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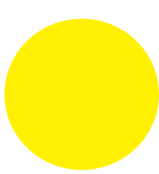
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Weather Bar

The weather should warm up as we head into Spring Break. It might be useful to employ layers as the lows and highs may be drastic.



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Unplugged: Spring Break

6:30 @ Williams Center MPR

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Fri. March 3

UPB Movie: SING

6 & 8 pm @ Russell Union Theater



Fri. March 24

Outdoor Movie: Rogue One

8 pm @ Sweetheart Circle

Rain Location: 7pm RU Theater



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Hot Spring Break Spots

BY BROOKE THOMPSON
The Reflector staff

It is finally time to stop hitting the books and start hitting the beach! Spring Break is almost here! If you are still planning your Spring Break or want to know more about where you may be going, take a look at the Travel Channel's top Spring Break spots. If you are going to any of these places, we have also found some must-sees while you are vacaying.

The Bahamas

The Bahamas have crystal blue waters, white sanded beaches, and colorful buildings to add to the atmosphere. According to Tripadvisor, if it is your first time visiting, check out Nassau Paradise Island!

Las Vegas, Nevada

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. Need I say more? Be sure to check out the Las Vegas Strip. It has casinos, hotels, and shopping!

The Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic According to CNN, Bavaro Beach in Punta Cana is the must see beach. It has beautiful sand and water!

Miami, Florida

Miami may have great beaches, but you can also check out Wynwood Walls. I have a feeling a picture with this gorgeous artwork will definitely up your Instagram game!

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

U.S. News says that Bahía de Banderas has both beautiful beaches and a great nightlife to check out!

Daytona Beach, Florida

Daytona is only four hours from Statesboro. The drive is definitely worth it. Tripadvisor suggests checking

out the restaurant Chucherias Hondurenas while you're there!

South Padre Island, Texas

Cole Swindell will be here during GS's Spring Break! He's performing on March 15. You can check out South Padre's webpage by clicking here.

Panama City Beach, Florida

PCB is always a good choice for Spring Break. They even have a webpage devoted to their Spring Break activities! Of course while you're there, you have to check out Margaritaville!

Jamaica

Visit Dunns River Falls while you're in Jamaica! It is an awesome hike and near the beach!

Cancún, Mexico

Xel-Há is a must see destination while in Cancún! It is a perfect place to practice snorkeling and observing marine life.

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

El Arco is a rock formation in the shape of an arch that juts out of Mexico's waters. This landmark would make picture perfect memories for your Spring Break. (Plus, it will get a lot of likes on Instagram.)

Acapulco, Mexico

Are you a daredevil? La Quebrada in Acapulco may be the perfect place for you to visit. You can watch brave people jump off an almost-150 foot cliff and see a beautiful view.

If you are going to any of these destinations, we hope we have helped you find somewhere to go that you may not have known about. If you are not going to any of these places, it's okay to dream, right? Have a great Spring Break and don't forget to have an adventure!

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Puzzles

The George-Anne 3/7/17 Crossword

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Across

- 1 “Nana” author
- 5 Part of a process
- 9 Tracks
- 14 Mideast potentate
- 15 De Valera’s land
- 16 Excavation find
- 17 Skyrocket
- 18 Fly in the ointment
- 19 Hindu life force
- 20 Canadian capital
- 22 Panama hat
- 24 Discharge
- 27 Marriages
- 28 Bathing suit type
- 32 Holiday mo.
- 33 007’s Moore
- 34 Captivated by
- 36 Wax-coated cheese
- 40 Stratford’s river
- 41 Music genre
- 42 Weak, as an excuse
- 43 Leave behind
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- 66 Bach composition
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- 68 Computer picture
- 69 Squeeze

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- 70 Chinese dollar
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- 13 Defects
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- 29 De ___ (again)
- 30 Self-images
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- 35 Tither’s amount
- 37 Bit of baby talk
- 38 Emphatic agreement
- 39 Magazine genre
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- 45 Milky gem
- 47 Beginnings
- 49 “The Wizard of Oz” prop
- 50 Rapsallion
- 51 Small drum
- 52 Related maternally
- 55 With skill
- 57 Basilica part
- 58 Isinglass
- 59 “Woe is me!”
- 60 Transmitted
- 63 ___ Islands, Fiji
- 64 Egg cells

Down

- 1 Goose egg
- 2 Leave off
- 3 Enumerate
- 4 Department
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- 6 Metallic element
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- 8 Gamepieces
- 9 Perennial plant with toothed leaves
- 10 Pasta type

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Whose house? Your house!

New wireless network to bring quality service to GS

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

GS Wireless, a combination of three wireless networks, has recently been implemented by Information Technology (IT) Services and is set to benefit the entire GS community.

GS Wireless includes one secured network for students, faculty and staff, an open network for university guests and one network catered to devices like gaming consoles and smart televisions.

Ron Stalnaker, Chief Information Officer, explains the overall purpose of GS Wireless.

"The goal of this and all services provided by IT Services is support the mission of Georgia Southern University by providing high-quality, reliable technology solutions and services for all University community members," Stalnaker said. "We provide an IT environment that enhances instruction, learning, research, student and alumni services, business operations, economic development and philanthropy."

IT Services believes that GS Wireless allows students, faculty, staff and visitors to connect to the wireless networks on a variety of devices, which allows maximum efficiency and productivity.

The GS Wireless services are available all across the GS campus including residence halls, the library and most administration and support buildings.

GS Wireless contains three separate wireless networks.

GSCampus

The GSCampus service protects private data from online intruders. The data that is used when GSCampus is in use is made so private information will stay private.

GSGuest

GSGuest is an open network specifically made for campus visitors and guests. The network allows guests to register for access to network while on the GS campus.

GSDevice

GSDevice is designed to allow the connection of devices, such as gaming consoles and smart TVs, to GS Wireless by completing an online registration.

John Paul, senior writing and linguistics major, is excited that the new services cater to gaming consoles.

"Well I do have two consoles on me and it would be beneficial for me so I can play online easier," Paul said. "Even though my schedule is hectic this semester and I have not played on my consoles like I would like to, I think that this service could be beneficial for me."

According to Information Technology Services, the inspiration behind GS Wireless streams back to giving quality products to all students. Their customer service philosophy focuses on three components: Service, Simplicity and Speed.

Streamlining the wireless networks for the GS community means that they are improving in all three of their components.

The wireless network access first became available to campus in 2001 with the College of Education building being the first Wi-Fi capable building on campus.

Taylor Payne, sophomore criminal justice major, believes that the new software can help the school in the long run.

"I think that it is a great idea to have a new service. I know that sometimes the service here, for me, on campus has been a little bit difficult to connect with," Payne said. "I think that having that service can benefit us in the long run and if need be, we might need to add more services on campus, just to avoid any issues that we may face with the other services."

GS Information Technology Service released an email in late January to the GS community regarding GS Wireless. The old wireless networks that have GSU in their names will be discontinued March 8.



Dress in the Press Team Submissions

Dress in the Press

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The theme for for this year's Dress in the Press is Superheroes and Villains. Each team will be assigned a different character to be the inspiration for their outfit.

Submit team member names, all contact info and any questions you have to Imani Moody, PR Coordinator im00533@georgiasouthern.edu

Deadline: March 21st
The event will take place on Thursday, April 13th.

New Network Differences

GSCampus:

The data used for this network is protected from online intruders.

GSGuest:

This network is made specifically for campus guests and visitors. These individuals are given a special username and password in order to log in.

GSDevice:

With this network, individuals can connect various devices such as smart TVs and gaming consoles.



#ProjectCupS, also known as Project Clean Up Statesboro, met last weekend to clean up parts of Burkhalter Road in Statesboro. The group collected close to 30 bags of trash on Sunday.

Project Clean Up Statesboro

Students take matters into their own hands

BY TARA BAILEY
The George-Anne staff

#ProjectCupS, which stands for Project Clean Up Statesboro, collected almost 30 bags of trash from 1 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Sunday.

The idea for the project started after Ben Brannen, senior finance major, was running one morning and noticed a large amount of trash on the side of Burkhalter road.

“There is a serious littering issue in Statesboro. It’s everywhere. We really just need to prevent this from happening and raise more awareness about it,” Brannen said.

After seeing this trash, Brannen broadcasted a Facebook live video, which started a movement for a group of students to meet up once or twice a month to clean up various areas in Statesboro. “Everyone needs to take

care of this town. This is where we live, and we are treating it like a trash can,” Brannen said.

Because of Spring Break, the group hopes to meet up again to pick up more trash in Statesboro on Sunday, March 25.

#ProjectCupS asks that if anyone knows a specific place in Statesboro that needs to be cleaned, to message them through the group’s Facebook or Twitter page.

Rock-It Coffee shuts its doors

BY BRENDAN WARD
The George-Anne staff

The 1960s and ‘70s rock-themed coffee shop Rock-It Coffee will officially close its doors Wednesday March 10 after it first opened its doors in the fall of 2016.

Rock-It Coffee is currently having a huge “farewell tour” sale with all of its

t-shirts, tumblers and magic espresso beans 50 percent off while supplies last.

Rock-It Coffee initially announced their closure with a Facebook post on Feb. 25 that cited circumstances out of the owner’s control as the reason for the store’s closure.

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Jennifer Waanounou inspects a pair of clogs as she places shoes on a display table in Deja Vu. She, along with boyfriend Joesph Rodriguez and new employee CJay Wiley, have been busy sorting through and then placing the large amount of merchandise at the store onto display tables, shelves and racks.

BY JULIA FECHTER

The George-Anne staff

Prom dresses in almost every color of the rainbow line a wall on the left side of the store. Jewelry pieces, both brand names and not, are assembled on a vanity table.

Shoes are carefully propped up on a display table by the front of the store.

A lot of thought seems to have gone into the consignment store Déjà Vu. A store where owner Jennifer Waanounou, 26, from Statesboro, Ga., did not originally intend to purchase the store.

Crossing cities and countries

Waanounou had previously worked at the Island Republic consignment store on St. Simon's Island since 2007. She took over Island Republic in 2011 at 20 years old and managed it until 2013.

That year, Waanounou's divorce with her husband led her to sell off the store, and her schedule became more flexible.

A little while after that, Waanounou's daughter had the chance to go to Israel.

"My ex-husband was Israeli...he had the opportunity to go do business there. I kind of put how I felt on the backside...I was like he could go do that. He could go do that and my daughter could learn Hebrew, she could meet all her family," Waanounou said.

Waanounou wanted her daughter to learn about her father's culture. Her daughter benefited from her time in Tel Aviv, Israel, doing well in school and learning to speak fluent Hebrew. One day, though, her daughter asked to go back to the United States.

"She said 'Mommy, I want to go back to America' and I said 'Alright, I'll book a flight for tomorrow'," Waanounou said.

Making the deal

Waanounou was opening smaller businesses when she was not in Israel in a period between jobs. She brokered real estate for a summer and even had a laundry service for workers at Plant Vogtle in Waynesboro, Ga.

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"I'm still new to the community... but like I said, I'm open to any suggestions. I think it brings amazing blessings to your business and to your life to be charitable to the community that you live in,"

JENNIFER WAANOUNOU

Owner, Deja Vu

"I was not really invested in [Déjà Vu]. But once I came and saw this store, I went on intuition. It felt right," Waanounou said.

Then-owner of Déjà Vu, Casey Arnett, had another consignment store, The Posh Pointer, in Waynesboro.

"I went in and tried to get a job with her," Waanounou said. "We talked for about an hour, and she told me she would rather sell me her store than have me work for her."

Waanounou explained that it was a lot of work for Arnett to continue commuting between Waynesboro and Statesboro, managing two stores.

"She heard my experience, we made a connection

and she made me an offer... The next day, I came and saw the store immediately and I fell in love with it. I saw a lot of potential in it," Waanounou said.

She started dating Joseph Rodriguez, 33, from Girard, Ga., in 2016. She told Rodriguez about the store and how she was looking for an investor.

If not for the two dating, Rodriguez might not seem like the typical boutique business partner.

"I'm an iron worker...I work at [Plant] Vogtle... that's my primary job. That would be our security," Rodriguez said. "This is what I do for fun, and I love doing this."

Waanounou gave Rodriguez her business plan so he could look over it.

"I read it three times... not that I didn't understand it the first time, but I was in a little shock about the

potential that a retail consignment shop could do," Rodriguez said. "There's billions of dollars in this industry that can be used and tapped into...I never thought about consignment in general the way she thinks about it."

He started working with Waanounou at the beginning of December 2016 as she acquired the consignment shop.

Waanounou became Déjà Vu’s new owner at the beginning of the year in January.

Renovating on a budget

Once she took over Déjà Vu, Waanounou also acquired the 601B location adjacent to the shop. She gave the expanded area a facelift by painting the walls and building clothing racks from recycled palettes.

So far, she has spent under \$200 on these projects. She wants to do more, though, like rip up the carpet and stain the concrete underneath.

“Stained concrete is under a \$500 renovation...it’s a water-based stain... it’s easy and it’s good,” Waanounou said. “Using carpet isn’t even good for the environment. If you burn it, you’ll get cancer.”

She also wants to add track lighting to the shop, in lieu of the current fluorescent lighting. When those lights are installed, it will be darker in the store.

“I’ll be doing LED. It takes way less energy. I want to control the lights from my iPhone. That’s my goal, in business life, to run everything from my iPhone,” Waanounou said.

A vision for more

The Déjà Vu owner wants her store and the items she sells to become a lifestyle brand.

While she started selling just women’s clothes and accessories, she has also added men’s, children’s, maternity and plus size clothing.

As well, Waanounou is working on getting furniture added to the kinds of items consigned at her store.

She also wants to be very involved in the community, particularly through charities and acts of giving. One of the charities that Déjà Vu is already contributing to is Safe Haven, an organization that assists battered women and their children.

In addition, Waanounou has structured this attitude of giving through her transactions with customers.

“I go over the contract with them [customers], that things will be donated and I take what charity they’d want,” Waanounou said.

She wants to participate in charity events throughout the community, too. She is still researching with what charities she would like Déjà Vu to be involved.

“I’m still new to the community... but like I said, I’m open to any suggestions. I think it brings amazing blessings to your business and to your life to be charitable to the community that you live in,” Waanounou explained.

Perseverance and lessons learned

Throughout the process of acquiring and operating Déjà Vu, Waanounou has had to make many changes.

“Sometimes, I’d wake up with one plan...even now, he [Rodriguez] asks ‘Oh, is that still going?’ and I’m like, ‘no, that was four plans ago,’” Waanounou said.

She thinks that flexibility is key to being successful at one’s business.

“You can’t be set on one way of doing something. That’s why I do things fast, too. Failure’s not an option for me. There’s always a way,” Waanounou added.

Rodriguez wanted to be sure that as Waanounou made various business decisions, she had someone to rely on throughout the process. He used to own his own computer repair business before he got into ironworking.

“I remember going through those [same] struggles and I remember going through them alone. I didn’t want her to be alone, because that’s hard,” Rodriguez said. “Humans can’t do that. We have to have that companionship...I made it a personal goal of mine, to make sure she was successful at this.”

Some of the most memorable business lessons Waanounou learned came from people telling her “no”. Many of the banks she approached about the consignment shop turned her down for bank loans.

“If they told me no, it’d be an interview there. I’d be like ‘So why did you tell me no? What could I have done differently that would’ve made you tell me yes?’, Waanounou said. “I ended up with the bank that told me ‘no’ the hardest because I liked it...I was like ‘you guys, I have a lot to learn from you guys.’”

As Waanounou works to sort and put out new merchandise, she also has her daughter, now six-years-old, help at Déjà Vu.

“She counts the register. She puts displays out. She actually sells a lot of stuff off the displays she makes...she’s going to have her own register,” Waanounou said.

Her daughter will manage the children’s department of the store, as well as do some of the buying for it.

Waanounou said, “I’m going to let her pick some stuff [clothing] to get her going...It’s really cool when you go and pick something from all this stuff and you bring it back to your store and then people want to buy it.”



© JULIA FECHTER

All of the jewelry at Déjà Vu has been consigned so far, but Waanounou wants to start purchasing jewelry for the shop. “Jewelry is a more trendy thing,” Waanounou said. “It applies to everyone. Fat or skinny. Tall or short. It doesn’t matter your size.”

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OPENS SUN BELT TOURNAMENT PLAY ON TUESDAY

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NO. 12 ULM	NO. 4 TEXAS STATE		
NO. 7 GEORGIA STATE	NO. 2 UTA		
NO. 10 SOUTH ALABAMA			
NO. 6 GEORGIA SOUTHERN	NO. 3 TROY		
NO. 11 ARKANSAS STATE			

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's basketball team is coming off a 63-62 road loss to Georgia State on Saturday in which Georgia State junior guard Makeba Ponder made a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left in the game.

Despite the loss, the Eagles will retain a higher seed than the Panthers in this week's Sun Belt Championship tournament in New Orleans. Georgia Southern enters the tournament as the No. 6 seed while State will be the No. 7 seed.

The first opponent for the Eagles will be the No. 11 seed Arkansas State Red Wolves on Tuesday, March 7 at 8:30 p.m. The Eagles recently beat Arkansas State 84-76 on February 25. Awaiting the winner of GS against ASU will be the No. 3 seed Troy Trojans, who have beaten Georgia Southern twice this season.

Top-seeded Little Rock will face the winner of Coastal Carolina and Appalachian State. No. 7 seed Georgia State will matchup on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with No. 10 seed South Alabama for the right to play No. 2 seed UT-Arlington.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

GS senior forward Patrice Butler and senior guard Angel McGowan are in the home stretches of their storied careers in Statesboro. Both Butler and McGowan were recently named to this season's Sun

Belt All-Conference Second Team. Butler is averaging 7.4 rebounds per game, while McGowan is averaging 16.7 points per game. Alexis Brown, freshman guard, is leading the conference with a 52.2 percent from three.

Jaylyn Gordon, Louisiana-Lafayette junior guard, and Sharde' Collins, Little-Rock junior guard, lead the Sun Belt with 17.5 and 17.4 points per game, respectively. Caitlyn Ramirez, Troy senior forward, is leading the conference with 11.4 rebounds per game.

Rebekah VanDijk, UT-Arlington junior center, is second in the conference in shooting percentage with 58.7 percent. While South Alabama has the leading blocker in Chyna Ellis, junior forward, who is averaging 3.4 blocks per game.

Collins, Gordon, VanDijk and Ramirez were all named First Team All-Conference along with Kaitlyn Pratt, Little-Rock senior forward.

AHEAD

The Sun Belt Basketball Championships promise a berth in the NCAA tournament for the winner. The women's tournament begins Tuesday, March 7. All games in the tournaments will be played at Lakefront Arena In New Orleans. All tournament games will be streamed live on ESPN3.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL FALL TO THE PANTHERS AND CLINCH THIRD SEED IN THE SUN BELT

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern men’s basketball team lost its regular season finale to rival Georgia State 67-72 in Atlanta. The Eagles lead at the half 32-28, but gave up 44 points in the second half that lifted the Panthers to a win.

Both teams came into the game of a conference losses and actively vying for second place in the Sun Belt. The Panthers lost the previous match-up with the Eagles 88-65, but that didn't stop them from shying away from their game plan.

They out-rebounded the Eagles 45-21, a deficiency the Eagles have had difficulties with all season. The Eagles have been dominated on the boards all season as they don't have a big presence in the paint.

GSU freshman guard D'Marcus Simonds was the difference-maker for the Panthers, scoring 21 points. Senior forward Jeremy Hollowell added 15 points and 12 rebounds. Last game the guard play for the Panthers didn't produce, but Simonds and other guards combined for 51 of the Panthers’ 72 points.

GS sophomore guard Ike Smith had 27 points and 4 rebounds, but the Sun Belt's leading scorer couldn't propel the Eagles by himself.

The Eagles are now the no. 3 seed in the Sun Belt Conference tournament as they play the winner of no. 6 seed Troy and no. 11 seed Appalachian State.



Junior guard Jake Allsmiller is averaging 14 points over his last two games. Allsmiller is shooting 44 percent from 3-point range this season.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL LOSE IN LAST SECONDS TO GEORGIA STATE



The GS women's basketball team huddles to get pumped pregame. They play Arkansas State Tuesday in their first game of the Sun Belt Tournament.

BY JERELL RUSHIN
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern's women's basketball team fell to Georgia State 63-62 in their last game before beginning the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. Entering Atlanta, Southern was riding a one-game winning streak over Arkansas State, their first opponent in the tournament.

In her last career regular season game, senior Angel McGowan led the Eagles in scoring with 20 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds. Freshman Alexis Brown churned out another solid performance from three point range (4/6), and finished with 14 points and five assists.

Georgia State had an outstanding performance from their bench, scoring 46 of their 63 points. Makeba Ponder and Jada Lewis led the Panther bench and team with 20 and 17 points respectively.

This down-to-the-wire game between the two rivals did not feature a furious comeback as the first meeting did. The tightly contested game featured a total of ten lead changes and six ties, and the largest lead held at the end of a quarter by either team was two.

With just 16 seconds remaining in the game, McGowan knocked down a timely three for the Eagles. Just moments later, Ponder saved the day for Georgia State and nailed one of her own, leaving just 4.6 seconds on the clock.

Georgia Southern finishes the regular season at 13-16 overall, 9-9 in the conference and enters the Sun Belt Conference Tournament as the 6th seed. They will face eleventh-seeded Arkansas State (6-24, 4-12) in the first round.

In their regular season contest, Patrice Butler's 28 points led GS to their 84-76 victory over the Red Wolves. Arkansas State's Brittany Fowler had her way with the Eagles, scoring 27 points on 9/13 shooting.

The Sun Belt Conference Tournament is held inside of Lakefront Arena in New Orleans. First-seeded Arkansas-Little Rock and the top four seeds will enjoy a first-round bye.

Reigning Sun Belt champions and third-seeded Troy will play the winner of GS and Arkansas State in the quarterfinals. Tipoff for the Eagles' first-round matchup is Tuesday at 7:30 pm. ESPN3 will televise the game.

EAGLES' COMEBACK FALLS SHORT AGAINST MEMPHIS

BY DONALD COE
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The Georgia Southern baseball team hit the road for the first time this season to Memphis, Tennessee to take on the University of Memphis Tigers.

Game one started off with the Tigers getting ahead early and not looking back. Freshman Mitchell Golden was able to put together another three-hit game for the Eagles. Golden has been able to light up opposing pitchers, getting a hit in six of the last seven games.

Game two was a comeback completed by the Eagles in dramatic fashion. Sophomore CJ Ballard was able to get an RBI single to tie the game in the top of the ninth, while senior Ryan Cleveland put the nail in the coffin later that inning. Cleveland came up to bat with the bases loaded and was able to hit a grand slam off the FedEx Field scoreboard to put the Eagles in the lead and ultimately provide the winning runs.

Game three showed how much heart this Eagles team has. Trailing 9-1 in the first inning, the Eagles were able to claw back to make it 9-8, but ended up falling to the Tigers. GS was able to rally 16 hits in the game. The Eagles' offense was on full display in Memphis, outhitting the Tigers 38-25 in the series.

The Eagles return to Statesboro for a two-game midweek series against the Campbell Fighting Camels on Tuesday and Wednesday.



GS freshman first baseman Roury Glanton takes a cut at J.I. Clements Stadium. The Eagles are 5-6 this season. © XXAVIER ROBERTSON



Senior catcher Andrea McKenzie awaits a warmup pitch. GS is 10-9 this season. © KIARA GRIFFIN

EAGLES GET BACK ON TRACK IN EAGLE CLASSIC

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
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This weekend, the softball team returned home to Eagle Field for the Eagle Classic, where they would go 4-1.

Friday Games

The tournament began Friday night for the Eagles in an awesome game against Eastern Kentucky. Both Dixie Raley for GS and Alex Sallberg for the Colonels were pitching lights out, and neither allowed a run in regulation. The top of the 8th held the first run of the game, as Eastern Kentucky scored with a close call at home plate.

The Eagles had the bases loaded in the bottom of the inning, but could only bring one run home. Though the Colonels scored two runs in the bottom of the 9th, Georgia Southern stayed resilient and scored three runs to take the extra inning win in dramatic fashion 4-3.

Saturday Games

Saturday's first game was against Marshall University, the best team the Eagles faced this weekend. The Thundering Herd scored two runs in the 3rd inning against pitcher Kierra Camp, who worked her way out of a bases loaded scenario. The 5th inning came quick, though Camp gave up a three-run home run, making the game 5-0 in favor of Marshall.

Georgia Southern then clawed its way back into the game, scoring four runs in the 5th inning and two more in the bottom of the 6th to take a 6-5 lead with Mekhia Freeman's homerun and Morgan Robinson's RBI. The

comeback ended there as Marshall quickly scored three runs in the seventh inning, and the Eagles couldn't respond. Marshall took the 8-6 win.

The night cap for Saturday came against the South Carolina State Bulldogs. SC State hadn't won a game coming into this one, and that wouldn't change Saturday night, but the Bulldogs made it more interesting than most people thought.

The Eagles went up 8-0 early, but an eight run 5th inning by the Bulldogs gave them the lead. Any upset hopes would be put to rest as Georgia Southern scored 10 runs in the bottom of the 6th ending the game. Georgia Southern would win 18-10.


Sunday Games

The final day of the Eagle Classic began with a scrappy game against Delaware State. The Eagles started things off in the 1st with Lydia Witkowski doubling and then reaching home on an error.

Delaware State provided the first lead change with a 2-run homerun in the top of the 4th. In the same inning with bases loaded, Mekhia Freeman hit a grand slam. The Eagles continued scoring and wouldn't allow the Hornets to score again. The final score ended up 9-2.

Sunday night's game against Presbyterian had three separate Georgia Southern homeruns as Abby Broome, Shelby Wilson and Emily Snider all hit it over the wall. The Blue Hose couldn't get anything going as Dixie Raley pitched another spectacular shutout. Georgia Southern got another run and end the weekend winning 4-0.

The Eagles will travel to Savannah State Wednesday night, then open up conference play next weekend against Troy.



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Accepting the Unlikelihood of Post Grad Expectations



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Half a semester remains until graduation and all I want to do is punch my laptop square in the center of the screen so hard the device flies across the room in a meteor shower of technological parts. After three and a half years, I’ve grown bitter towards this laptop. I feel like it is responsible for so many beginnings and so many ends.

This laptop sat through hundreds of student lectures with me. It gave me a foreground of Pinterest and StumbleUpon when there was a background of political science slideshows. This laptop has endured literal tears without getting any water damage, however it did not have the same luck enduring a Jose Cuervo spill on my 21st birthday. But it recovered from that just in time for the next essay, the next homework assignment, the next e-mail.

Why is it that in this moment, after all of our adverse circumstances, I have nothing but a fiery loathing towards this damn laptop? Because on this MacBook, I made my first resume, my first website, my first “attempt” at a cover letter and on this laptop, I opened an e-mail containing the first (of many, I’m learning) job deferral.

I knew I wasn’t going to get the job.

A harsh reality

At a certain point towards the end of your college career, your feelings start to hop around from undeniable excitement for the future to a constant sense of defeat to an impending fear that time is fleeing too quickly for you to enjoy while ensuring another adventure will be waiting once it’s over.

I would be lying if I said I did not possess an ounce of hope that I will land a career doing exactly what I have been trained for during the past three and a half years.

But that probably won’t happen. This is no realist interpretation of the most rational standard of life development. It is me realizing something that doesn’t deal with relationships or parties or anything else I’ve become best at confronting during my college years. It’s me realizing that nothing is guaranteed, especially in our quest for instant meaning in the career world.

You might be lucky. You might graduate with that degree- whether it’s in hospitality or pre-med or teaching- and instantly find an environment in which you are guaranteed to thrive as the person you pictured growing up that you’d be.

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Our hopes and ambitions matter

While we don’t all know what we want, we do all want to feel like we have become the person we’ve envisioned and told everyone close we would be. It matters. That’s why we work up a slight hand sweat talking about our aspirations and get embarrassed when we fall short- they matter.

People criticize millennials for being unsatisfied with the post-graduation

scenario. Our generation is known for impatience, lacking the ability to be content, having expectations that are laughable to those who have been exposed to the unwelcoming ways of society beyond this bubble.

But are we really to blame? Is it so wrong to hide under the bed when loads of assignments and deadlines and responsibilities come pounding on the door but still expect some kind of guaranteed opportunity after all of it? Is it not the most human thing to have inside us a little spark of hope that the world owes us a chance to step into the only role we feel fits, even though that might be a risk?

Nothing is guaranteed and that’s okay

We should not feel bad for having decent expectations. We shouldn’t feel dumb for paving clear grounds for an opportunity that isn’t even going to come this way. There is nothing to justify about hoping you land that job that only hires the best of the best.

It happens to all of us seeking some flawless concrete scenario to be our story after this four-year ride. Graduating college does not mark the end of everything. It marks the beginning. Realizing this brought me to terms with the feeling I had after bleeding every thought of mine into a cover letter that probably wasn’t read past the first paragraph.

Swap the post-grad panic for hunger- hunger that will be satisfied by something other than a dream job-something like a plane ticket or a mediocre transitional job that lets you experience something just as authentic.

It’s become terribly obvious how unrealistic achieving life’s sole dream one week after being handed that diploma is, but why be in such a rush anyways? So I opened a job denial e-mail on this laptop- the same laptop I’ll type a new cover letter on, search more opportunities on, and if all else fails, book a flight on so I can flee any existential crisis I might encounter after another job denial.

I think I’ll hold back on destroying this thing. It can stick around- at least for the next couple months.

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