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Georgia Southern students cheer for the Eagles during DAY ONE 2012.

For the second time in three years, rain has turned Georgia Southern University's annual DAY ONE celebration into DAY SIX. Heavy rain on Monday night postponed the traditional start of the fall semester. After students complete their first week of classes, Georgia Southern will teach traditions to the newest members of Eagle Nation during the DAY SIX celebration at Paulson Stadium on Monday, Aug. 26 at 9 p.m.

"Our House was a little wet on Monday night, so the weather forced us to delay welcoming students, faculty and staff back to campus and teaching the newcomers what it means to be a Georgia Southern Eagle," said University President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. "We don't mind waiting a week to share this DAY SIX experience with them. It is a great honor to tell them all about these rich traditions which include Beautiful Eagle Creek, the cheers of 'Whose House? Our House!' and watch Freedom, our bald eagle, fly in the prettiest little stadium in America."

DAY SIX is a pep rally to kick off the new academic year. President Keel will be joined by Student Government Association President Garrett Green, Eagles Head Football Coach Jeff

Monken and Athletics Director Tom Kleinlein. The Southern Pride Marching Band will be there along with Freedom, Gus the mascot and the Georgia Southern cheerleaders.

Tailgating begins at 7 p.m. in the Paulson Stadium parking lot, and that will include a performance by country singer/songwriter and alumnus Eric Lee Beddingfield. He graduated in 2002 with a B.B.A. in Management. Beddingfield was also an Eagles linebacker whose football career ended because of an injury.

Because of the stadium expansion project, DAY SIX will be held on the home side of Paulson. Everyone is encouraged to wear blue and white and be ready to learn cheers and the Georgia Southern fight song. Alumni and members of the community are also invited to join students, faculty and staff for the celebration.

The first 1,500 fans at DAY SIX will receive a free meal from Eagle Dining Services, and the next 2,000 fans will receive a free True Blue towel. 91.9 The Buzz will broadcast live from Paulson Stadium.

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