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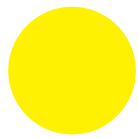


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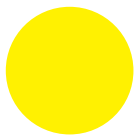
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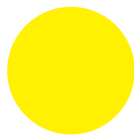
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Weather Bar

With Hurricane Hermine behind us we should be seeing clear skies for at least the first half of this week.



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GET SOME

SPICE (Girls)

BACK IN YOUR LIFE

BY KELLY STROJNY

The Reflector staff

The Spice Girls are getting back together under a new name, an event which many fans have been dreaming about since their last performance at the London Olympics in 2012.

It's been 20 years since they released their hit song, "Wannabe" and Mel B., Emma Bunton and Geri Halliwell recently released a video thanking their fans for all the

support over the years stating that they wanted to give back.

"We want to celebrate and have a party and when we do, you're all invited," the three women said in their video.

The word on the street is that the band's new name is GEM, an acronym that stands for their initials. It appears that the other two girls, Victoria Beckham and Mel C are not rejoining the group for another round.

Sources have said that they have too much going on in their lives between family and businesses.

"I will be a Spice Girl until I die. Truth be told, earlier this year, after several face-to-face meetings with the girls, I made the difficult decision not to be part of a proposed reunion with Emma, Geri and Melanie," Beckham said in an interview with The Sun.

The band has pushed back their reunion tour dates to 2017. They haven't settled on a date yet, but they have confirmed that it's happening.

The band has had a massive influence and impact on pop culture. There are many

people out there who grew up with the 90s pop bands like Backstreet Boys, NSYNC, Dream, Destiny's Child and so many others. Here are a few thoughts from some fans.

"I am so excited for their music to come back," Maggie Carlson, nursing major at Georgia Southern, said.

The Spice Girls were the most successful girl band in the 90s. There aren't many, if any, girl bands like them anymore.

"The Spice Girls are musical geniuses," Kourtney Beaty, criminal justice, said.

90's fans have been waiting for one of their favorite childhood bands to get back together. Their wishes are finally coming true. It's very rare that bands get back together, but it's always a major throwback and gets everyone wound up for a blast from the past.



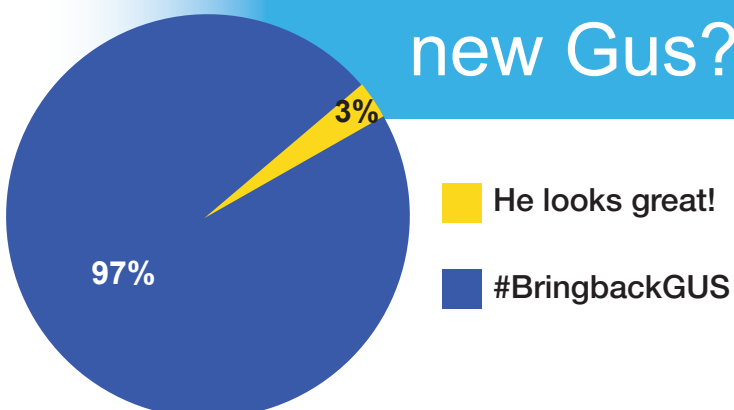
SPORTS SHORTS

- **Women's Volleyball** won against Jacksonville State, 3-0, and Charleston Southern, 3-1, on Thursday.
- **Women's Volleyball** won against Savannah State, 3-1, and The Citadel, 3-2, on Friday.
- **Men's Soccer** won at Stetson University, 2-1, on Friday.
- **Women's Soccer** won at Winthrop, 3-2, on Saturday.



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How do you feel about the new Gus?



Watch the new series **'The Lime Light'**, where The Circle interviews upcoming artists at Georgia Southern.

Knowing the Price of Everything and the Value of Nothing



DEVIN CONWAY

Conway is a junior journalism major from Manchester, New Hampshire.

An Introduction to Neoliberalism

To paraphrase Lester Spence, Political Science professor at Johns Hopkins University, neoliberalism is the expansion of capitalism from merely an economic system to a governing force that works to shape a society according to market principles.

In other words, neoliberalism is capitalism in its most radical form.

Whereas capitalism is merely an economic system based on the idea of the rational consumer and the market-driven producer, neoliberalism is an economic, cultural and political force that has come to dominate the masses through a constant bombardment of corporate propaganda, misinformation and advertisements.

The Irrational Consumer

The concept of the so-called 'rational consumer' at the core of capitalism

assumes that, when left alone, people will generally make purchases based solely on an objective and logical assessment of the goods and services offered to them.

In this type of system, consumers would compare the quality and price of the goods and services they are looking for and then make a decision after properly critiquing the information at hand.

The lower class would often be forced to sacrifice quality for quantity, while the middle and upper classes could afford to pay higher prices for higher quality products. Hence the phrase, 'you get what you pay for'.

A Constant Struggle

The problem with the brand of capitalism mentioned above, from the perspective of the producer, is that it works too well for the consumer.

There is an obvious conflict of interest between a consumer who buys based on needs rather than desires and the producer who seeks to maximize profits.

As Spence mentioned in his definition of neoliberalism, the people and institutions of a given society must sometimes be shaped to work according to market principles.

It goes without saying that, in order to maximize profits, the producers in a society must maximize consumption.

Working Against Ourselves

While capitalism seeks to establish the rational consumer, neoliberalism seeks to establish

the irrational consumer.

Take for example the Hardee's advertising model, which is essentially just to get scantily dressed women to eat their products as provocatively as possible.

Hardee's recently ran a Super Bowl advertisement for their All-Natural Burger that featured swimsuit model Charlotte McKinney.

The ad drew over two and a half billion media impressions in just two weeks.

If we can be subconsciously conditioned to associate two primal desires such as sexual pleasure and hunger, we can easily be manipulated to make purchases that are against our own long-term interests.

All For One

In order to shape the people and institutions of a society according to the interests of the neoliberal agenda, the seeds of consumerism, individualism and competition must be planted at an early age.

As children, we were coerced by fun and playful advertisements. We wanted our favorite cartoon characters on our fruit snacks and our favorite super heroes on our lunch boxes.

We threw temper tantrums when our parents wouldn't buy us whatever random, useless things happened to catch our eye in the grocery store, and they bought them for us to save them the trouble of dealing with an obnoxious child in public.

Those very same children that grew up unsatisfied by

an insatiable materialistic desire were molded into teenagers that demanded things we didn't need to impress people that we didn't even necessarily like.

The clothes we wore, the cell phones we used and the cars we drove became a matter of social status as we relentlessly ridiculed those who couldn't afford such luxuries.

A Lost Cause

Once we made it to college, our financial independence slowly came to fruition.

Now that we're old enough to meaningfully reflect upon our past experiences and the cultural phenomena that molded us, you would think that we could break free from the chains of the grotesque system that led us to act so ruthlessly.

For the general public, that simply is not the case.

Everywhere I look I see my peers idolizing entertainers, television and movie stars; many, if not most of whom have no redeeming qualities other than the tremendous amount of fame they have achieved by hijacking the once sacred medium of artistic expression and exploiting it for monetary gain.

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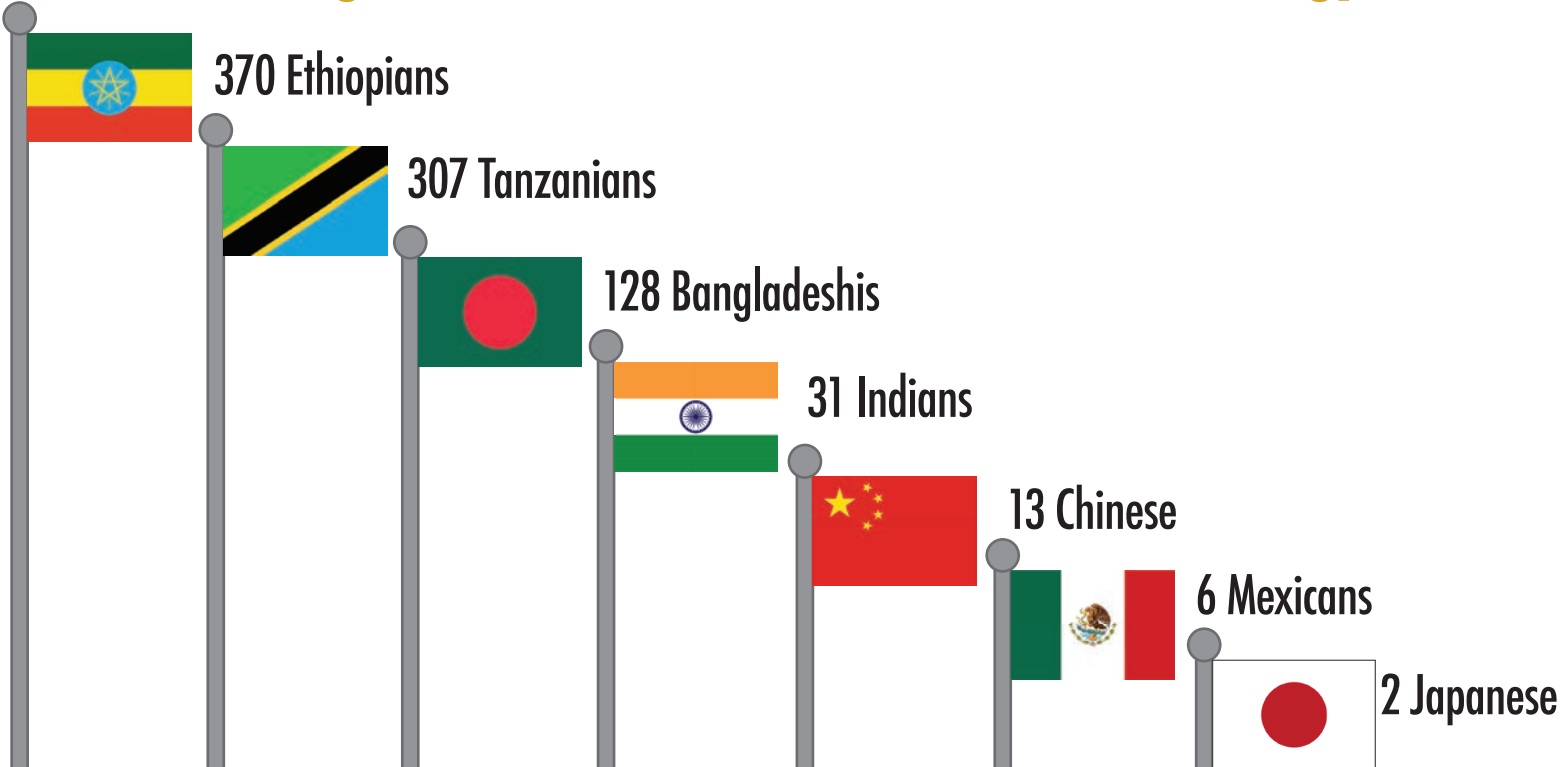
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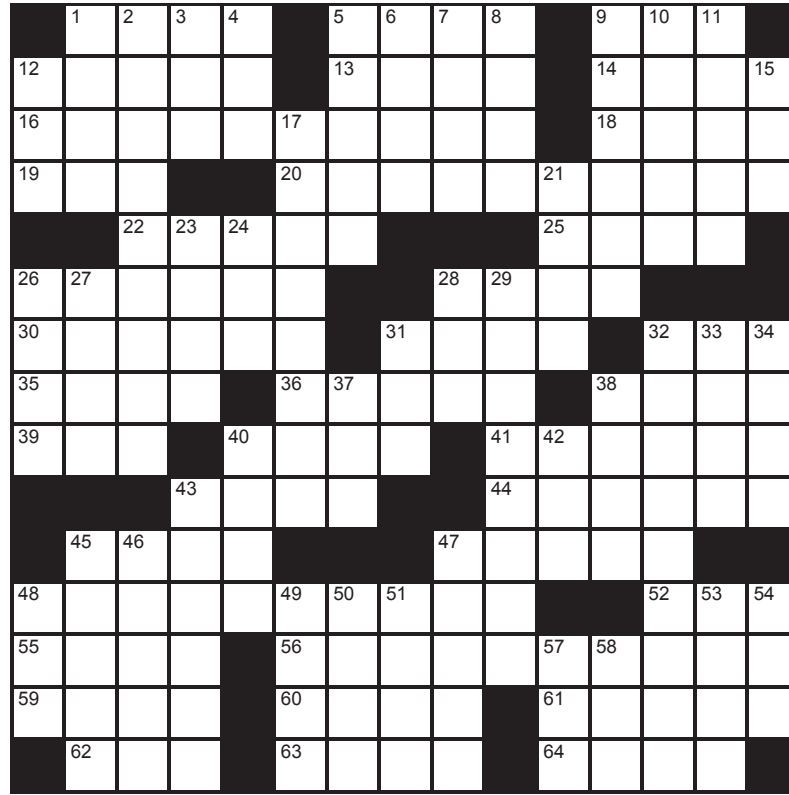
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- 14 Jewish calendar month
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- 19 Be off base
- 20 Hardly ordinary
- 22 Friendship
- 25 Snake eyes
- 26 Chocolate trees
- 28 Small liqueur glass
- 30 Graduates
- 31 Store sign
- 32 Tangle
- 35 Fountain order
- 36 Airheaded
- 38 Kind of blocker
- 39 Mad Hatter's drink
- 40 Gathering
- 41 Injured
- 43 Hide well
- 44 Mountain climbers' spikes
- 45 Gossamer
- 47 Duck down
- 48 Capital of Ethiopia
- 52 Razor-billed diving bird
- 55 Like Easter eggs
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- 59 Just for men
- 60 Warner Bros. creation
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- 50 Automobile trunk, once
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Multicultural Student Center's MAP program helps new college students

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

The Multicultural Student Center is home to many programs for Georgia Southern students to take advantage of during their first year of college, including a possibly unfamiliar program: MAP.

The details

The Minority Advisement Program (MAP) aids freshmen and transfer students transitioning into college and helps those students understand basic college essentials, as well as becoming established academically and socially stable.

The college transition process for many students has been said to be one of the most stressful times during the average student's life.

Sophomore business major and MAP Sponsor, Jordan Walker, explains how the mentor department helps students during the transitioning process of college life.

"We help them by making them feel included. We help them by opening their eyes to the many different resources and communities on campus so they don't feel alone," Walker said. "We help them by providing a family away from home because as MAP sponsors, we form a family amongst each other."

Freshman and transfer students are paired up with a MAP sponsor, who are upperclassmen. They are matched up based on similar backgrounds, including majors and interest.

MAP sponsors will be able to give some advice to freshman and transfer students and help them avoid issues during the beginning stages of college.

The facts

According to a 2008 research study conducted by the U.S Census and

American College Testing and published in the Huffington Post, of the 18 million students enrolled in college, 34 percent dropped out within the first year due to being unprepared, over confidence and unrealistic expectation.

The majority of those students dropped out during the first six weeks of school because of their inability to transition into college.

Hope Walker, freshman writing and linguistics major, is interested to see how MAP will help her.

"I think I would try it, maybe. The hardest part right now is being so far away from home. I'm from Cumming, Georgia, which is four hours from here. So it will definitely help," Walker said.

The MSC

Takeshia Brown, assistant director of mentor and retention at the MSC, explains what else MSC can do for students.

"MSC is a place where people can come and learn about themselves and figure out how they are going to make an impact beyond Georgia Southern," Brown said. "It's a place where students can feel connected. It's a place where students can feel challenged. I hope for some students, if they don't feel connected anywhere else, they can come here and we can give them different resources to help them out."

For more information on the Multicultural Student Center and the other programs and mentoring sessions under it, like Diversity Peer Educators and the Student African-American Brotherhood, head over to students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural or go to the MSC office, located in the Russell Union, room 2070.

MAP Sponsor Expectations and Responsibilities:

- 1. Have completed at least one semester at Georgia Southern.**
- 2. Enrolled full time.**
- 3. Have and maintain a 2.5 GPA throughout the position.**
- 4. Contact MAPEes a minimum of one time per week.**
- 5. Attend bi-weekly MAP team meetings.**
- 6. Assist in recruiting MAPEes.**

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College Coach Bus

PHOTO COURTESY OF JARED MALDONADO

College Coach Bus is a new bus service catering to GS students. The service will run for major school breaks, like Christmas.

New College Coach Bus service offers a travel alternative

BY TASHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

College Coach Bus, a new bus service that began in August, will now help Georgia Southern students from the Atlanta or Macon area have an easier way to get home. The bus service offers students transportation during major academic breaks, including Thanksgiving and winter break.

The history

College Coach Bus charter their buses from other companies, since they don't own their own buses. Although the bus service operates independently from universities, College Coach Bus has catered to five other colleges including Towson University and The University of Delaware.

Jared Maldonado, president of College Coach Bus, explained why he decided to bring the transportation service to Statesboro.

"We decided to start offering our service at Georgia Southern because we noticed a void in transportation options for students to get back home from school during breaks, specifically to the Macon and Atlanta areas, as well as to the Hartsfield-Jackson Airport," Maldonado said.

The future

Maldonado is also considering on the possibility of expanding the transportation service for other major times and destinations as well.

"We are considering offering buses to some away football games as well as some spring break destinations such as Panama City Beach or other parts of Florida," Maldonado said. "We are open to adding a bus to any destination that has enough people interested. At this moment though, it's just Macon, Hartsfield-

Jackson Airport, and Atlanta at Perimeter Mall."

For some students, the bus service offers amazing benefits. Junior journalism major Tushawn Dozier is excited the transportation service is being offered, especially since it keeps her from driving for a long period of time.

"Right now the drive is about three and a half hours and my roommate and I live really close to each other. So we usually drive home, but she hates driving. So we can just ride the bus instead," Dozier said.

For other students, there is hope for future bus stops. Sophomore international studies major Elizabeth Leone believes that the transportation service should cater to other areas in Georgia.

"I'm from Augusta and I think there are a lot of people from Augusta that come to Georgia Southern," Leone said. "I don't know if I would use the service because I like to have my family with me, but it would work in the Augusta area."

Round trip tickets for Macon or Atlanta run from \$110 to \$130. Students are required to book a seat in advance in order for the service to provide enough seats. The bus also offers free Wi-Fi.

For more information on College Coach Bus, head to www.collegecoachbus.net or follow them on Twitter or Facebook at [CollegeCoachBus](https://www.facebook.com/CollegeCoachBus).

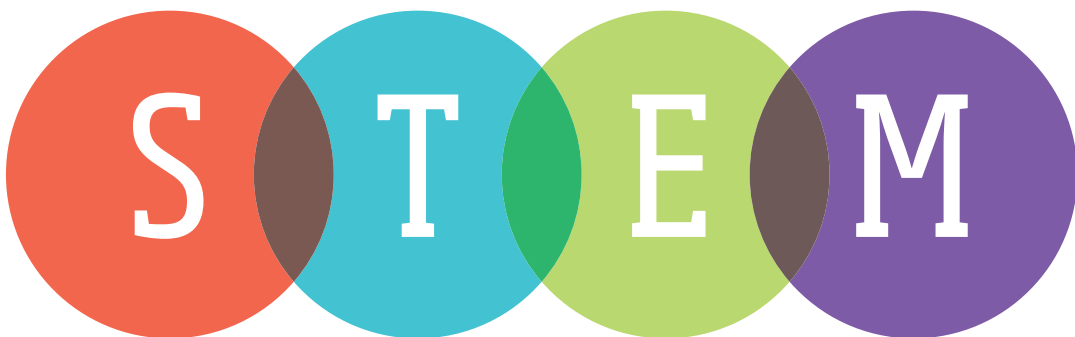


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EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Campus Chick-fil-A and Starbucks to be renovated

BY ERIN MCGUINESS

The George-Anne staff

Auxiliary Services is making plans to renovate the Chick-fil-A and Starbucks in the Russell Union next summer.

According to Eddie Mills, associate vice president of Auxiliary Services, both locations will close May 5, the last day of exams for the spring semester, and renovations are set to begin May 8. Starbucks is planned to reopen in July, while Chick-fil-A is planned to reopen by the start of the fall semester.

"Both spaces will have a brand new look and feel. The renovations will allow both businesses to increase their speed of service to customers," Mills said.

Starbucks will get new seating areas, lighting, menu boards, sink, cabinetry and the flooring will be replaced, according to Mills.

"I'm excited because it is a good change. I come [to Starbucks] to study and wait for classes, so it would be nice to have more seating options," Caroline Wilson, sophomore exercise science major, said.

According to Mills, Chick-fil-A will have many changes to the aesthetics with new flooring, wall coverings, signage and counters, as well as improvements in the kitchen.

"Chick-fil-A has always

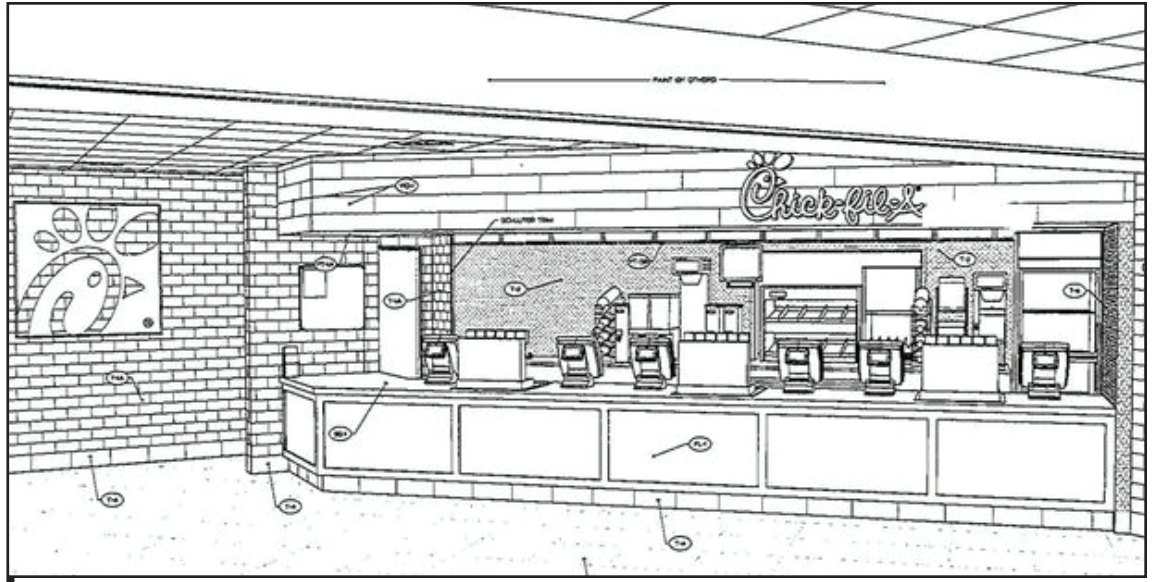
been busy, but I have never experienced bad service. I think the renovations will help count down on the wait and it will be good to update the aesthetics," Emily Perry, junior anthropology major, said.

The renovations are two separate projects. Eagle Dining Services will pay \$160,000 for the Starbucks renovations, and \$300,000 for Chick-fil-A's.

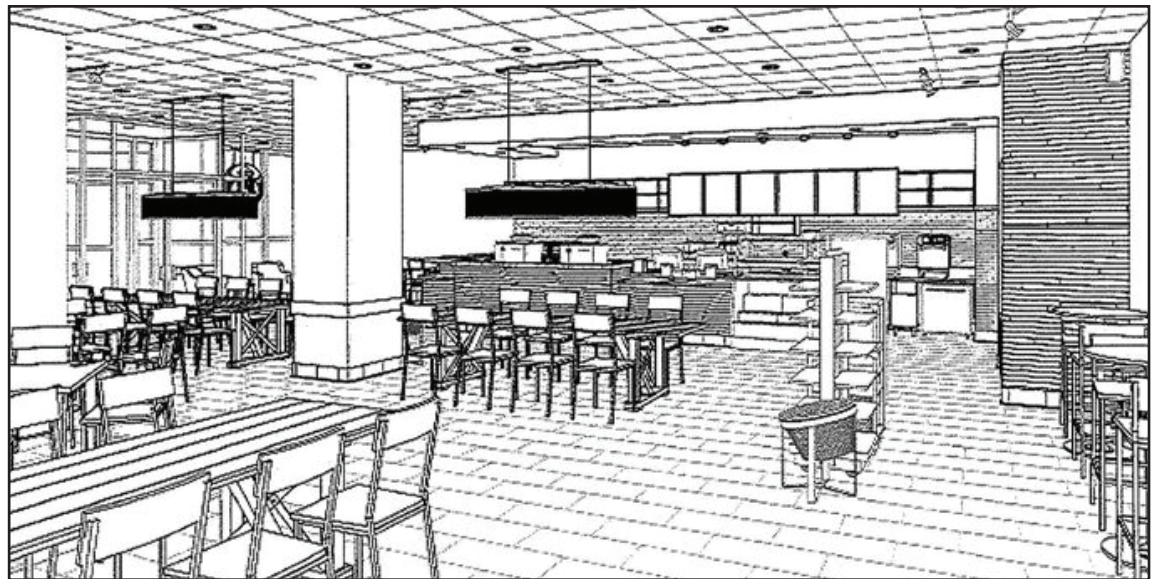
"I think that this will make both locations more convenient and faster. It kind of gets mixed up and chaotic with the long lines and people standing around everywhere," Matthew Wimberly, sophomore economics major, said.

Auxiliary Services continues to explore retail dining opportunities to bring on campus. They are in the final stages of bringing Sushi with Gusto to campus, but are still deciding on the best location.

Mills said, "During the semester, you'll see our marketing team surveying the campus in a variety of ways to help in our growth strategy for Eagle Dining Services. We have two fantastic dining halls and we need to continue to complement those with an enhanced retail dining operation."



The renovated Chick-Fil-A will have new flooring and signage among other updates. GS Chick-Fil-A is one of the highest-grossing campus locations in the U.S., according to the GS Chick-Fil-A Facebook page.



After Starbucks reopens next July, there will be new lighting, menu boards and more. Renovations are set to begin in early May.

Georgia Lottery offers big prizes at sporting events

BY HUNTER WILLIAMS

The The George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Lottery will be giving students a chance to win \$1,000 at three separate Georgia Southern home football games this season starting with the first game against Savannah State.

To have a chance at winning the \$1,000 prize students must attend the game and visit the Georgia Lottery's Dollars for Degrees tent. A representative will then give the student a keyword and a number to text it to which will enter them in the drawing for prizes.

Two students will be selected

to win the \$1,000 grand prize and multiple students will win \$100 gift cards.

The home games selected for these giveaways are Oct. 27 against Appalachian State and Dec. 3 against Troy.

The Georgia Lottery started this program in 2014 in an attempt to give more back to students in addition to the \$8 billion funded HOPE scholarship.

If you are interested in getting more information about this opportunity, visit the Dollars for Degrees website.

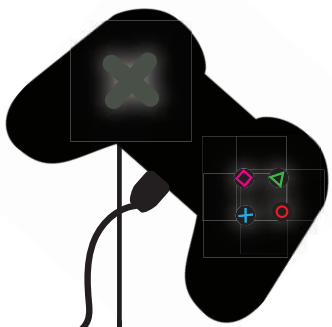
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Gaming For Growth

HOW ONE STUDENT OBTAINED THE UNTHINKABLE



SPRING 2015

Jamie Costner dropped out of high school

SUMMER 2015

Costner met Kevin Williams while playing games at a local pizza restaurant

LATE AUG. 2015

Costner called Williams about moving to Statesboro

SEPT. 2015

Williams offered the scholarship to Costner when he visited campus

EARLY OCT. 2015

Costner moved to Statesboro

LATE DEC. 2015/EARLY JAN. 2016

Costner applied and got accepted at East Georgia State College

SPRING 2016

Costner started taking classes at East Georgia



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Because of the scholarship, Costner has plenty of food, a bike and a saxophone, which he did not have before. Playing the saxophone is something Costner just does as a hobby.

BY JULIA FECHTER

The George-Anne staff

Columbia, South Carolina resident Jamie Costner was running out of options. He dropped out of high school during his senior year and worked full-time at a pizza restaurant for minimum wage. He did not have the money to pay rent at the apartment where he was living, which meant he would be kicked out soon.

Enter Kevin Williams, the Executive Director and co-founder of Southern Collegiate Gaming (SCG). SCG is a gaming organization that equips students to participate in casual and collegiate-level competitive gaming.

Williams met Costner while visiting Columbia. At the time, college was the furthest thing from Costner's mind. Costner, a freshman business management and education

major, never expected that with Williams' help, he would earn a \$12,000 scholarship related to video games.

The Road to Southern

Costner was working on his GED in the summer of 2015 when he met Williams.

"We met at a pizza place, where I would go play video games on the internet there because I didn't have it at home. He [Williams] was like 'Hey'. He lived down in Statesboro, so we generally talked through Skype and games," Costner said.

Costner's personal life continued to decline. He did not live with his parents, and mooched off

of his friends until they got sick of it. He reached out to Williams in late August 2015.

"I called him and asked, 'Hey, what would it take for me to move down there to Georgia Southern?'," Costner said.

Costner thought if there was any way he was going to do it, then he would. If he got kicked out of his apartment, he would be homeless.

Most of Costner's friends were against him moving, but his parents cautiously accepted it.

When he visited Georgia Southern's campus that September, Williams told him about the SCG-affiliated scholarship. The two started working together to make the scholarship a reality, and Costner moved to Statesboro the next month.

Costner applied to East



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN WILLIAMS

The Southern Collegiate Gaming house was established in 2012. Students from Georgia Southern and Ogeechee Technical College live there.

East Georgia State College two weeks before the spring term started. After being accepted, he took classes there the spring and summer 2016 terms. For now, he still takes classes there.

Addressing the need

"We did give a scholarship last year [Costner's scholarship]. It was \$12,000. It's called a unique needs scholarship, and it gives one student the ability to go to the university that otherwise couldn't," Williams said.

Williams had Costner write down a list of 50 to 100 [people's] names from his past. This proved difficult for Costner. He wondered if people would donate since he had already exhausted his resources in Columbia.

"What we do is we have donors that send in money monthly for him. He gets a portion of that every month to help with his books and tuition," Williams said.

The scholarship will also pay off most or all of Costner's school-related debts by the time he graduates.

As with any scholarship, Costner had to uphold his end of the agreement.

"Part of the scholarship requires me to help with things like setting up club events and activities,

help manage those events and activities, answer any questions any new people might have," Costner said.

Leading by example

Another requirement of the scholarship is that Costner undergo a mentorship program with SCG.

"One of my specific jobs is facilitating the mentorship program. I recruit members from local churches and business leaders to help do one-on-one trainings with the student who's receiving the scholarship," Williams said.

Kevin did not present himself as a choice for a life coach when explaining the program to Costner. However, Costner asked whether or not Williams could be his life coach, and Williams agreed.

Since then, one of the biggest lessons Costner learned from Williams dealt with their mutual Christian faith.

Costner began to realize, around the time he moved to Statesboro, that he had problems he could not handle by himself, regardless of his efforts. He would end up back in the same spot, which frustrated him.

From observing Williams' words and actions, Costner was able to see Williams walk in a freedom that he never could.

"I asked Kevin the difference between what he was doing and what he believed and what I was doing and what I believed," Costner said.

According to Costner, he learned that difference was the freeing power of the holy spirit, which he didn't have access to then, but does now. Every cyclical pattern he was stuck in is now gone.

"I would not be here, even if I had moved down here, if I hadn't invested in that [faith] and sought that out, I would not be sitting here talking to you," Costner said.

Home away from home

Another benefit for Costner is that, through Williams and others, he has been able to meet other gamers like him in SCG.

"It [SCG] gives people a chance to come out of their rooms and come meet other like-minded people. Even if you don't play the same games, you

have the same mindset of 'I like to play games, and this is a hobby I enjoy,'" Matthew Tyler, sophomore computer science major, said.

Some of Costner's best memories have been walking in to SCG's house and saying hello and talking to everyone there.

Costner said, "Someone will be like 'Let's take a break and play some Smash [Brothers] so I can go play with them. Being able to walk into a house full of people like me who will welcome me the second I walk in. It's like family.'"



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Costner enjoys League of Legends, as well as pixelated indie games including Terraria and Shovel Knight. He also enjoys story games with creative narration, like Blue Lacuna and Bastion.

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GS PROFESSOR GOES TO RIO

CONNECTING CULTURES THROUGH LANGUAGE AND SPORT



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRIGORY DMITRIYEV

Grigory Dmitriyev, Ph.D., worked as a translator in the press tent at the Olympic games. He helped Sports Illustrated conduct an interview for its magazine with a Russian medalist.

BY SKYLER BLACK

The George-Anne contributor

He can speak a total of eight languages, has been a part of Georgia Southern for 25 years as a professor of curriculum, foundations and reading, and he volunteered at the Rio 2016

Summer Games.

Grigory Dmitriyev, Ph.D., decided to volunteer to assist in an atmosphere of more than 11,000 athletes from 207 National Olympic Committees.

Countries from around the world gathered together in a celebration of sportsmanship and the worldwide

love for competing. Dmitriyev was able to experience the enormity and splendor that was Rio de Janeiro, Brazil this summer as a translator of English, German, French, Russian and Spanish.

"Since I have visited and lived in 40 countries, speaking to people from various countries in their own language

makes people feel that they are not aliens at the Olympic games. It makes them feel that there are other people that know about their culture and understand it," Dmitriyev said.

Creating these connections between individuals of different lifestyles and cultures is something in which he prides himself.

As a dual citizen of Russia and the United States, volunteering in situations such as this create a fantastic way for Dmitriyev to spread his ideals and the ideals of the Olympics to those around him.

"I am a very good supporter of volunteers. We paid for our own tickets and accommodations and we are very dedicated to the Olympic values and ideals which are friendship and cooperation around the world," Dmitriyev said.

While working in the

main press tent, Dmitriyev had the opportunity to work with a variety of journalists, organizations and individuals that were volunteering and working the Olympic Games.

One such interaction was with Sports Illustrated for an article in their magazine issue.

"Sports Illustrated wanted to write about the Russian champion and found an interview online, so I spent an hour and a half helping them to translate the interview with the champion. I think it was an awesome opportunity as a citizen of both Russia and the United States, to help this link between the two countries."

Volunteering is not a new thing by far for Dmitriyev after helping out with the Junior World Championship in Savannah in 1999 and last year's World Heavyweight Lifting Championship in Houston. He wanted to continue that trend of volunteering this year.

After years of helping the students of Georgia Southern and the individuals within the multitude of events and championships, Dmitriyev retired and one of the main reasons for this trip to the Olympics was to see what he wanted to do after his life in the university.

Dmitriyev said, "I needed to plan what I wanted to do after I retired to make my life meaningful and rich. So a year and a half ago I applied to be a volunteer at the Olympic games."

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SIGHTS FROM PAULSON



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It was Military Appreciation Night on Saturday.



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Over 21,000 members of Eagle Nation came out to the season opener.



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Favian Upshaw makes a cut on the way to one of his two rushing touchdowns.



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Matt Breida (36) celebrates one of Upshaw's scores.

EAGLES TAKE DOWN THE TIGERS AT PAULSON



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Favian Upshaw cuts through the defense on a QB keeper. He finished the game with four total touchdowns.

BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX
The George-Anne contributor

Over 21,000 fans packed into Paulson last weekend expecting to see more of the famed “Georgia Power Company” rushing offense, but what they saw may have been even more interesting.

OFFENSE

The Eagles were able to pick up 420 yards on the ground, but they also showed off a passing attack, completing 80 percent of their passes for 185 yards and two scores.

With one of the most explosive backs in college football alongside one of the best rushing attacks, we expected a big game on the ground. While it may not have been as flashy, it was certainly as efficient. The offense picked up six rushing scores from five different players and averaged over six yards per carry. Apart from the solid performances of Breida and Fields, redshirt junior Demarcus Godfrey was the only back to go over 100 yards after getting a bulk of the fourth quarter carries. This coming weekend will

be a great barometer for the rushing offense as they get to take on a formidable Sun Belt opponent.

Most fans were looking out for the successful ground game, few were prepared for the success through the air. Kevin Ellison was perfect through the air, completing all five of his passes for seventy yards. Upshaw also had a great performance through the air, going seven for 10 with two touchdowns and 115 yards.

The passing game was the most impressive aspect of the contest to me, as we saw serious improvement from both quarterbacks and the receiving core. Montay Crockett grabbed three passes, including a spectacular catch over a defender, while being on the receiving end of a pass interference penalty. This bodes very well for the rest of the season, as the Eagles have lacked diversity on the offensive side of the ball.

DEFENSE

The defense looked solid against the run. The front seven completely overwhelmed

the Tiger offense and held them to merely 1.3 yards per carry. Among the standouts on defense was Florida State transfer Ukeme Eligwe, who picked up five tackles and also picked up a sack. Ironhead Gallon was the leading tackler for the Eagles, with six total tackles.

Savannah State was able to pick up a few first downs through the air. Some of the first downs may have stood out to fans, but it is important to keep in mind that Savannah State’s passers were just over 50 percent and averaged only four yards per attempt.

WHAT’S NEXT?

This Saturday will serve as a great test for the rest of the season, as the Eagles head to Mobile to take on South Alabama. The Jaguars are coming off a big win against SEC opponent Mississippi State for their first ever win against an SEC school. Georgia Southern has taken a win in the last two meetings between the two schools and plan to keep that streak alive. The game in Mobile is set to kick off at 6 p.m.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



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13 FAVIAN UPSHAW

THE SENIOR QUARTERBACK PICKED UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF AFTER THE GO DADDY BOWL. HE THREW TWO TOUCHDOWNS AND RAN FOR TWO MORE.

29 DEMARCUS GODFREY

THE JUNIOR TAILBACK CAME OFF THE BENCH TO RUSH FOR 124 YARDS ON 14 CARRIES.



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7 UKEME ELIGWE

THE FLORIDA STATE TRANSFER MADE HIS GS DEBUT ON SATURDAY. HE PUT IN A SOLID PERFORMANCE WITH FIVE TACKLES, A TACKLE FOR LOSS AND A SACK.

WHAT THE EAGLES SAID

TYSON SUMMERS ON THE GS BACKFIELD

“I feel like we’re as talented and as deep as anybody that there is in the country when you start talking about our backfield. I really do – between the two quarterbacks and the three or four backs we had in the game.”

MATT BREIDA ON HIS TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION

“I saw they weren’t going to bring the blitz and I knew the middle was going to be open. So i just took my chance and it worked out.”

MONTAY CROCKETT ON THE ATMOSPHERE AT PAULSON

“It’s a great feeling, a great atmosphere, and great fans.”

FAVIAN UPSHAW ON THE PASSING GAME AGAINST SSU

“Most of our routes, we’re running them off the defense. [The recievers] did a good job of getting open and reading the defense.”

DARRIUS SAPP ON THE COMPETITIVENESS AMONG THE D-LINE

“We push each other each and every day to get our assignments right and go make the play. That just makes you go out and go get em.”

SUN BELT MAKES A STATEMENT ON OPENING WEEKEND

BY ROBERT GEORGE

The George-Anne staff

There were a lot of craziness in college football this past weekend, including in the Sun Belt. Teams all around the conference made it known that opposing teams shouldn't take them lightly anymore.

Appalachian State traveled to Neyland Stadium on Thursday and took the Tennessee Volunteers into overtime on national television. In fact, if not for a couple of missed kicks and a fluky fumble-that-turned-into-a-touchdown for the Vols,

they would have pulled off one of the biggest upsets since 2006, when they beat Michigan in the Big House.

South Alabama, a program not known for a brand of winning football, toppled SEC foe Mississippi State by scoring in the last minute and were helped out by a missed field goal from the Bulldogs. While the Bulldogs aren't exactly a conference powerhouse, it was still the biggest win in the history of South Alabama's program by a long shot.

"It doesn't surprise me.

It doesn't surprise me at all," Tyson Summers said following Georgia Southern's win over Savannah State on Saturday night. "I think what you see in our conference and particularly in the Group of Five, is that we've got good teams. And we want to be in that consideration to be one of those top two or three teams and one of the top 25 teams in the country."

The Eagles and the rest of the Sun Belt will certainly get a chance to boost their credibility again this

season. This upcoming weekend could be a big one, as Arkansas State takes on Auburn, ULM travels to Oklahoma and Troy plays Clemson. Two weeks from now, Appalachian State will be in a big spotlight when they host Miami on ESPN. And of course, GS has a few big non-conference games left on its schedule with Georgia Tech and Ole Miss looming.

Yes, a Sun Belt team probably won't crash the College Football Playoff this season or maybe next year either. But look at

Houston, a Group of Five team with a legitimate shot for a spot in the final four this season. They have steadily improved over the last five years and have gained national prominence after beating Florida State in the 2015 Peach Bowl and again this weekend when they rolled Oklahoma for a 33-23 win.

"Why can't that be us," Summers said. "That's where we're headed and that's what we trying to do."



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Hanner Fieldhouse hosts the basketball and volleyball teams. Construction is expected to be done by Sep. 1.

HANNER FIELDHOUSE RECEIVING MULTIPLE NEW ADDITIONS AND UPDATES

BY CHRIS SMITH

The George-Anne staff

The current construction on Hanner Fieldhouse is focused towards increasing safety for students and improving chances to meet broadcast television standards.

According to Tracy Ham, the Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations, the construction will bring in a new student entrance coming in from the campus. The lobby area will be extended outward for ticketing booths and the addition of new bathrooms. The bleachers inside the stadium will extend to the floor in order to allow fans to easily move in and out of the facility safer and more efficiently.

"We wanted to make some change for our students. We think about our students, because the students are our biggest fan base at games," Ham said.

According to the International Building Code (IBC), an accessible means of egress, or an unobstructed path to exit the building, must be provided. With this

new renovation, Hanner will be more accessible for the handicapped and more handicapped seating will be available.

Hanner will also be receiving new LED lighting fixtures to replace the aged fluorescent lighting. LED lighting creates a different level of brightness to the court's floors and is a cost effective lighting choice.

"This is not just for basketball, but also for graduations. We have several graduations that take place in this building from high school as well as Georgia Southern graduations," Ham said.

There will be more televised games inside of Hanner and the new lighting fixtures will help Georgia Southern get as close as possible to broadcast standards.

The construction of Hanner Fieldhouse is expected to be finished by Sep. 1, just in time for the Georgia Southern volleyball team's home opener against Jacksonville State.

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WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON IN GS ATHLETICS?

THOR SVEINBJORNSSON NAMED TO SUN BELT ALL-CONFERENCE SOCCER TEAM



Thor passes the ball to a teammate. He leads the team with three assists on the season.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern's Thor Sveinbjornsson was named to the Preseason Sun Belt All-Conference Soccer Team this season as a junior.

Sveinbjornsson started all three of the Eagle's games this season and was a key contributor to their 2-1 start to the season. His play is paramount for the Eagles as they try to capture their first ever conference championship in school history.

Sveinbjornsson leads the team in assists with three, showing off his exceptional passing abilities on the pitch to set up his teammates.

"I have good vision and I can make something happen for my teammates and that's huge for us," Sveinbjornsson said.

The Iceland native hopes he can be a catalyst for his team's ultimate goal of making their first-ever appearance in the NCAA tournament. Sveinbjornsson likes to emulate his game

after Italian legend Andrea Pirlo and Manchester United player Wayne Rooney.

With new Head Coach, John Murphy, the Eagles have gotten off to a good start and are confident they can keep the momentum going.

"I'm very happy with the team, my standards are very high and demanding, but just like football, basketball, or baseball there are no more easy games," Murphy said.

Murphy knows he has a talented group at Georgia Southern. He also knows they need to give it their all to win the conference. Murphy puts an extra emphasis on passing efficiency and maximizing each pass' potential to set up goals for each player.

The Eagles' next game is Labor Day, Sep. 5, against Jacksonville. Their first home game of the season is Friday, Sep. 9 against James Madison University at Eagle Field at 4 p.m.

LEGENDARY GS BROADCASTER NATE HIRSCH PASSES AWAY AT 68



Hirsch was the original Voice of the Eagles. Hirsch started to work for GS in 1973.

BY CHRIS SMITH

The George-Anne staff

Nate Hirsch, the original "Voice of the Georgia Southern Eagles," passed away on Aug. 28.

Hirsch came to Statesboro in 1970, where he accepted a job with the GS radio station. This is where he got the chance to cover every sport in GS athletics.

Along his prestigious career, Hirsch turned out to be one of the most decorated sports broadcasters in the state of Georgia. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame on four different occasions. Hirsch is a member of four Hall's of Fame; the Georgia Radio, Statesboro High, GS Baseball and GS Athletics Hall of Fame.

Hirsch played a huge role in broadcasting nearly all of Southern's greatest sports moments. He had the opportunity to call six of GS NCAA I-AA national

championship victories. In 1973, Hirsch started broadcasting for the GS baseball team, including their trip to the College Baseball World Series. For Basketball, Hirsch was able to broadcast their games when they made it to the NCAA Basketball tournament.

When it comes to broadcasting and GS athletics, Hirsch will be greatly missed. He will go down as one of the greatest Eagles to step foot on this campus. His achievements will live on forever in GS history.

The funeral service for Hirsch was on Sep. 1 and was attended by GS football head coach Tyson Summers and many GS alumni.



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9/8 - Faculty Showcase 7:30 p.m., *Averitt Center for the Arts.*

9/13 - Southern Circuit "Agents of Change" with a Q&A with Co-Directors/Producers Abby Ginzberg and Frank Dawson following the screening. 7 p.m., *Sanford Hall, room 1002.*

9/14 - Immigration Film Series: At Home and Abroad Dept. of Writing and Linguistics presents "Welcome," an award winning French film. Free popcorn. 6 p.m., *Russell Union Theatre.*

9/15 - History Fall Film Series Dept. of History presents "The Black Robe," a story of a young Jesuit priest and his first mission to New France in 1634. 6 p.m., *Sanford Hall, room 1002.*

9/20 - On the Verge Concert featuring a performance by the distinguished Da Capo Chamber Players. 7:30 p.m., *Carter Recital Hall.*

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9/27 - Georgia Southern Wind Symphony 7:30 p.m., *Performing Arts Center (PAC).*

9/28 - Georgia Southern Symphony 7:30 p.m., *Performing Arts Center (PAC).*

9/29 - Georgia Southern Symphonic Wind Ensemble 7:30 p.m., *Performing Arts Center (PAC).*

9/30 - Guitar Solo Recital 7:30 p.m., *Carter Recital Hall.*

10/4 - Georgia Southern Jazz Ensemble 7:30 p.m., *Averitt Center for the Arts.*

10/8 - Vocal Arts Gala 7:30 p.m., *Carter Recital Hall.*

10/11 - Southern Circuit "Donald Cried" with a Q&A with Producer, Writer and Lead Actor Jesse Wakeman following the screening. 7 p.m., *Sanford Hall, room 1002.*

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