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HEAD CHAIR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AT GGC ARRESTED FOR FELONY SHOPLIFTING

By Tatyana Teuta
News Editor

On the last day of finals in Fall 2021, Dr. Bruce Carroll, the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department was arrested at his home for felony shoplifting.

According to an Open Records request obtained by The Globe, an incident report was filed on Nov. 9, 2021 with Gwinnett County Police Department on behalf of Target. The incident report alleges that Bruce Carroll, “shoplifted from Target on multiple occasions. Wearing a Covid mask, [Carroll] would walk to the self-checkout with a basket of items. He would scan some items for a low amount, pay with a credit card and leave the store without paying for the larger items.”

According to the initial incident report, Bruce Carroll stole a variety of items including a tank top, probiotics, dog food, bed comforter and skirt, along with champagne flutes, picture frames, socks, and chocolates. In total, Carroll allegedly stole \$629.02 worth of goods from Target over the course of multiple months and multiple transactions.

In an exclusive interview with The Globe, Hideshi Valle, the Public Information Officer for Gwinnett County Police department, explained the important role the loss prevention officer played in Bruce Carroll’s arrest.

Officer Valle explained there was a loss prevention (LP) officer working at Target who had encounters with professor Bruce Carroll before.



However, in this one particular encounter, he stopped Bruce Carroll because he noticed that Bruce Carroll had not been checking out all the items properly.

As Bruce Carroll was leaving, a customer was able to obtain a tag from the vehicle and gave it to the LP officer, who also got a description of the vehicle. The LP officer was able to make out a sticker and logo from the school.

After that, the LP officer got the information from the tag of the vehicle and researched the name of the owner. Target then contacted the Gwinnett County Police Department to file a police report regarding the thefts of the items.

After reviewing the evidence, Officer Calderon obtained an arrest warrant and went to Bruce Carroll's house, where he arrested him at 11:52 a.m., and transported him to the Gwinnett County Jail. The evidence included documentation of a total of eight transactions and a USB drive containing video footage of each theft.

“He seemed surprised and confused,” said Officer Calderon, in an exclusive statement to The Globe.

Bruce Carroll posted a cash bond totaling \$3,500 and was released the same day. The arrest report states that Carroll was charged with a felony amount resulting in one count of felony theft by shoplifting.

According to Georgia law, a shoplifting offense results in a misdemeanor charge when the value of the shoplifted property equals \$500 or less. Any amount over \$500 becomes a felony charge, potentially resulting in a ten-year sentence.

Officer Valle explained that the sentencing, if convicted, depends on the judge, lawyer and prosecutors. If the accused has a prior history of shoplifting or if the incident is part of a trend, these are factors that are taken into consideration before conviction.

Officer Valle expressed surprise after learning Bruce Carroll was the Chair of the Criminal Justice department at GGC.

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“It is an oxymoron. It’s surprising to say the least that we would get a call from Target about this individual who is the head professor at the college for Criminal Justice,” he said. “You have someone who teaches criminal justice and is pretty much the head of it, committing the acts that he is teaching against.”

According to an Open Records request to Georgia Gwinnett College, an internal email shows that, “On November 29, 2021, [Carroll] was notified via email that he failed to disclose a recent arrest within 72 hours as required per policy.”

The Board of Regents Ethics Policy, the general criteria for employment policy, states: “any current employee charged with a crime (other than a minor traffic offense) shall report being charged with such crime to their Institution Human Resources Department within 72 hours of becoming aware of such a charge. Failure to report being charged with such a crime may result in appropriate disciplinary action, including termination of employment.”

In an internal email, Bruce Carroll states that “after his arrest [he] consulted and reviewed the faculty manual and BoR website and found no information on the notification process and did not file the appropriate paperwork.” He also stated that he “had not been ‘charged’, [He] had been arrested and accused, [...] but had not been charged.”

Bruce Carroll requested that no action be taken in regard to his employment until his case is resolved.

An internal memo states that Carroll was placed on “temporary administrative leave with pay pending review of this matter. During this time [he is] not authorized to conduct any GGC business, be on any GGC property or attend any campus events or GGC sponsored events.”

The memo also states that Carroll was expected to have a Spring and Summer 2022 schedule. His expected classes were nearly full and GGC had to adjust their current full-time staff to cover his classes via overloads or reach out to their part-time instructors to ensure Carroll’s classes are covered for the upcoming semesters.

In the memo, George Low, the Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and Provost stated, “No one should be told that [Carroll] is on leave.”

Low also states, “These are difficult situations, but again, [GGC] can move forward without giving anyone the reason for these changes. Use phrases such as ‘due to unforeseen circumstances, we need to cover these classes’ or ‘I cannot comment on confidential personnel matters.’ People may draw conclusions but as leaders, it’s very important that we do not discuss this situation with anyone.”

The Globe reached out to GGC, but the school declined to comment, stating they do not discuss “personal matters.”

Currently, Bruce Carroll remains on the GGC website as a professor. However, there is no picture of him, and he is no longer listed as the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department.

His office in the W building has had his name removed from the door, but his personal belongings remain in the office.

In a statement to The Globe, a former student expressed his surprise after learning about Dr. Carroll.

“I was surprised when I learned Dr. Carroll was accused of shoplifting. You wouldn’t expect that from a criminal justice professor,” James Hoffman, a senior criminal justice major, said. “I guess you can say I got a glimpse of how the criminal justice system and the other actors respond to the accusations.”

Currently, there is no set court date for the trial of Bruce Carroll, but his lawyer feels “very confident” that these charges will ultimately be dismissed. The Gwinnett County Magistrate stated that the expected court date would be anywhere from six months to a year away from the current date of March 2022.

The Globe reached out to Dr. Bruce Carroll for a comment with no reply.

GGC STUDENT ADVOCATES FOR SLEEP PODS ON CAMPUS

By Jordan Brown
Staff Reporter



Photo source: Canva

Corean Johnson is a first-year business major. He, like most students here at Georgia Gwinnett College, commutes to campus each day. With many hours spent on-the-go, commuter students are left with few hours to sleep at home.

“Say if you have class at 8, you are probably getting up at 6-o-clock in the morning to get to class, then you have to drive all the way back. When I talked to students about their daily rest, the main thing I heard was ‘I sleep in my car’ or ‘I sleep in uncomfortable chairs in Building B,’” said Johnson.

“I learned that this school has a lot of commuters traveling from places like Stone Mountain, which is far from here,” Johnson said.

With Stone Mountain being on average 35 minutes from campus, Johnson recognized a critical issue facing GGC students.

According to Johnson, this idea is not new. They can be found in many universities and workplaces to reduce fatigue and stress of the people who use them. After conducting research on the lives of GGC students, Johnson is sure that sleeping pods can benefit the GGC community.

“To be honest, I am aiming high when it comes to sleeping pods. Students should have the best of the best. It is up to students, if you really want this on campus, to clean it after we use it. We can have a disinfectant station nearby with spray and wipes,” said Johnson.

GGC students would be expected to treat the sleeping pods like the study rooms found in the Kaufman Library. Students would reserve their session, rest, and clean off the pods at the end of their reserved time slot. The scheduling of these reservations is also expected to function like those of the study rooms.

“I suggested 30-minute reservations per person, sort of like how we do with the study rooms. As far as how many reservations you can make, it is free for all. It’s first come, first serve,” said Johnson.

The locations of the sleeping pods are undecided, but Johnson has a few ideas.

“I went with my friend to scoop out locations for where sleeping pods can be convenient to place. Building B is a good place, Building A, the library too,” said Johnson.

Placing sleeping pods in these locations will force a sacrifice of space, which according to Johnson, many students are willing to make.

“When it comes to putting sleeping pods in the library, students were asking me what we have to sacrifice. We may have to sacrifice one study room. Students were ok with that sacrifice,” said Johnson.

His biggest challenge is getting the word out to students. For now, he asks GGC students who want to help to sign and share the [change.org](https://www.change.org) petition.

On the petition, you can also find more detailed information about his plan.

GGC PROFESSORS HOST INFORMATIONAL MEETING OVER THE WAR IN UKRAINE

By Destiny Wheeler
Staff Reporter



Photo source: Canva

Georgia Gwinnett College faculty of Political Science and History held an informational meeting on March 1, 2022, to discuss the history and possible consequences of the war in Ukraine. The meeting was open to all students via Blackboard Collaborate and offered the audience a question-and-answer period at the end.

“One of the great things about working at a university is that when there is something interesting in the world happening, there’s probably a person in our community that has an expertise to bring to bear,” said Dr. Matthew Gunning, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

The meeting was moderated by Dr. Gunning and Dr. Steven Jones, Associate Professor of Political Science. The speakers included GGC professors on staff Dr. Nathan Orgill, Professor of History, and Dr. Dovile Budryte, Professor of Political Science, as well as Lecturer of Political Science, Dr. Yohannes Gedamu. Over 90 students, faculty, and staff attended the event held less than a week after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, 2022. Professors provided commentary on the historical events that led to the war, as well as analyzed how the United States had responded within the first few days. While professors discussed historical contexts, many raised questions on the future impact.

Dr. Gunning echoed Dr. Budryte’s observation of the historical significance of the event through his memory of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

“It was shocking, it was amazingly quick how the map of Europe and the politics of the world changed in the short period that I was a college student,” said Dr. Gunning, “and perhaps we are at just such a juncture again.”

A month out from the initial invasion, the war is ongoing and has spurred a refugee crisis in Europe. The BBC estimates that 3.6 million people have fled the country with an additional 6.5 million displaced due to the destruction.

WOMEN OF WORTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM IS UNVEILED DURING WOMEN'S MONTH

By Tatyana Tetua
News Editor

On March 10, over two dozen women met to socialize and welcome the Women of Worth (WOW) empowerment program and discover the mission of WOW on GGC's campus. Created and developed under the Office of Diversity and Compliance, Charlisa Hall, the Executive Director of WOW and her advisory board sought out a way to bring the female equivalent of Elite Scholars to the women, especially women of color on campus.

"When you look across campus, we saw there were not a lot of programs that were specifically for Black girls. They were missing that piece, Charlisa Hall, Executive Director, said in an exclusive statement to The Globe. "They asked, 'When are we gonna get something that belongs to us?' With that thought, plus the students I saw on a daily basis, it was only fitting to have [WOW]."

The WOW program, while created with women of color in mind, is open to everyone who identifies as a woman, regardless of race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

"Our focus is to promote self-confidence, leadership, school and work-life balance, financial literacy, and safety. We want to uplift and empower women of color. We say women of color, but we are not limited to that," Hall said.



Photo credit: Tatyana Tetua

During the pre-inauguration celebration and information session on March 10th, a diverse group of students enjoyed fellowship, laughs and pink cupcakes with each other. "I'm most excited about sisterhood," said A' Lauren Camp, a Junior at GGC. "This is what I have been looking for, I mean I have a sisterhood with my friends on campus, but I wanted more of a group environment."

The official Women of Worth Inauguration will be held at and catered by the dining hall on April 19, at 2 p.m. Along with catered food, there will be raffles and giveaways.

A special executive female speaker at the event will speak to students about the importance of having a vision and goal setting.

"If your head isn't right, how can your vision be clear?" Hall asked while explaining the importance of having goals and ideology that are compatible with each other. Along with vision and goal setting, mental health will also be discussed.

"We want [students] to know that we are engaged and here for them. There will be networking opportunities, building your sisterhood community and all the goodness that comes with something new," explained Hall. For students who want more information, contact Charlisa Hall at wow@ggc.edu

GRIZZLIES RECAP: MARCH IN REVIEW

By Kiley A. Olchaskey
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During the month of March, GGC played multiple games against four active teams. Baseball played 15 games going 9-6, these games included going 1-1 in an extra inning game and four games played on the road. Softball played 22 games, going 16-4 with two more games scheduled to be played on the March 31. These games included four on the road and six run rule victories.

In Women's Tennis, the team played four winning matches without giving up a single point.

Three of the victories were a part of the GGC Spring Invitational. The men's team played five games over the month, three of which were part of the GGC Spring Invitational.

The GGC Athletics Program won several awards during March. In Baseball, Junior Jake Defries won Hitter of the Week, Senior Tuck Tucker and Senior Gavin Heltemes both won Pitcher of the Week.

In Softball, Junior Alexa Good won Pitcher of the Week twice. Freshman Kailyn Berry also won Pitcher of the Week, and Freshman Angelica Gallegos was awarded Hitter of the Week. In Men's Tennis, Senior Valentino Caratini was named NAIA National Player of the Week.

For more information about the games played during March, check out The Globe's Grizzlies Recap.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Gabrielle Clawson
Editor-in-Chief

Welcome back from Spring Break, Grizzlies! We hope you are feeling refreshed and ready to finish up the semester!

The Globe is back with another edition, so thank you so much for reading! We hoped you enjoyed these stories.

I do want to thank The Globe's wonderful team for helping put together this edition, especially all the newcomers that have joined this semester. A special thanks to The Globe's News Editor Tatyana Tetua for her help in brining this edition to life.

We have one more edition for you this semester, so be on the lookout for that at the end of April. We are also still on the hunt for new staff members, so if you're interested in joining The Globe, please reach out!

Until our next edition, feel free to follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on all the breaking news stories on campus!

Go Grizzlies!



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