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# 2016 MEN'S BASKETBALL

REGULAR SEASON BEGINS  
WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS

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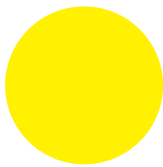
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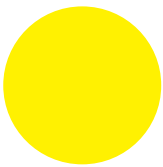


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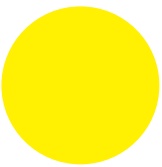


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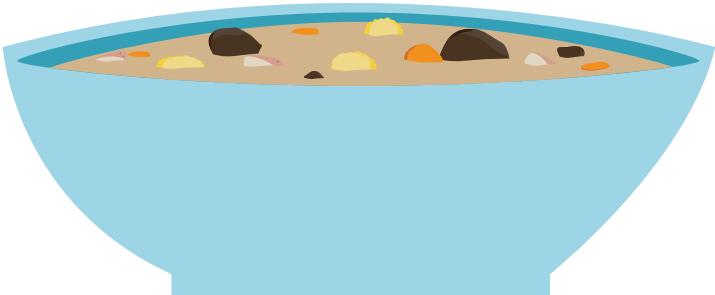
# Weather Bar

Despite intense chills at the beginning of the week, it looks like we'll be enjoying moderately warm temperatures for the remaining days. The mornings and evenings will still be chilly so plan accordingly.



The Inner Circle returns to talk about the black sheep of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, **Dr. Strange.**

## Crockpot Creations: Pot Roast



BY MICHELLE PRATT

The Reflector staff

This easy and old school crockpot pot roast will make you and your guests feel like going outside and rolling around in a pile of leaves like you used to do at your grandparents house.

### INGREDIENTS:

- Meat**
  - 1 3-pound chuck, roast
- Produce**
  - 5 Pepperoncini
- Baking & Spices**
  - 1 1-ounce packet Au jus gravy mix, dry
  - 1 1-ounce packet Ranch seasoning mix, dry
- Dairy**
  - 6 tbsp Butter, unsalted
- Liquids**
  - 1/4 cup Water

### DIRECTIONS:

- Add 1/4 cup of water into the insert of your slow cooker then place the chuck roast on top.
- Sprinkle the dry ranch seasoning mix on top of the chuck roast, then sprinkle the dry au jus mix on top, then place 6 tbsp. of butter on top of the roast, and finally 5-6 pepperoncini around the roast.
- Cook on low for 8 hours.
- Shred and serve with gravy.

### NOTES

You can serve this with a side of mashed potatoes and vegetables, serve it on top of white/brown rice or make a sandwich out of it. The gravy can get pretty salty by itself so I'd go light on the salt for the side dishes that you're serving with this roast.

If you want to add vegetables to the slow cooker to cook along with the roast, you can certainly do so. I would add it in 2-3 hours before the roast is done. Potatoes, carrots, celery, whatever you like!

Recipe courtesy of: [tablefortwoblog.com](http://tablefortwoblog.com)



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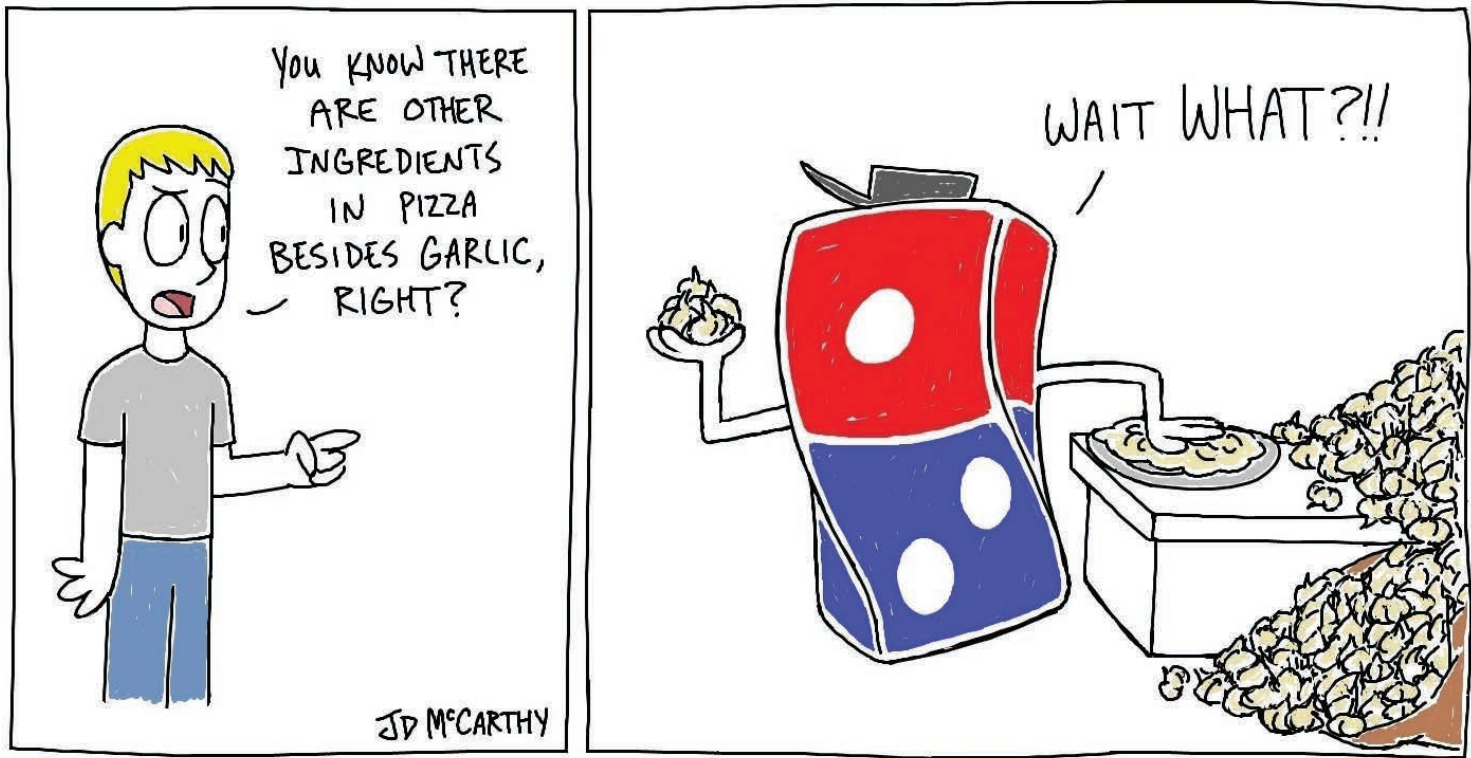
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# Smells Like Teen Spirit



## DEVIN CONWAY

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

### Born In The Wrong Generation

One of the most common sentiments that millenials express about the time in which they live is that it simply isn't suited for their disposition, their cultural preferences or their artistic tastes.

I'd like to specifically address the artistic taste that I mentioned, because that seems to be an underlying theme among those who express a desire to return to whichever Golden Age they may prefer.

A common misconception that many of us hold today is

that real music is long gone, literature is dead and movies have become nothing more than mind-numbing cheap thrills for the masses.

While I do agree that there is probably more mass-produced, formulaic garbage out there than at any other time period in history, I know that there is quality art out there as well, and that we simply have to go and find it.

### The Good Old Days

Something tells me that the youth of any given society, in any given time period, share a common desire for a return to the "good old days".

This nostalgic longing, if it's possible to have nostalgia for something you never had the opportunity to experience, is oftentimes nothing more than a form of escapism; a series of mental gymnastics utilized by people who are so uncomfortable with themselves that they become convinced that the society in which they live is at fault for their own shortcomings.

However, I do believe that there are genuine cases in which individuals truly would

have fit in much better at a different place and time.

### Some People Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet

I think that the true difference between those genuine cases and those who are just lying to themselves is that the former aren't overwhelmed by their generation and their disdain for contemporary culture, but rather are capable of bringing bits and pieces of the past into the present to make things more enjoyable for themselves and the people around them.

On the other hand, those who engage in the kind of escapism that I mentioned earlier seem to believe, whether they actually realize it or not, that the enviable aspects of prior generations completely eradicate the hardships that those people had to face.

At no point in human history has there ever been a society that came even remotely close to the perfection that many of these people see when they look back upon the course of events that unfolded in the past.

### Never Trust the Man, Man

The 1960's is probably the most common era that is alluded to when people say that they were "born in the wrong generation".

As enticing as it sounds to be a Deadhead with no place to call home and no source of income on a never-ending road trip across the country with 15 others that haven't showered in weeks, the hippie crowd did actually have to deal with some unpleasant experiences.

These free spirits who dedicated their lives as a testament to communal living, good vibes and world peace were paralleled by a ruthlessly authoritarian and war-mongering conservative political establishment that handled domestic protests with brute force and attempted to carpet bomb foreign countries until they finally gave into the warm embrace of capitalism.

There are aspects of every time period that have been absolutely terrible, and any attempt to revise history with wishful thinking about a formerly utopian society is an exercise in futility.



# Political events on campus spark community discussion

BY TANDRA SMITH  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University community has been very politically active this year, from individuals helping out with voter registration drives, to hosting a series of forums in order to help inform GS students.

These various events helped many first-time voters come to a decision about their political views and values.

## Third Party Forum

In October, an honors First Year Experience (FYE) class helped cultivate a Third Party Forum, an event aimed to educate attendees about third party platforms and their issues.

Christopher Caplinger, director for FYE and professor for the honors class, Modern Political Debate, says that the forum rose out of an engagement assignment required by all honors students.

“What I asked students to do is to think about ways they could promote voter engagement so a lot of that was work and helping to register students,” Caplinger said. “The specific topic of third parties was decided on by the students.”

Caplinger worked with the students in his class to help them find faculty and staff on campus that would be well suited for speaking at a third party forum.

“I played a little bit of a role to suggest and to make some recommendations about format and some other things but for the most part they were the ones who carried [the forum] out,” Caplinger said.

Political science professors Joshua Kennedy, Patrick Novotny and William Biebuyck, along with writing and linguistics professor Jared Sexton and history professor James Woods ended up being the five individuals chosen to speak.

Each of them had eight to

ten minutes to speak, before answering questions sorted and vetted by other students.

According to Caplinger, around 250 people attended the event.

“I was very pleased with the product. I think they did a good job,” Caplinger said. “We relied on faculty experts. I think the students really learned a lot,”

Caplinger believes it will be interesting to see what happens over the next few years regarding third parties.

“I would like to think that Georgia Southern would continue to offer opportunities for students to engage with and learn from experts in the field,” Caplinger said.

## Debate Watch

Both the Department of Communication Arts and the Society of Communication Scholars (SOCS) hosted a series of debate watch events in Sanford Hall leading up to Election Day.

While the second DebateWatch event was canceled due to Hurricane Matthew, the first DebateWatch had the largest turnout, according to Shana Bridges, lecturer in communication arts and faculty advisor for SOCS.

The discussion was led by Patrick Wheaton, who gave orientational information before the debate and helped moderate a mostly neutral discussion afterwards.

Bridges believes the students were definitely interested during the DebateWatch events.

“I think [the events] helped students get a better sense of what the two candidates were like. I think it clarified some things for some people,” Bridges said.

Bridges was especially interested in watching the students watching the debates.

“People seemed to be glued to the TV to see what was going to come next,” Bridges said.

DebateWatch events were held during the 2012

Presidential elections as well. For the 2020 Presidential election, Bridges would like to continue to see much of what she observed during the debate watches this year.

“[The event] seemed to work fine the way it was and I think it was a good way for students to come together in this political act of gathering information about candidates,” Bridges said.

There were many other election events, rallies and drives that occurred on Georgia Southern’s campus that brought awareness to the importance of voting and making your voice heard.

Now that all of the votes have been cast and America has made its choice for its next president, it’s likely that in 2020, Georgia Southern will continue to be politically active and continue to get young people registered and interested in politics.

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**SHANA BRIDGES**  
Faculty advisor for SOCS

# Online MBA program beats the competition

BY TASHA WHITE  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern now has two new titles under its belt: #1 accredited college in Georgia for their online MBA program and the #17 Top Online MBA program, courtesy of BestColleges.com.

The online MBA program, established back in 2001, has graduated over 73,000 graduates, according to GS Online MBA program page.

Gordon Smith, Ph.D., director of graduate programs for the College of Business, praised the dedication and work ethic of the students, faculty and staff for the high ranking.

“We were gratified for the rankings, but it reflects on the quality of our students, staff and faculty,” Smith said. “The faculty and staff are both very dedicated to the process and committed to the students and in particular, our faculty are very active researchers. So that helps bring the forward looking perspective into the classroom.”

The 21-month program

## Top 5 Accredited Online Colleges in Georgia

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2. University of Georgia
3. Tocca Falls College
4. University of West Georgia
5. Georgia College and State University

Data compiled from bestcolleges.com

for each student, with an additional two courses each semester for five semesters straight. The course is consistent in providing a team based learning environment and allows the students to apply their skills and education to the real world of business.

Mia Martin, senior logistics and intermodal transportation major, believes that the title gives others a chance to see the quality programs that the school provides.

“It emphasizes the importance and dominance of Georgia Southern University as a resource of flexible continued education,” Martin said. “It ultimately proves that we as GS students made a good selection in our education and will take the world by storm.”

Ontaria Woods, senior multimedia journalism major is excited that the program has a high ranking.

Woods said, “I think that is very exciting and interesting to see a program from GS being recognized. It gives the school credibility and people are going to be looking for that when choosing a school.”

offers a structured path leading to an AACSB-International accredited MBA degree, allowing students across the world to be in class

at anytime.

There is a two-day requirement in Atlanta that allows fellow students meet and learn about each other

while incorporating their learning styles with other students and creating teams.

The pathway consists of 10 courses or 30 credit hours

# Useful information

## The financial aid SAP policy

BY CHYNA JAMES  
The George-Anne staff

Students who receive any form of financial aid must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and must adhere to a GPA requirement, Credit Hour Completion (PACE) and maximum time frame criteria, according to an email from the Financial Aid office.

To be making satisfactory progress means that a student is moving toward their degree plan and aligns with Georgia Southern University policies.

Undergraduate students, excluding education majors, must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0. Education majors must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5. Graduate students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0.

Each student must earn at least 67 percent of all attempted hours. Students can calculate their credit hour completion (PACE) by dividing the cumulative number of hours one has earned by the cumulative number of hours one has attempted.

Every student must be projected to complete their program in a time frame that is no longer than 150 percent of the published length of the educational program which is measured in credit hours.

Students will be evaluated at the end of the SAP evaluation period and be assigned a satisfactory, financial aid suspension or financial aid probation statute.

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# Henderson Library to have larger budget in 2017



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**BY CAITLYN OLIVER**  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern will expand the Henderson Library budget for the 2017 fiscal year due to the rising cost of library resources.

“Keeping up with the annual subscription costs and upkeep has been a problem for a few years. There has been an increase in costs, but not the university, so the budget hasn’t been able to keep up,” Bede Mitchell, Dean of Henderson Library and university librarian, said.

Costs to cover, electronic or otherwise, have increased six percent annually for over 20 years, according to Mitchell.

The library is currently keeping track of costs and whatever is still owed at the end of the fiscal year, year end funding is used to cover those extra costs.

Year-end funding is a pool of money collected throughout the year that was allocated for projects that fall through

or salary money for an employee who is no longer with the university.

That money comes from state funding that needs to be spent by the end of the fiscal year and is used to cover extra costs.

Mitchell said that rather than reduce the number of resources available, a list of resources not often used is being collected to be sent to the academic department to decide which can be let go.

According to Mitchell, the library is putting together and sending a list of seldom-used resources to the academic department to decide which resources can be let go.

Resources to be let go could still be ordered through the inter-library system, which would take three to five days to deliver.

Mitchell said, “We’ve reached a point where we can’t assume there will be [year-end] money to cover the short fall.”

Henderson Library’s budget will be expanding next year. The cost of running the library has increased about six percent over the past 20 years.

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## NOSTALGIA AND LAUGHS

### ONE POOL HALL'S COMEDY TRADITIONS



West Main Billiards, located at 29 West Main St., has been open for almost 30 years. It is one of only two pool halls currently open in Statesboro.

BY CASEY ROHLEN

The George-Anne contributor

Opportunities for Statesboro's up-and-coming comedians to showcase their talents in an unfiltered environment are few and far between.

Main Street Billiards, located down the road from the Whitaker Black Box Theatre on West Main Street, is one of the only venues for performers to seek refuge from the negative nature of college campuses.

When you walk in the main room of the pool hall, one of the first things you will see is a mural adorned with the likenesses of some of comedy's trailblazers, like Richard Pryor, Lenny Bruce, and Redd Foxx. Nostalgia is ripe throughout the pool hall, from the pay-to-play billiards tables to the stale scent of a stubbed out Marlboro Light to a signed VHS copy of "Shaft" inexplicably displayed in a glass case.

Perhaps the most appealing room lies in the back of the building. That is where you will find the backroom where the shows are hosted, filled with a dozen or so folding chairs, a three-foot stage, a dusty microphone and decades of memories.



Georgia Southern alumnus Everett Robinson is the current owner of West Main Billiards. Robinson graduated in 1993 with a major in communication arts.

#### Starting the showcase

Main Street Billiards has been a staple in historic downtown Statesboro for nearly three decades. When Georgia Southern alumnus Everett Robinson became the owner 10 years ago, he made sure it would not just be a pool hall.

A longtime comedian himself, Robinson saw a chance to do something special in his community and stressed the importance of having a place for people to perform their craft unabridged.

He explained how laughter can be therapeutic for those who attend comedy shows.

"You'd be surprised how many people come to a comedy show on the edge and their life literally depends on that joke. Not to be too heavy, but comedy saves lives," Robinson said.

With Robinson at the reins, Main Street Billiards saw some of comedy's biggest acts come through to perform. Names like Reginald Ballard, better known as "Bruh-Man from The Fifth Floor" from the television show "Martin", came there to perform for standing-room-only crowds.





Comedians have played a large role in live entertainment events at the pool hall. Acts including Richard Pryor, Lenny Bruce and Redd Foxx have performed at the establishment during its earlier years.

Following financial difficulties and a death in Robinson's family, the shows became more sporadic. Then, two years ago, 35-year old GS graduate student and teacher's assistant Christopher Pugh came to Robinson and "The Statesboro Showcase" was conceived.

### A comedy corner

Pugh saw the need for an environment outside of campus for performers to practice their standup without having to watch their tongue. Working alongside Robinson, he became the organizer and host of the open mic nights.

Pugh's hope for the pool hall is for it to be somewhere people can hang out off-campus and show their talents, while also seeing something that is worthwhile.

"Main Street Billiards isn't state-of-the-art you

know. It's a place for art," said Pugh.

The shows and performers are a bright spot for the community in the otherwise largely untapped potential of the historic downtown area.

### Laughing more

GS student Deon Hargrove, a senior electrical engineering major and seasoned pool hall comic, uses the shows as a chance to get on stage. Hargrove also echoed Robinson's assertion of comedy as form of therapy.

"I originally started doing comedy at the hall during the summer of 2014. Comedy for me is a passion and a hobby, not a career, because comedy is what I use to de-stress myself and look on the brighter side of life," Hargrove said.

Hargrove encouraged students to go because of

the benefits and takeaways they can get from being performers or audience members.

"That's what the shows are all about. There's a chance that when you get on stage you prove a talent you thought you had or discover one you might not know you have," Hargrove said.

While there are plans to start having shows with more variety after the holidays, for now, the open mic nights are hosted on the third Wednesday of every month.

This month's open mic is Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the pool hall located at 29 West Main Street. It is \$5.00 at the door to watch the show and free if you perform.

For more information about performing in the open mic night, you can email [statesboroshowcase@gmail.com](mailto:statesboroshowcase@gmail.com)

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# A COLLECTION OF COUNTRIES

## MILL CREEK PARK HOSTS ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

**BY JULIA FECHTER**  
The George-Anne staff

Performers clad in colorful garb danced around a large stage, inviting the audience to participate in their lively movements. The scents of various cuisines waft through the air, and the area is buzzing with the sounds of music and chatter.

Georgia Southern University, Statesboro-Bulloch County Parks and Recreation and various businesses in Statesboro collaborated to host the eleventh annual International Festival Saturday, Nov. 12, at Mill Creek Park.

The festival had a main stage where musicians and dancers from across the Southeast performed, as well as a global village where schoolchildren from Bulloch County set up booths representing different nations. There were also arts and crafts activities and foods and crafts available for purchase at the festival.



A man from an American Indian performance group performs at the International Festival. Groups and individuals from the Statesboro area and beyond performed at the World Stage all day Saturday.



A girl wearing henna makes a bracelet during the festival. There were various arts and crafts tables set up at the festival, such as the henna and jewelry tables.



A Mexican food table is set up at the event and decorated with props like the Mexican flag and a piñata. There was also Peruvian cuisine available for those that wanted Latin American food.



Felicia Prince, a local teacher, is playing bongo drums. Many of Statesboro's schools set up informational tents for countries including Brazil, Germany and Japan as part of the Global Village.



Two girls are excited about the paper plate masks they have just made. Many of the craft activities were geared toward children, but activities were open to adults as well.



One woman prepares food at the festival. Food at the festival ranged from snacks to complete meals from different parts of the world.



# GEORGIA SOUTHERN MEN'S BASKETBALL PREVIEW



Ike Smith absorbs contact from the defender and lays it in. He'll be counted on to provide a lot of the offensive production this season.



Tookie Brown lines up a free-throw attempt. The sophomore point guard will be the focal point of an up-tempo GS team this year.

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

November is here, which means the weather gets colder, leaves start changing colors and student-athletes all around the country lace up their shoes to hit the hardwood. Thankfully, the college basketball season is about to start again. Here's what to look for from the Eagles this season.

## FAMILIAR FACES

For the Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team, this season is a chance for a young team to take the next step in establishing the program as a basketball powerhouse. Last season, the Eagles went 14-17 (10-10 Sun Belt) and were knocked out of the Sun Belt Tournament in the first round. The Eagles were the youngest team in the nation, with just one upperclassman on the roster.

"Last year, with so many new parts and players, we didn't exactly know what the guys' strengths and weaknesses were," GS head coach Mark Byington said. "But this year I feel like we're using guys to the best of their ability."

The Eagles will have virtually their entire team back from last season, and the players are hoping that the experience of playing together will help them on the floor. Returning are point guards Tookie Brown and Devonte Boykins, sharpshooters Jake Allsmiller and Aubrey McRae, a pair of athletic wings in Ike Smith and Mike Hughes and post-men Shawn O'Connell, Montae Glenn and Coye Simmons.

"We're a more experienced team than last year and we have high expectations for ourselves. We know what we have to do this year," Hughes said.

## PLAYERS TO WATCH

Among the newcomers last year, Smith wound up being one of the more versatile options for Byington in the starting lineup. He finished third in scoring and second in rebounding for the Eagles, and was used as a ball handler and the front man in their half-court press. He said conditioning has been a big part of his off-season.

"When I'm on the floor, I'm gonna have to be able to produce, even when I'm tired," Smith said. "The speed of the game is so much different (from high school)."

Another player who could have the biggest impact on the Eagles success is sophomore Brown. Brown was a late-commitment to the program last summer, but he turned out to be a gem for Byington and the program. He was named Sun Belt Freshman of the Year and garnered First-Team All-Sun Belt honors in his stellar freshman campaign. He finished eighth in scoring among all Freshmen in the NCAA. He said he's looking to build on the strong season and wants to become more of a leader.

"Since I am one of the captains this year, the team has to hear my voice," Brown said. "Just getting everybody involved on and off the court."

GS also saw BJ Gladden transfer in from Eastern Florida. According to Byington, the 6'6" junior should help provide play-making and rebounding as a stretch-forward.

"He's very good at passing the ball and making decisions," Byington said. "His length will help him disrupt people on defense."

## SMALL-BALL

Last season, Byington played a lot of small-ball lineups with four wings and just one man in the post. That much spacing on the floor helps create driving lanes for Brown and Hughes, who then can kick the ball out to open shooters when the defense collapses. That was somewhat out of necessity due to injuries, but he expects to do more of the same this year. He wants the Eagles to run the floor and exploit the gaps in the defense in transition.

"With our guys, one of our rules is to find the first good shot. If there is a good one early, I want them to take it," Byington said. "Defensively, we like to disrupt people and take them out of their systems."

## FINAL ANALYSIS

Georgia Southern has one of the best back courts in the conference and enough depth to withstand a tough early-season schedule and a grueling conference slate. They are capable of finishing in the top four in the Sun Belt standings, and have aspirations of making a deep tournament run at the end of the season. It could all come down to how much the young team can take the experience from last season and build off that this year.



# EAGLES CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE



**HAYDEN BOUDREAUX**

Boudreaux is a senior business management major from Saint Mary's, GA

After losing the homecoming game to UL-Lafayette on Thursday, the Eagles picked up their six loss of the season and fans are ready to throw in the towel. The consensus on social media is a desire to terminate head coach Tyson Summers, members of his staff, and even athletic director Tom Kleinlein.

At this point, I am inclined to agree. As an example, I look to what has happened to LSU over the last year. After a lackluster performance, despite some of the best talent in the country, the athletic program wanted to keep their coach, Les Miles, around. Miles got another entire offseason and started the season with two losses in three games. Miles was fired and replaced by an interim and LSU appears to be a completely different team.

The Tigers are ranked 14 and have topped two other ranked opponents and have only lost one game in the last six. In not firing Miles last year, the team lost an entire offseason of development and had to piece together the team on the fly, three games into the year. Allowing Summers to stay through the offseason could

poison Georgia Southern football for the foreseeable future.

However, firing Summers is much easier said than done. When signing a contract, there is something called a buyout. This allows either party to terminate the contract with a penalty being applied to the terminator. For example, former coach Willie Fritz had a buyout of \$800,000. However, a clause in the contract allowed for that buyout to be reduced to \$100,000.

In what seems to be an overcorrection, Georgia Southern has written in a buyout of \$1.2 million in the event that Summers is fired before the end of the calendar year. To put this into perspective, this is an amount nearly equal to two years of holding onto Willie Fritz, even including some bonuses for performance.

The game this weekend was my final straw. I have been a devout Georgia Southern supporter for the last four years. I still love the Eagles and those amazing athletes that take the field every week, but I have lost all faith in the current staff and administration.

My parents attended their first Georgia Southern game this weekend. After the game, they had a few observations.

First off, they asked why there were seemingly less than 1,000 fans in the stadium by the end of the game. I don't blame the fans. While I do think it is important to support the players, the fact that these

fans have continued to come out week after week is a testament to their hope for the team. Additionally, my dad commented, "I thought Georgia Southern was a running team?" Upon looking at the stat sheet, I understood what he meant. The Eagles rushed for a total of 52 yards on Thursday.

Despite having to start a third string true freshman at quarterback, the Eagles threw 37 passes compared to running the ball 28 times. This is a different team under the reign of Summers and his staff.

This week, the Eagles travel to Atlanta to take on Georgia State. To the few Tyson Summers fans left, I'll say that this is their final straw. A loss to Georgia State would make it impossible to go to a bowl game and would secure a losing season.

In the event of a win, on December 3 the Eagles must face Troy and come away with a victory. The Trojans just became the first ever Sun Belt team to be ranked in the AP Top 25. Given their recent win over Appalachian State, they will be playing Arkansas State next week in a game that can secure the conference championship.

The loss to UL-Lafayette has placed us in this situation where we must win-out to play in the postseason. I hate this outcome for these seniors who helped build this team to what it is today. We all deserve better.

## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



**L.A. RAMSBY**

The junior tailback punched in his sixth and seventh rushing touchdowns of the season on Thursday night. He now has the most rushing scores of any Eagle this season.

**UKEME ELIGWE**



Eligwe was all over the field against ULL, racking up a team-high 12 total tackles. He has been a rock in the middle of the defense all season, and continued that play on Homecoming night.



**BJ JOHNSON III**

The senior hauled in a career-high nine passes for 127 yards. He was the master of the short passing game and even hauled in a 53-yard reception in the second quarter.

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## WHAT THE EAGLES SAID

**HEAD COACH TYSON SUMMERS ON THE TWO-POINT CONVERSION ATTEMPT**

"We didn't execute the way we wanted and it hurt us from a momentum standpoint more than anything else."

**SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER BJ JOHNSON ON SETH SHUMAN IN HIS FIRST START**

"Seth had great composure. We threw him into the fire, and he went out there and did his part. I was really proud of him."

**SENIOR LINEBACKER IRONHEAD GALLON ON THE MATCH-UP WITH GEORGIA STATE THIS WEEKEND**

"We got to come out and work our tails off. We got to bring the fight. We're trying to get in this bowl game and we just have to get after it."

**WIDE RECEIVER MYLES CAMPBELL ON HIS TOUCHDOWN**

"BJ led us all the way down the field, the line blocked; it was a team effort. I just happened to be the one that was open and Seth threw a great ball."

# Around the Sun Belt

## Week 11

BY ROBERT GEORGE  
The George-Anne staff

The 2016 season is coming to a close and while the rest of the college football landscape exploded this past weekend, things in the Sun Belt are more or less starting to sort themselves out. Here's three things to know as the season winds down.

### THE SUN BELT SHOWDOWN IS THIS WEEKEND IN TROY

Troy hosted Appalachian State this past weekend and came away with a 28-24 win, effectively knocking the Mountaineers out of the championship picture. Now, they have a Thursday night showdown with Arkansas State on ESPNU in what is basically the conference title game. Whichever team wins will come out as the front runner for the Sun Belt championship trophy.












### THREE TEAMS FIGHT FOR POST-SEASON ELIGIBILITY

Georgia Southern, UL Monroe and UL Lafayette are all playing for a chance at a bowl game once the season ends. The Eagles have to beat Georgia State and Troy. UL Lafayette and UL Monroe play each other in the last week of the season, meaning one of them probably won't reach the six wins needed to play in the post-season.

### GEORGIA STATE FIRES HEAD COACH

The Panthers informed head coach Trent Miles that he was fired following Saturday's loss to UL Monroe. He's put together just a 2-8 record in 2016 and has gone 9-48 overall in his four seasons as head coach. GSU Athletic Director Charlie Cobb said that the 2016 record was not a good reflection of the talent on the team, and that they weren't playing to their capabilities.

# CURRENT SUN BELT FOOTBALL STANDINGS

		CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	TROY UNIVERSITY	5-0	8-1
	ARKANSAS STATE	5-0	5-4
	APP STATE	5-1	7-3
	IDAHO	4-2	6-4
	LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	3-3	4-5
	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	3-3	4-6
	LOUISIANA MONROE	3-3	4-6
	NEW MEXICO STATE	1-4	2-7
	SOUTH ALABAMA	1-5	4-5
	GEORGIA STATE	1-5	2-8
	TEXAS STATE	0-5	2-7

# SPORTS SHORTS

- *Women's Volleyball* won against Georgia State, 3-1, on Thursday.
- *Men's Soccer* lost against Georgia State, 0-2, on Friday.
- *Women's Basketball* won against North Carolina A&T, 65-50, on Friday.
- *Men's Basketball* lost against NC State, 79-81, on Friday.
- *Women's Volleyball* lost against Georgia State, 3-1, on Saturday.
- *Women's Basketball* lost against Thomas University, 106-43, on Sunday.

# UPCOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

<b>Women's Basketball</b>	<b>Men's Basketball</b>
<b>Clemson</b>	<b>Mercer</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 16</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 20</b>
<b>Clemson, SC</b>	<b>Macon, GA</b>
<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>

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The Eagles got a huge win over rival Georgia State in the last game of the regular season. The Eagles play their first game of the Sun Belt Championships against Coastal Carolina on Friday.

# EAGLES VOLLEYBALL BEATS GEORGIA STATE

BY CASEY ROHLEN

The George-Anne contributor

Over 600 fans supported the Georgia Southern University Eagles volleyball team Saturday afternoon as they faced rival Georgia State University Panthers in the Hanner Fieldhouse on Senior Day.

Emotions were high before the game even started when a ceremony was held honoring seniors Katie Bange, Alex Beecher and Leah Joseph for their illustrious careers both on the court and in the classroom. However, the pregame nostalgia quickly turned to fierce competitiveness after the Eagles hit the court.

The Eagles played the first set with relentless purpose, leading by as many as 8, before a serving error by the Panthers gave GS the set 25-17. In the second set started out more evenly matched, but a kill by sophomore Lauren Reichard capped off the GS win 25-20.

After halftime, the Panthers fought back, staving off the

Eagles in a close third set that saw the Panthers win 25-21 after an Eagles serving error. Within the first few points of the fourth set, it was evident that GS was done letting Georgia State hang around. GS lead by as many as 11 before a kill by freshmen Reilly Bosworth ended the set 25-15 and the match 3-1.

Senior Alex Beecher, who led all scorers with 25 digs, was both elated and emotional after winning her last home game.

“It was just really awesome to get this win, on Senior Night, against [Georgia State], especially because they are our big rival. This is one day I will remember forever,” Beecher said.

With the win, GS finishes their regular season 15-17, 7-9 in the Sun Belt. By beating Georgia State, they moved up to third in the East Division, improving their seeding for the Sun Belt tournament from Nov. 18 to 20.

# WOMEN’S BASKETBALL TEAM HANDLES COMPETITION ON OPENING WEEKEND

BY JERELL RUSHIN

The George-Anne contributor

The women’s basketball team kicked off the regular season this past weekend, hosting two games inside Hanner Fieldhouse.

The Eagles easily defeated North Carolina A&T State University (NCAT) with 65-50 on Friday night and demolished Thomas University with 106-43 Sunday afternoon. From tipoff through the final buzzer, the Eagles looked better than both teams in all facets of the game.

Center Patrice Butler, senior, scored the team’s first 11 points against NCAT, knocking down three 3-pointers and a pair of free throws in less than three minutes.

“I feel like I owe it to my team, we’ve been working so

hard during the preseason and three, four long weeks of the spring practice,” Butler said on her quick start.

The starting center put up 22 points on Friday and 14 on Sunday, going 6-11 from three point range on the weekend.

The Eagles’ defense had an abundance of steals against NCAT and took the ball away even more against Thomas, racking up an absurd 24. The volume of threes that the Eagles hit and steals would make it extremely tough for the opponents to keep the games close.

The Aggies of North Carolina A&T were held to a measly three points in the third quarter, and the Knight Hawks of Thomas only

mustered 12 points in the entire first half. Capitalizing on sloppy passes, the Eagles scored 20 points off of 21 Aggie turnovers and 53 points off of 34 Thomas turnovers.

Wanting his team to play more up tempo and aggressive this season, head Coach Kip Drown was pleased with the pace his squad played with.

“It was a nice opener, a nice way to start the year,” Drown said.

The Eagles now face a grueling four game road stretch, beginning with Clemson on Wednesday night. To return to Hanner undefeated, the Eagles will have to cut back the amount of turnovers and continue to have active hands on defense.



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The Eagles have won the first two games of the season at Hanner. The Eagles face a tough matchup against Clemson on Wednesday.



The George-Anne 11/15/16 Crossword

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- 34 Orderly increase
- 36 Old Spanish queen
- 39 Garlicky sauce
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- 48 Nocturnal mammal
- 50 Seared
- 51 Lively party
- 54 “It’s no \_\_\_!”
- 55 Squabble
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- 59 Aspersion
- 60 Handouts
- 61 Skin problem
- 63 Down and out?
- 65 Part of a Happy Meal
- 66 Ripen

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- 9 Scout groups

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# 2016 HOMECOMING WINNERS

**BANNER COMPETITION**

Winner: **Black Student Alliance**  
1st Runner-up: **Society of Physics Students**  
2nd Runner-up: **Delta Phi Epsilon**

**TRUE BLUE BBQ**

Winner: **Kappa Delta**  
1st Runner-up: **Episcopal Campus Ministry**  
2nd Runner-up: **Delta Phi Epsilon**

**BIGGEST FAN ON CAMPUS**

Winner: **Phi Mu**  
1st Runner-up: **Kappa Delta**  
2nd Runner-up (tie): **Delta Phi Epsilon**  
2nd Runner-up (tie): **Zeta Tau Alpha**

**PAINT THE CAMPUS BLUE**

Winner: **Financial Aid**  
1st Runner-up: **College of Business-Dean's Office**  
2nd Runner-up: **Academic Success Center**

**GSU IDOL**

**Malaikia Brantley**

**DOO-DAH DANCE AND STEP SHOW**

Doo-Dah Winner: **Alpha Delta Pi**  
Doo-Dah 1st Runner-up: **Kappa Delta**  
Doo-Dah 2nd Runner-up: **Chi Omega**  
Dance Winner: **Dyverzion Dance Team**  
Step Winner: **Alpha Phi Alpha**  
Step 1st Runner-up: **Forte Step Team**

**SCULPT-IT FOR THE FOOD BANK**

Winner: **Phi Mu**  
1st Runner-up: **Alpha Delta Pi**  
2nd Runner-up: **Omega Phi Alpha**  
Total overall cans donated: **2,436**

**SCREAMING EAGLES**

**LIP SYNC COMPETITION**

Winner: **Black Student Alliance**  
1st Runner-Up: **Alpha Omicron Pi**

**PARADE**

*Student Organizations*

Float Winner: **Phi Mu**  
Float 1st Runner-Up: **Society of Physics Students**  
Float 2nd Runner-Up: **Southern Leaders Association**  
Krazy Car Winner: **Southern Divas**  
Krazy Car 1st Runner-Up: **Omega Phi Alpha**

*Campus Departments*

Float Winner: **Campus Recreation & Intramurals**  
Float 1st Runner-Up: **GSU Museum**  
Float 2nd Runner-Up: **Campus Farmer's Market**

*Community Members*

Float Winner: **The Forum**  
Float 1st Runner-Up: **Colonial House of Flowers**  
Krazy Car Winner: **Cambridge at Southern**  
Krazy Car 1st Runner-Up: **The Forum**  
Krazy Car 2nd Runner-Up: **67 Styles**

**ROYALTY**

Duke: **Moses Malloy**  
Duchess: **Megan Johnson**  
King: **Zach Barron**  
Queen: **Jasmyn Cornell**

**SPIRIT AWARD**

Student Organization: **Southern Leaders**  
Fraternity/Sorority: **Delta Phi Epsilon**

**LEGACY AWARD**

Will be announced at a later date

**EAGLES FOR EAGLES FUNDS RAISED**

Pennies for Eagles: **\$301.87**  
GSU Idol: **Not yet reported**  
Doo-Dah Dance and Step Show: **\$2,254**