up of Corsair keyboards, mice and towers with MSI monitors.

Brendan Ashton, Carters-ville campus Bachelor of Business Administration major, is one of the students that signed up for the Talent Showcase. He previously played soccer and football, and wanted to take the opportunity to join the eSports team.

Ashton's video games of choice are sports games and "Call of Duty." He wants to join the team more for the social aspect than the competitive one, saying that it would be a good way to make friends.

Banks said the most important skill team members will develop is communication. She added there are also career opportunities that stem from being an esports player, such as broad-

casting.

"eSports opens those doors and opportunities for people in the industry to connect and work together," Banks said. "So, I think if anyone is interested in going into the industry, and they do enjoy competitive sports, eSports would be a great way for them to connect with their teammates, but also just network with other people."

The eSports team will play in scrimmages against other institutions in the fall and the official competitive matches will begin in spring 2024. Puckett said GHC has a collaboration with Bartow College and Career Academy for an arena venue and that other institutions have already started reaching out

for future scrimmages.

"I think out of all the teams and sports we're trying to buff up here, I think eSports has the most potential, just because it has the most diversity among the students," Puckett said.

"...for those students who are interested in competing in eSports, I think it's a great opportunity for you guys at GHC," Banks said. "I also believe that it will give you lots of friendships and connections; it will help you with your communication skills. At the same time, it offers a wide network of people that you can engage with... also in your academic and actual career path as well."