

THE HOOPEE BIRD

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“Student Jai’lynn Barber’s EGSC Experience”

Greetings, my name is “Jai’lynn Barber”, and I’d like to share a personal account of my time at East Georgia. Because I was a dual enrollment student, I graduated with college credits from Butler High School in the class of 2021, which I encourage students to do if they are able. Most students, including myself, have a plan or two for their future when they graduate from high school, but some may not. When you think you’ve got it all figured out, things can change. During my first year of on-campus classes, I was as enthusiastic as any other student to start something new. The semester passes by quickly when you’re enjoying yourself and making time for your classes. Most students think that college is right for them, but I feel that if you go to college, as I did, you will know that East Georgia is the right fit for you.

My second semester of college started off rocky and ended rocky, but the staff at East Georgia was there to help me the entire time. I learned that college is not for the faint of heart and that I must persevere in order to achieve my goal of becoming a nurse. Some people believe that going to college for four years, or just going to college at all, is the only way to get where you want to go, but that is not the case; there are always multiple ways to kill two birds with one stone. When I first started going to EGSC, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. My instructors and the admissions staff taught me a lot. I learned how to prioritize. I learned not to linger on things for extended periods of time. I learned to never be scared to seek help, and I learned that mental illness is real. East Georgia provided me with a therapist, someone with whom I could chat without feeling overwhelmed by school and who gave me sound counsel both in-and-out of school.

The majority of people are unaware that their lifestyle outside of school has an impact on their academic performance. For example, I work and go to school, but with the help of my counselor, I discovered that when things get tough, I have a poor habit of picking up extra shifts to keep myself occupied. Every member of the East Georgia staff treated me as if I were a member of their family, and they were sympathetic to any problems I had. They were quite involved in my personal and academic lives. School has always been a cognitive problem for me, so I was a little scared that I wouldn’t understand my teachers. I had heard a rumor that professors don’t care about students and don’t help them, but as time went on, I realized that the stereotypes weren’t true at all because with the help of East Georgia’s staff and faculty, I felt comfortable with learning.

If you're a student at East Georgia State College who would like to submit journalistic writing for *The Hoopee Bird*, then please send your articles to Professor Jason Walter at jwalter@ega.edu.



“Jayden Thomas’ Review of *Black Adam* at Golden Ticket Cinema”

I had an amazing weekend because I went to the Golden Ticket Cinema in Dublin, Georgia to see the new D.C. movie *Black Adam*. The theater is only thirty-five minutes away from Swainsboro, Georgia. The theater is small to medium-sized compared to most movie theaters I’ve been to. One neat thing about going to the theater at 9:55 pm is that me and my friend were the only ones in the theater during our screening. Likewise, their buttered popcorn is very yummy! I rate the movie 7.9 out of 10, and I give my entire movie experience an 8 out of 10.

“Jaden Moore’s Thoughts on Kickboxer Andrew Tate’s Social Media Presence”

Andrew Tate is an American-British personality and a former professional kickboxing champion. He recently gained a lot of fame due to his controversial opinions on touchy subjects. Andrew Tate has become someone you either love or hate; I don't really think there is an in-between. His plan to take over the internet by going viral worked out until he became banned from all major platforms, including YouTube, Twitter, and TikTok, because a lot of people feel like he is an egotistical, misogynistic individual based on the comments he’s made about women. There are some people who feel as though he isn’t misogynistic and that he just speaks the hard truth about society and gender roles. The internet has laws and rules, and you can’t hurt the feelings of too many people without facing the consequences. The first time I heard of Andrew Tate was earlier this year when I listened to a podcast of him talking about how it is harder to find a man of high value than it is to find a woman of high value. The woman didn’t agree with his comments, but he gave some interesting points to back up his claim. After this interview, I constantly kept seeing Andrew on my newsfeed no matter what app I was on. I saw people making videos, podcasts, and memes about him everywhere, but most of the things people posted about him were bad. I believe he makes some valid points, but he also has some beliefs that I disagree with. It became a trend to hate Andrew Tate; people who support Tate would go out on the streets and ask people if they liked him or not, but most of the answers to that question were, “No.” When these people were asked to give their reason for disliking him, they never had a legitimate reason, which is why I say it’s become a trend to hate Tate; in today’s American society, people love to hop on trends that make them look better.

In the span of just one year, Andrew Tate went from being a kick boxer who most people didn’t know of to one of the most hated social media influencers in the world. I never knew someone could get banned from the internet for just speaking about their beliefs, but I guess there’s a limit to how much you can say when it comes to the topics he has been speaking about. No matter where you go in this life, you will always be met with laws that you must abide by, and if you can’t abide, then you will have to face the consequences. Andrew Tate couldn’t follow the laws of social media, so now he is facing the consequences of his actions.

“Joe Biden vs. Trump by Jaden Moore”

Joe Biden was elected as the forty-sixth president of the United States on November 3rd, 2020. Biden and Trump both threw a lot of shade at one another throughout the presidential race. In a lot of the debates, they decided to just talk about each other's histories and flaws. Donald Trump is far from someone who the world views as a likable person, while Biden, on the other hand, is a more likable person. They both made a lot of promises to the public that they intended on keeping if elected. So far for the most part, Joe Biden has kept his word. It's no secret that Joe Biden and Donald Trump will face off again in the next election, but will the outcome be the same or not? Donald Trump has a lot of supporters, but he also has a lot of people who hate him. If Donald Trump wants to win this next election, he will need to become a more likable character. For starters, he needs to cut back on making outrageous comments. Donald Trump has said some crazy things in his time as president and before he was elected. I honestly was surprised he was elected the first time around. I highly doubt Trump becomes a new man, and I wouldn't be surprised if he was elected again for a second term. The reason I say this is because recently I've been hearing a lot of people say they prefer Trump over Biden.

“A Review of The Clubhouse in Statesboro by Jayden Thomas”

The Clubhouse is a bowling alley in Statesboro, Georgia that has an arcade inside it along with a concession stand. I went with a girlfriend of mine to their bowling alley and bowled. We had a blast! I won, but my friend had a good time even though she lost. The only bad thing to say about my experience is that our pins were not replaced when we knocked them down. The pins were only replaced half the time instead of every single time, but I still recommend The Clubhouse for anyone who is a fan of bowling and wants to have fun.

“The Lady Bulldogs Softball Team Takes State! by Justin Gray”

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There is nothing better in sports than being the champion. Most athletes never experience winning a state championship or even getting close to playing one. To say the win is special is an understatement. All of the hard work and long hours of practice finally paid off. There is no better feeling. All of the years of just falling short and getting so close to winning it all were worth it as a result of the win. The Lady Bulldogs Softball team left home this past week with a chance to win their first state title in school history. Their game one matchup was against Bowden. The Lady Dawgs scored just one run in the first and second innings and rode the arm of pitcher Charla Clifton until the end. After five innings of giving up no runs and having only a 2-0 lead, the Lady Dawg’s offense came through with big hits and got three runs in the sixth inning. Clifton finished the outing with seven innings of pitching and surrendered just two hits, but no runs. The Lady Dawgs took game one with a score of 5-0.

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Game two of the series was a matchup against Hawkinsville. This game went similarly to how game one went because The Lady Dawgs scored in the first inning, and then, added two points in the fourth and one point in the fifth. Being up 4-0, they rode Clifton’s arm to another shutout victory. Clifton finished game two, pitched in seven innings, and gave up three hits but no runs. The offense was led by the big bat of Jayna Kearson, who had two hits and a run batted in. Game three was for a chance to play for the title against a tough Lanier County squad. In this game, the Lady Dawgs got out to an early 1-0 lead in the first inning. It remained scoreless until the fifth inning when Lanier County picked up two runs and went up 2-1. The Lady Dawgs tied it up in the sixth, and this game remained 2-2 as they went into extra innings. The match went to ten innings, but the Lady Dawgs fell short by 3-2. Hope was not lost because the series isn’t finished until a team loses two games, so they would have to win one loser’s bracket game and then beat Lanier County twice in the championship to win it all!

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The loser’s bracket game was against Georgia Military College. The Lady Dawgs rolled behind Clifton’s arm and the bats of Kearson and Shayla Stephenson; both players scored three hits. The Lady Dawgs won this one by 7-2. Now, they could taste a title because with two wins against Lanier County, they could be crowned state champs. The game lived up to the hype because the game went into extra innings with a score of zero to zero. In the eighth inning, the Lady Dawgs rallied and had runners on second and third bases when Shayla Stephenson hit a pop-up to shallow right field, and the second baseman misplayed the ball and allowed a run to come across. They finished it off in the bottom of the eighth to secure their first victory. Now, it was all up to one winner-take-all game. The Lady Dawgs were just a few innings from glory. The team just needed to put together a solid game to win it all. This game got off to a hotter start than the other one as they pushed one across in the first inning and took a 1-0 lead early. They rode that one run behind another dominant performance from Clifton. It was 1-0 all the way through, with neither team budging until the seventh inning came. In the seventh inning, The Lady Dawgs rallied and scored three runs to increase their lead to 4-0. They were just three outs away from winning a state championship. The Lady Dawgs retired the side and were State Champions at last! They came back from the loser’s bracket and won three games on the same day to take what they came for! This team was the very definition of resilience. The Lady Dawgs finished off their amazing run with a 28-6 record, a regional championship, and, most of all, a state championship! Congratulations to the 2022 The Lady Bulldogs Softball Team on their incredible title!

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