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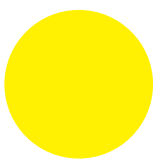
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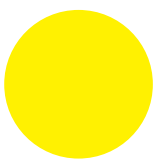


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## Weather Bar

The forecast calls for sunny conditions throughout most of the week. With a hurricane tracking for the east coast, don't be surprised if we get some rain.



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We asked Georgia Southern students why it's important for college students to vote in this year's election!

## Innovative Wall Decor Ideas For Your Home

BY GRACIA SMITH  
The Reflector staff

Decorating a new dorm, apartment or house, means re-evaluating your personal style and creativity. Often, when growing up and living at home, your artistic choices are defined by a parent's style. When you move out, it's time to find your own style. If you're trying to figure out how to decorate your new space, consider these styles and tips.

### Write on It

Chalkboard paint has been popular for a long time. Placing it in the kitchen or other common areas allows everyone a chance to be creative while also creating a place where you can list groceries lists, house rules, and other information everyone living with you needs to know. To make the chalkboard style your own, combine it with other decor elements. Place photos or floating shelving on the same wall as the chalkboard paint to break up the black color and infuse your personality.

### Make it Dynamic

Creating wall decor that seems like it's alive is a difficult thing. To make something dynamic, connect the wall decor to other pieces nearby. Perhaps a series of stenciled birds or butterflies can start perched on your favorite bonsai tree and make their way onto the wall and across the room.

Find a stencil and trace the design on thick, cardboard paper. Cut the designs out and glue them on or around the plant, then trace the stencil on the wall and fill it in with the same color as the cardboard paper.

### DIY

DIY is a very popular way to decorate. It's more affordable, allows you to

explore your creativity and is incredibly personal.

Use tape to create a cool geometric pattern on the wall and then paint the wall in your favorite colors, hang free-floating yarn banners in bright colors to add movement and energy to a room or make cutouts for stylized symbols out of wood to make designs for specific parts of your home.

### Vintage and Antique

Giving each room a vintage or antique feel doesn't have to be expensive. While you can splurge on items you really love, complement more expensive pieces with vintage-inspired decor. Aged wood, Victorian-style pillows and throws or prints of classic art can all embellish your place for a unique antique look.

If you're inspired by the DIY idea, you can even take cheap, ceramic plates from the store and paint them yourself in the style of old European porcelain or Asian china.

### Country Inspired

If you need a place where you can come home and relax, the countryside is inherently soothing and relaxing. Pastel colors and rustic furniture lend a sense of ease to any room. Try looking for French country home furniture to ensure a cheerful atmosphere and bright home.

### Personalize It

However you choose to decorate, make sure you do something that represents your personality and speaks to your hobbies and passions. If you're living with someone, it may be hard to compromise on common space, but you can always decorate your personal space in a style you love. Get inspired and start imagining your new home today.

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# ANALYZING FOOTBALL FROM A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE



## DEVIN CONWAY

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

### AMERICA'S NEW PASTIME

Although baseball has long been considered America's pastime, football has come to dominate the national sports conversation.

Football simultaneously instills hope, inspires confidence, incites violence and deeply disappoints its fans on a weekly basis.

The players themselves take an incredible amount of pride in their capabilities on an individual level, but the best teams find a way to take pride in their capabilities as a collective unit.

Successful football teams are reliant upon teammates who are willing to sacrifice individual accolades in favor of doing what will give the team itself the best chance to win the game.

It's not just the crisp fall air and the electric atmosphere of the multi-million dollar fortresses that host our favorite teams, the feeling that we get at the beginning of the season when each team has a clean

slate, or even the beers and unhealthy foods we indulge in with friends and family at tailgates and parties, it's the combination of it all that is truly mesmerizing.

There's something magical about the relentless competition, the narratives that we all buy into often being redefined before our very eyes, and the unexplainable gratification that comes from a clutch performance when the game is on the line.

### FOOTBALL AS AN ACT OF WAR

Each and every possession is seen as either an attempted invasion by a foreign enemy in which a defense must protect their end zone, or, on the opposite end of things, an attempt at conquering someone else's land in which an offense must successfully reach their opponent's end zone.

Each football game is a war made up by a series of battles that come to define the narrative.

Coaches act as commanders, quarterbacks act as generals (hence the term "field general", which is often used to refer to quarterbacks) and most of the other players simply act as soldiers.

Much like any form of warfare, there are several different ways in which battles can be won.

The offensive commanders often utilize a mix between strikes through the air that will quickly deteriorate the strongholds held by their

opponents (passing plays), and troops on ground that will incrementally break down the structures that hold everything together for the defense (running plays).

Sometimes they even attempt to outflank the opponent by calling trick plays that will leave the opponent disoriented and unprepared for an impending attack.

### FOOTBALL AS A FORM OF TRIBALISM

Football acts as an outlet for a latent tribalism that exists in fans and players alike.

Between the hedges, the players that make up each team are pitted against one another in random acts of controlled violence.

The thousands of fans that gather outside and inside football stadiums to cheer on their teams band together like packs of wild animals, sharing a common enemy, donning the same colors, chanting the same slogans and hoping for the same end result when the game clock strikes zero.

And the millions of others that tune in on television feel the same way.

Although it may seem counterintuitive, for as much as team preferences pin one team and its fans against another, they also bring communities together in a way that not many things can.

To share a fandom with someone else is to transcend our differences.

Regardless of creed, color or national origin, fans of the same team consider each other brothers and sisters in the long and often grueling season, and the only way to make it through while remaining intact is to remain united.

### FOOTBALL AS A RELIGION

As any superfan will tell you, a successful football team can override any kind of personal issues that we may have going on in our own lives.

All of our own shortcomings, failures or troubles can be alleviated with just one victorious season.

Football has almost become a religion of sorts. There is a lot of overlap between the concepts of destiny, karma and moral standards that we subscribe to in our spiritual beliefs and the way we view the various low and high points of the game.

Football has become such an important aspect of our culture that the fans that dedicate significant portions of their lives to their preferred teams often intertwine their own emotional states with the performance of those teams.

There's something deeply satisfying and even addicting about the game, and it has captured our attention unlike any entertainment spectacle we have ever seen.

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# The keys to making a GS advisement appointment

## Advisement Locations

- College of Business Administration:  
Business Administration Building  
(Room 1100)
- College of Education:  
Education Building (Room 1107)
- College of Public Health:  
Hendricks Hall (Room 0101)
- College of Health and Human Sciences:  
Hollis Building (Room 0101)
- College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences:  
Foy Building (Room 3060)
- College of Science and Math:  
Engineering Building (Room 1116)
- First Year Experience:  
Williams Center (Room 1001)

BY TAISHA WHITE

The George-Anne staff

Around the midpoint in every semester, college students can expect an email from their adviser requesting that students sign up for appointments. For most students, this process has become the norm, but for some students, the advisement process can be considered somewhat challenging, especially if it's a first-time experience.

The purpose of the advisement process is to bring students and advisers in different colleges and departments together to discuss their future college plans, classes they need to take and, for upperclassmen, possible internship opportunities and graduation.

Alan Woodrum, GS assistant provost, believes that the advisement process is created to benefit students in the long run.

"The main goal that advisers hope their students take away is greater confidence in the next step of their academic journey," Woodrum said.

The advisement process is broken down into three sections.

### The beginning

In the beginning portion of Upon receiving an email from advisers regarding advisement appointments, students should log on to their MyGeorgiaSouthern page and head to the GradesFirst page. GradeFirst will display a calendar where students can pick a specific time to meet their adviser.

Once a student makes their appointment, a confirmation email will be sent out.

### During advisement

Before the advisement begins, it is essential for students to be at their adviser's office on time. Students who are late may lose their spot and have to sign up for a later time frame.

Students and advisers will

meet for 20 to 30 minutes and in that time frame, the student and adviser will discuss future courses that need to be taken. Beyond the education process, students will be able to talk about any issues they are facing in class, such as time management skills and studying issues.

Students are then given an advisement form that shows what classes are required the next semester, their current GPA, comments made by the adviser and the Registration Access Number (RAN), which will give each student access to sign up for classes when the registration period begins.

### The aftermath

At the end of every advisement appointment, students are asked to fill out an exit survey, which asks students if they got all the information they need from their adviser.

This process is required for all students. If students do not sign up for advisement in a timely manner, they will not receive their RAN. Without a RAN, students are unable to sign up for classes during the registration period, which will create issues with finding specific required classes.

Kyle Flowers, senior mechanical engineering major, has advice for those students who are going into their first advisement meeting.

"Be prepared and know what you need to be doing," Flowers said. "The advisement process is supposed to benefit all students, so if you need any help or you have any questions, ask."

Jasmyn Cornell, senior theatre and journalism major, believes that students should treat advisement as a business meeting.

"Take it seriously, dress appropriately and be on time," Cornell said. "This meeting is beneficial to your future and you want to make sure that you have all the information that you need."

“Take it seriously, dress appropriately and be on time”

JASMYN CORNELL

Senior theatre and journalism major

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# Breast Cancer Awareness Month aims to get people educated

BY TAISHA WHITE

The George-Anne staff

With the month of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, organizations around the world are educating people on breast cancer, as well as the stages and treatments.

According to the National Cancer Institute, breast cancer is cancer that forms in the tissues of the breast.

Besides skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among U.S. women, causing 29 percent of newly diagnosed cancers, or 1 in 8. All races are effected, but Caucasian women have the highest incident rate of breast cancer while African-American women have the highest mortality rate.

Dr. Janine Dodds, co-chair of the Statesboro Bulloch County Breast Cancer Foundation, explains how breast cancer can affect anyone.

"Although breast cancer has affected women, it affects men too," Dodds said. "In fact, men are more likely than women to be diagnosed with advanced-stage breast cancer, which could cause a decrease in awareness and delays in detection."

Breast cancer is broken down into stages ranging from zero to four, according to the National Breast Cancer website:

## Stage zero

In this stage, non-invasive, unusual cells have been found in a straight line in the breast milk duct, but have not spread outside into the surrounding. This is a very early cancer stage that is highly treatable, but if not detected early, could easily spread.

## Stage one

Breast cancer has been found in this stage, but it's still in the early stages. There are two stages of Stage 1 (1A and 1B).

In stage 1A, the tumor is two centimeters or smaller and has not spread to the lymph nodes. In stage 1B, however, lymph nodes have small portion evidence.

## Stage two and three

Cancer is spreading in stage two, but it is contained and has spread to the closest lymph node.

The cancer might require

heavier and aggressive treatment in this stage.

In stage three, the tumor has grown and may have spread to lymph nodes and muscles, but not organs.

## Stage four

Finally, in the last stage, the cancer has spread past the lymph nodes and into the muscles, brain, lungs and/or liver. It is incurable but can be considered treatable depending on technological advances.

Sandra Njemo, senior chemistry major, believes avoiding check-ups and appointments can lead to major issues

in the long run.

"I actually went to the doctor and she taught me on what to check in regards to breast cancer," Njemo said. "Sometimes we won't get checked out by a doctor for years and people don't realize the warning signs until it is too late."

There are many symptoms to look for when determining if someone has breast cancer.

Symptoms may include breast pain, lump in the underarm, nipple discharge and swelling of all or part of the breast.

Hylesinta Ali, junior mechanical engineering major, believes that breast cancer awareness is beneficial to everyone, not just women.

"I just think that general awareness gives people a better perspective and insight on breast cancer and what it is," Ali said, "People will be better educated and be more considerate to the issues."

There are various



organizations on the Georgia Southern campus that are raising awareness about breast cancer. On Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., GS' Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will be hosting StrideZ in Pink, a 5k run/walk, starting at the RAC.

More breast cancer awareness month events and activities and be found on the myInvolvement page.

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**SANDRA NJEMO**

Senior chemistry major



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# GS SOLD series'

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**BY BAILEY ADCOCK**

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern's Office of Leadership and Community Engagement and the Office of Student Activities have been putting on Student Organization and Leadership Development (SOLD) series workshops for students recently.

The free workshops are open to all GS students and they focus on different topics of conversation and tutorials. The most recent was Event Planning.

Each workshop focuses on a topic that greatly benefits college students in general.

"I think that the SOLD workshop was super helpful when it came to planning

events because it taught me that you can't just think of the overall event, but you need to focus in detail about what is going to be happening," Dani Diaz, sophomore international studies major, said.

In addition to gaining useful knowledge, student organizations gain WINGS incentive points by having members attend. Organizations can receive various awards after accumulating a certain amount of incentive points.

"I've been to multiple workshops and one that really helped me was the Leadership SOLD Series last month. The SOLD series allowed us as an organization to develop leadership skills that we may not have had before," Nik

Davis, sophomore biology major and member of the Theta Xi fraternity, said, "It also benefits us in a way to not only learn new skills but we are able to apply the skills to the success of the fraternity."

The upcoming workshops for the rest of the semester will be held in the Russell Union room 2080 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and will include workshops on Diversity, Leadership Development and Conflict Management.

The overall goal of the workshops is to develop greater leaders within student organizations on campus.

A schedule can be found on the Georgia Southern Leadership and Community Engagement webpage.

“The SOLD series allowed us as an organization to develop leadership skills that we may not have had before.”

**NICK DAVIS**

Sophomore biology major

# Coming Out Week

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**BY DANYELLE GAINES**

The George-Anne contributor

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will host their second annual Coming Out Week this week at the Georgia Southern campus.

The week will consist of a variety of events, including speakers, a carnival and an attractions fair.

Coming Out Week will end with Pride Prom on Friday in the Russell Union Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"It's supposed to recreate the prom you had in high

school, but you get to take the date you want to take and be the 'you' you want to be," Nicole Peavy, vice president of GSA, said.

Because this is the second year that GSA has hosted Coming Out Week, GSA expects an increase in attendance at the events and to bring more awareness to gender and sexual minorities.

Coming Out Week is held just before Atlanta Pride weekend, which is Oct. 8-9, and National Coming Out Day, which is Oct. 12.





# Miss Georgia Southern pageant taking applications

**BY CHRIS CARTER**  
The George-Anne staff

The University Programming Board (UPB) will begin taking applications for the Miss Georgia Southern scholarship pageant, an annual beauty pageant affiliated with Miss America, this week.

The winner of the pageant is awarded a scholarship and given a place at the Miss Georgia scholarship pageant. The winner of Miss Georgia goes on to the Miss America Pageant.

The UPB, which organizes

and puts on the pageant, will take applications from Oct. 4 to Oct. 19.

Applicants must be under 25 years old in the year they compete, have a 2.5 GPA or higher, be enrolled in 12 or more credit hours, be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university and have completed at least one semester before the pageant.

There is also an entry fee and application fee that must be paid before the close of application admission on Oct. 19. The application

asks general information about the applicant, like their hometown, family background, interests, community service and involvement in organizations on campus.

Contestants can expect categories of competition including talent, onstage question, swimsuit and evening wear.

“The main thing [contestants] can expect [at the pageant] is to have fun. A lot of our girls from previous years always dwell on the experience that they have

because it is like none other, like gaining new friendships, learning all the different things about Georgia Southern, and having that great school spirit,” Keandra Goodman, the special events committee chair for UPB and coordinator of the Miss Georgia Southern pageant, said.

The pageant will begin Jan. 21, 2017 at the Performing Arts Center and will be the 69th Annual Miss Georgia Southern Pageant.

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**Now-4/12 - Spanish in Georgia: A Forgotten History** Museum on Main, Statesboro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

**Now-10/28 - Lew Alquist Exhibition** Late sculptor Lew Alquist's art is on exhibit, and his work incorporated found objects, sound, and scents. Contemporary & University Galleries, Center for Art & Theatre

**Now-10/15 - Phi Kappa Phi Book Drive**

**10/4-11/3 - History Fall Film Series** The Dept. of History will screen *Joyeux Noël* (Merry Christmas) (2005) on Oct. 4 and *John Rabe* (2010) on Nov. 3. 6 p.m., Sanford Hall, room 1002.

**10/4 - Jazz Ensemble** 7:30 p.m., Averitt Center for the Arts, Emma Kelly Theater.

**10/6 - Lying in State: The Diplomacy of Daniel Webster** 6 p.m., Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, Auditorium.

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

**10/11 - Southern Circuit: Donald Cried** 7 p.m., Sanford Hall, Room 1002.

**10/11 - New Music at Southern** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**10/12 - The Other Side of My Heart** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**10/13 - Keyboard Area Recital** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**10/15 - Social Gerontology Conference** 8:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Center.

**10/17 - Conversations over Tea with Yoko Sekino-Bové** 2:30 p.m., Center for Art and Theatre.

**10/18 - Artist Talk: Yoko Sekino-Bové** 5 p.m., Arts Building, Room 2071.

**10/20 - Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series with Frans de Waal, Ph.D.** “Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?” 7:30 p.m., Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

**10/21 - Opera One-Acts** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**10/25 - Brass Studio Solo Recital** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**10/28 - Eagle Qualitative Research Community Symposium** 12 p.m., Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, Room 1603.

**10/30 - Southern Saxophones** 2 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.

**11/2 - Faculty Arts Series: David Murray** 7:30 p.m., Carter Recital Hall.





Nigerian students and students of other nationalities gathered and sang Nigeria's national anthem. The country's anthem is called "Arise, O Compatriots" and became the national song in 1978.

## NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

BY JULIA FECHTER  
The George-Anne staff



John Paul Alao is a graduate applied physical sciences student. Alao is wearing a sooro (trousers) and buba (matching top), two items a Yoruban make would wear as part of s traditional outfit.

Colorful shapes and patterns ignite in the summer's night sky. Families host large cookout parties and musicians pay homage to the beloved principle of freedom. These are activities many Americans partake in while celebrating the fourth of July, America's day of independence.

Nigerians, specifically international students attending Georgia Southern, just celebrated their own country's independence from Britain.

Many festivities for Nigeria's independence day are not that different from American festivities. There is festive music, special clothing worn and, of course, food to bring people together.

As the largest international student population at GS, according to Spring 2016 enrollment data, Nigerian students have a unique standing at the university.

Students from different ethnicities and nationalities came together at the International Conversation Hour on Sept. 30 in the Russell Union Ballroom to commemorate Nigeria's fifty-sixth anniversary of its Independence Day.

### A brief history

Nigeria gained its freedom from British rule on Oct. 1, 1960. Until then, it had been a British colony, largely controlled by the British for the economic benefits and resources that could be obtained.

According to our-africa.org, Nigeria's government was originally established as a central federal government with regional structure. The country was divided into four main regions that had some degree of self-government: the Northern, Western, Eastern and the Mid-West.

These regional divisions eventually led to inter-regional struggles for power. These conflicts would spawn civil war and subsequent power contests between military and civil authorities.

In 1999, civilian rule was reestablished in Nigeria.

A new constitution was soon adopted, and a new president was elected.

### *Cherishing freedom*

Much of the GS students' independence celebrations revolved around cuisine and special attire. One of the traditional Nigerian dishes is jollof rice.

"It's prepared with ingredients like tomatoes, the rice itself, the meat, depending on what you want to use and pepper," Joel Oyibo, graduate public health student, said.

Jollof can be prepared in different ways by those living in the different areas of the West African region.

"Ghana has a way of making theirs and [Nigeria] have a way of making ours and we are proud of how we do make ours," Oyibo said.

Another Nigerian cuisine staple is fried plantains. Plantains look like big, green bananas and grocery stores sometimes carry them.

According to allnigerianrecipes.com, fried plantains are often served as a side dish to rice recipes like jollof.

"I like fried plantains. In Nigeria, we dice them or slice them and then fry them," Christiana Nwoko, a graduate public health student, said.

Clothing was another prominent part of the Nigerian GS students' festivities.

There are variations of Nigerian clothing based on where one is from in Nigeria. Yoruban women may don a wrapper, (iro), a matching top (buba) and a head tie (gele), Tolulope Awolusi, graduate public health student, said.

"For the man, there's the buba and sooro. Sooro are the trousers and buba is the top that goes with it. To complete dressing for Yoruban men, you have to have your fila [fez hat]," Awolusi said.

The fabric that some of these traditional outfits



# Quick Facts — Nigeria —

**Independent** as of Oct. 1, 1960

**Capital:** Abuja

**Population:** 186, 053, 386 (July 2016 estimate)

**Government type:** federal presidential republic

**Official language:** English

**Other languages:** Hausa, Fulani, Yoruba and Ibo

**Number of ethnic groups:** over 250

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are constructed out of is called ankara.

“We get the material and we take it to tailors. Most times, we use this [fabric] for functions like weddings and church,” Etinosa Sharon Dghoghu, a graduate public health student, said.

### A deeper meaning to the celebrations

Several Nigerian international students shared their reasons for celebrating their country’s independence.

“I think it’s important to celebrate the independence as a way to remember home and also as a way of being conscious of our background,” Toyin Akomolafe, graduate public health student, said.

Being conscious of one’s national background can mean taking the time to appreciate one’s heritage.

“Celebrating Independence Day in America means celebrating Nigerian culture. Culture is very important,” Blessing Odion, a graduate public health student, said. “We don’t want to lose what we’re used to. That’s why we like to come together sometimes like this and celebrate our heritage.”

Introspective reflection can also mean thinking about Nigeria’s transition into democratic government.

“That [before 1960] was a period when Nigeria was under British colonial rule, but then by getting independence, we get to make our own government,” Akomolafe said. “True, there have been a lot of mistakes,

but I believe we’re learning and getting to the goal of more advanced in terms of technology, in terms of culture, in terms of development and governance.”

### In the eagles’ nest

Many of the Nigerian GS students who shared their stories are pursuing graduate degrees, whether it be a master’s or doctoral degree.

“Most of us, we like to do our first degree back home and when we decide to travel, if we have the resources, we come here,” Dghoghu said.

The students have a high appreciation for education and traveling for their education.

“After the American students at Georgia Southern, Nigerians [students] are the highest population as well. I think we’re pretty important in Georgia Southern and we really appreciate Georgia Southern for opening the doors to for us to come over here and provide a good opportunity for us,” Odion said.

Ekene Valentine Okonkuno, a junior pre-nursing bachelor’s student and SGA senator of international student affairs, underscored the importance of having events like the Nigerian Independence Day celebration.

Okonkuno said, “It’s really good for people to know about different cultures. This school gives a great opportunity for international students to come, as well as American citizens, to have a taste of other countries’ cultures, what they are about, and their history, too.”



Toyin Akomolafe is a doctoral public health student. Akomolafe is wearing a dress made out of batik, a cotton fabric used to make traditional Nigerian clothing. She had a seamstress in Nigeria design her dress.

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## GEORGIA SOUTHERN

BY CHRIS SMITH  
THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

When Georgia Southern plays Arkansas State on Wednesday, it will have been 11 days since the Eagles last suited up for a game. GS is looking to bounce back from their crushing loss to Western Michigan.

In the game against WMU, GS could not establish the running game on offense and defensively they could not come up with the necessary stop to win. They will have the chance to correct everything that went wrong in the Sun Belt conference matchup against ASU. The Red Wolves are 0-4 and have yet to play a conference game.

Favian Upshaw leads the Eagles in both passing and rushing. Upshaw averages 63.5 yards on the ground per game and another 102 yards in the air. He has played well through the first four games of the season, but after getting hurt in the first half against WMU it will be interesting to see how he bounces back. Kevin Ellison injured his elbow in the same game and had to be taken out in the fourth quarter. The long separation between games has given the Eagles a chance to get healthy again.

The Eagles will need to re-assert themselves running the football. Wesley Fields leads all of the running backs in rushing yards. Fields averages six yards per carry

and has three touchdowns so far this season. Matt Breida has had an underwhelming season compared to his brilliant performance last season. Breida is averaging 59 yards per game and has only one touchdown. The decrease in Breida's numbers come from the huge productivity from Fields this season.

In the middle of a four-game road stretch, GS needs to get back to the defensive form they showed in the first three games of the season. ASU is another team that can put the ball in the air effectively.

ASU Quarterback Justice Hansen is coming off of a game where he threw for over 400 yards and three touchdowns.

The secondary for the Eagles will be challenged once again. This secondary is not a particularly experienced group, but they are growing every game.

"They're gonna be good. They're probably the best group we're gonna have here down the road. I just see a bunch of guys who came into a situation where everybody is gone and I'm the only one coming back. They're taking it and they're running with it," Darius Jones Jr., senior cornerback, said.

The Eagles are aiming to be 3-0 in the Sun Belt after Wednesday night.

## ARKANSAS STATE

BY ROBERT GEORGE  
THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF



The Red Wolves entered the season in many eyes as either the favorites to repeat as Sun Belt champions or at least to at least finish in the top three along with Georgia Southern and App State. After a perfect 8-0 conference record last season and with plenty of starters coming back, it wasn't a bad guess.

However, the Red Wolves have sputtered out of the gate to an 0-4 start, with losses coming to Toledo, Auburn, Utah State and most recently against FCS Central Arkansas.

This is still a talented roster. There are playmakers on both sides of the ball capable of influencing a game. The Red Wolves have had a few extra days to prepare for GS's option offense, although GS has had the same extra time to figure out how to attack their defense. Despite the bad record, they're not a team the Eagles are going to overlook.

"They certainly have as much talent as anyone we've seen all year. An 0-4 football team with their backs against the wall? That becomes the scary part," Tyson Summers, GS head coach, said.

Offensively, nobody has really stepped up in rushing attack for the Red Wolves. Warren Wand is their leading rusher with 58 yards per

game. As a team they average 80 rushing yards per game. Not being able to establish a presence on the ground has been the reason for their anemic offense.

Defensively, the team has given up over 30 points in every game this season. Auburn and Utah State have well-rounded offenses, but the Red Wolves aren't forcing the opposition to commit turnovers like it did last season. They have just four takeaways so far after forcing 34 last season. With the offense playing so poorly, they need their defense to help out and create some points of their own.

The Red Wolves also have a knack for shooting themselves in the foot with penalties which cost them about 77 yards a game. They're second in the conference behind Troy.

The last time GS and ASU played each other was 1986 in the NCAA 1-AA National Championship game. The Eagles won that game 48-21 with Tracy Ham's four touchdowns and 486 yards of total offense.

However, Summers doesn't expect this game to be another a blowout like it was 30 years ago.

Summers said, "I know they've been itching to play us for the last two seasons. I know we'll get their best effort."



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Matt Breida (36) attempts to ellude a Western Michigan defender. The Eagles continue their four-game roadtrip against Arkansas State on Wednesday night.



# AROUND THE SUN BELT

## WEEK 5 HIGHLIGHTS

**BY ROBERT GEORGE**  
The George-Anne staff

Sun Belt action picked up this past weekend, with six teams competing in conference action. Here are three big takeaways from Week 5.

### SOUTH ALABAMA DOES IT AGAIN

The Jaguars have yet to win a conference game, but they knocked off Mississippi State three weeks ago and pulled off another huge win against San Diego State in Mobile this past weekend. SDSU came in as the number 19 team in the country and lost in a 42-24 smack down. The Jaguars have a knack for showing up for the big games. If only they could do it every week.

### TROY STAYS PERFECT












The Trojans moved to 2-0 in

the conference with a win over Idaho. The high-powered offense has shown no signs of slowing down, evidenced by the fact that they've scored more points 65 more points than the next team. They've also allowed the second fewest points on defense (97) behind only Georgia Southern (79). This team is for real and they have a shot at competing for a trophy this season.

### GEORGIA STATE REMAINS WINLESS

The Panthers join Arkansas State as the only teams in the conference without a win in the 2016 season. They held App State to just 17 points this past weekend but couldn't get anything going on offense outside a field goal. They host Texas State this weekend which could be a winnable game for the Panthers.

## SUN BELT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

		CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	TROY UNIVERSITY	2-0	4-1
	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	2-0	3-1
	APP STATE	1-0	3-2
	NEW MEXICO STATE	1-1	2-3
	LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	1-1	2-3
	IDAHO	0-1	2-3
	LOUISIANA MONROE	0-1	1-3
	GEORGIA STATE	0-1	0-4
	SOUTH ALABAMA	0-2	3-2
	TEXAS STATE	0-0	2-2
	ARKANSAS STATE	0-0	0-4

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## SPORTS SHORTS

- Women's Soccer** lost against Coastal Carolina, 0-1, on Friday.
- Women's Volleyball** won against South Alabama, 3-2, on Friday.
- Women's Volleyball** won against Troy, 3-0, on Saturday.
- The Track & Field/Cross Country** team finished third at the Foothills Invitational on Saturday.
- Women's Soccer** won against Troy, 2-1, on Sunday.

## UPCOMING GAMES

- Women's Volleyball**- App State (Oct. 7), Coastal Carolina (Oct. 8)
- Women's Soccer**- Georgia State (Oct. 7)
- Softball**- Georgia Tech (Oct.8)
- Men's Soccer**- Georgia State (Oct. 8)



# EAGLES VOLLEYBALL TOPS SOUTH ALABAMA

BY CASEY ROHLEN  
The George-Anne contributor

Following a tough three game road trip, Georgia Southern Woman’s Volleyball team was able to squeeze out a 3-2 win against South Alabama Friday night.

In a tense and high action Sunbelt matchup led by redshirt senior Katie Bange and capped off by sophomore Stephanie Spencer.

After Georgia Southern took the first set 25-17 the Jaguars rallied back, leading by as many as 11 points to win the second set 25-14.

In a thrilling third set, Georgia Southern staged a come from behind victory when Bange, who lead all scorers with 18 kills, came up clutch with two key kills sealing the win 26-24. South

Alabama won the fourth set 25-22 to tie things up at 2-2, setting the stage for a showdown in the last set of the night.

After a timeout in the final set, the Jaguars tied it up at 14 before the Eagle’s Spencer scored the game winning point, ending the match 16-14. Hanner Fieldhouse was rocking as the Georgia Southern bench ran on the court to embrace their fellow players and celebrate the victory.

With Friday and Saturday night’s win, the Eagle’s record goes to 10-9 overall and 3-1 in Sun Belt games. The Eagles face Appalachian State at Hanner Fieldhouse Saturday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN VS. COASTAL GEORGIA SOFTBALL RECAP

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY  
The George-Anne contributor

In the Georgia Southern softball team’s second preseason game, the Eagles finished the game with a 10-4 rout of Coastal Georgia.

After game finishing only 30 minutes before the second game of the doubleheader, both teams started off tired and slow.

The first inning showcased the strong pitching of Coastal’s Olivia Husted and the very focused and quick Eagle infield.

The bats started flying in the second inning for the Eagles, including a two-run homerun by Morgan Robinson.

The Mariners responded to Georgia Southern’s four-run inning by stealing their first of only four runs from winning pitcher

Kierra Camp on a line drive to right field sending Paige Alt to home plate in the third. This was

really the only flaw the infield showed the whole afternoon.

In the top of the seventh ,Coastal finally started to catch on. By this time, Coastal Georgia’s two-run inning wouldn’t be enough to complete the comeback.

In the seventh inning alone, Coastal Georgia gave up 4 hits, 2 walks, and 5 runs but ended the day with a strikeout. The game was a very good outing for junior pitcher Kierra Camp who only allowed 10 hits, 4 runs, 1 walk and earned 1 strikeout. On the offensive side, the Eagles showed depth with almost all of the roster getting on base.

Georgia Southern’s next game will be another double header in Eagle Park against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets this Saturday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



Lauren Reichard (6) celebrates with her teammates. The Eagles face rival App State on Firday.

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