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This week looks like it will be bringing more consistent weather. It should be a warm and sunny day, and may be a good time to plan some outdoor activities.

A 3rd arrest has been made in connection to the March 9 murder of Dinero Arness Smith at The Grove Apartments. On March 25, 2017, the Statesboro Police Department arrested 22-year-old Jaime Francisco Perez and charged him with felony murder.

This arrest comes a week after two other offenders were arrested in connection to the murder. On March 17, police arrested 20-year-old Jaden Thinh Le, who was charged in felony murder.

They also arrested 24-year-old Michael Jay Williams, who was charged with obstruction of a law enforcement officer and giving false information to officers.

Last week, the victim, Deniro Arness Smith, died from gunshot wounds after being found at the scene by officers.

The investigation has been assigned to Detective Tommy Brown of the Statesboro Police Department’s Criminal Bureau. District Attorney Investigators are also assisting with the case as well.

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Kenneth’s Spring Break

BY KENNETH LEE
The Re/flector staff

For my spring break, I watched a lot of TV and movies.

Monday: Love Season 2
On Monday, I decided to forgo all hopes of getting a head start on future assignments by binge-watching the newly released season of Judd Apatow’s Love.

That’s twelve 30-ish minute episodes; approximately six hours.

The second season of Love continues the unhinged, rocky romance between Gus (Paul Rust) and Mickey (Gillian Jacobs). Whereas the first season featured its two leads as deeply flawed, horrible characters who should in no way be together, the sophomore season softens its main pairing, making them more likable and easy to root for, rather than against. I found myself face-palming and “aww-ing” in equal measure over Gus and Mickey’s tumultuous relationship, and when I reached the finale at the end of my six-hour binge, I still wanted more.

Tuesday: Imperium and Get Out
Tuesday, I continued my descent into laziness by watching Imperium and Get Out, two films whose central premises revolves around race.

Imperium stars Harry Potter’s Daniel Radcliffe as a different sort of wizard, an undercover white supremacist member. What makes Imperium unique and almost admirable is its willingness to tackle the rise of hate crimes and domestic terrorism cases from white supremacists.
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Dress in the Press
7th Annual Newspaper Dress-Making Competition

Now accepting team applications!

You and three of your friends can create an outfit from recycled Student Media publications, display it in a fashion show, and win prizes!

Teams of four consist of 1 model and 3 designers.

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.

To contact the creative manager, email prodmgr@georgiasouthern.edu
Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University are working very closely with one another. Both police departments hope to have their departments covered by 2018.

Students "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" to raise money for sexual assault victims

Georgina Southern University students will walk a mile in red high-heeled shoes for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Thursday.

The event will start at 5 p.m. at the rotunda at Russell Union. To register, students can either visit the Walk a Mile GS page, or they can arrive at Russell Union at 3:30 p.m. on March 30.

This is the fifth year that GS will host Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, which seeks to raise awareness towards sexual violence and gender violence.

Michelle Martin, GS University Wellness program director, hopes this event will open people to more conversation about sexual and gender violence.

“They should come to learn more about sexual and gender violence, learn how they can play a role in ending sexual assault, but all genders are welcome to walk,” Martin said.

The money raised at the event will be donated to the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRASC), which raised $3,200 last year, according to the GS University Wellness Program’s Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event page.

SRASC provides free services for victims of sexual assault and child abuse, including forensic medical exams, crisis advocacy, referrals for counseling and medical services, according to Christie Perry, the executive director of SRASC.

“We can accompany survivors to any medical follow up appointments, as well as be there during any legal proceedings. An advocate’s main job is to support and be a positive voice for survivors,” Perry said.

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes is sponsored by the University Wellness program, Health Services, Sexual Assault Student Educators, Fraternity and Sorority Life, the Multicultural Student Center, and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

ASU’s Cyber Forensics Division will possibly extend to GS police department

The police chiefs of Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University have met to discuss how the consolidation between the institutions could affect the campuses’ public safety departments.

“I’m trying to get the positives of both departments and pull them together so when we create one combined department, it’s going to be better than the two separate departments were,” Laura McCullough, GS Chief of Police, said.

McCullough intends to add additional positions to the ASU PD, such as full-time investigator.

Both departments’ day-to-day duties are similar, despite geographic and demographic differences, according to McCullough, who believes the larger size of GS Public Safety will benefit the smaller department at ASU.

The Armstrong Police Department’s Cyber Forensics Division has received national recognition for its involvement in investigating cases in and out of Georgia.

“A bulk of our work is cell phones but, obviously, computers and hard drives as well,” Stuart Glasby, ASU cyber forensics investigator and analyst, said.

Beyond investigations, the ASU PD’s Cyber Forensics Division provides classes in which students can learn about cyber forensics, using the latest version of Forensics Recovery of Evidence Devices (FRED).

“This level of equipment and software does not exist in any other university outside of this police department,” Wayne Willcox, ASU police chief, said.

Both McCullough and Willcox would like to see the Cyber Forensics Division extended to the GS campus in the future.

“This is not something that you can get at every college,” McCullough said. “I think it is a huge benefit to the program.”

McCullough aims to complete consolidation efforts between the two police departments before Fall 2018.

Students wanted for volunteer Peace Corps ambassadors

The Peace Corps Volunteer program is looking to recruit GS students as campus ambassadors.

Ambassadors for this program will work closely with Peace Corps recruiters to spread awareness of the volunteer program to other students.

Steven Waldrop, senior campus ambassador, shared his experience being an ambassador in the peace corps.

“My main responsibilities have been distributing any kind of marketing materials for recruiting events, as well as connecting people with our regional recruiter,” Waldrop said.

According to Waldrop, being a campus ambassador is beneficial to people wanting to join the Peace Corps.

“The Peace Corps has a lot of different areas you can go into with regards to your volunteer service,” Waldrop said. “If you really are serious about doing the Peace Corps, lining up your service experiences with what you want to do will ultimately make your application stronger.”

The Peace Corps Volunteer program is accepting applications as campus ambassadors. Applications are available at www.research.net/r/S8RPVKN.
Though the 2017 Georgia legislative session is quickly drawing to a close, there are still many high-profile bills that are weaving their way through the legislature. Others, however, are officially dead for this year.

**Destination resort act**

On Feb. 27, Senate Bill 79 and House Bill 158, also known collectively as the Destination Resort Act, became officially dead for the year.

SB 79 and HB 158 would have allowed the construction of one to two “destination resorts”, or casinos. SB 79 failed to make it out of the Senate Regulated Industries Committee, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Both bills have came a long way. SB 79 and HB 158 stemmed from a senate bill that was introduced last year, Senate Bill 264. SB 264 would have legalized horse racing wagers in the state, but was two votes shy of passing out of committee. This year’s bill also began with the constructions of up to six casinos in Georgia, but was eventually scaled down to just two casinos with the proceeds going to the HOPE Scholarship.

Currently, the Georgia Lottery is the only legal form of gambling in the state of Georgia. To date, the lottery has distributed over $17 billion to Georgia students in the form of scholarships, grants and Pre-K programs, according to the lottery’s website.

**Campus carry**

Campus Carry, otherwise known as House Bill 280, is currently awaiting a vote in Georgia Senate. The bill would allow anybody 21 and older to carry a concealed gun on campus with a permit. Guns would not be allowed in student housing, sports facilities and other places. A similar bill was vetoed by Gov. Nathan Deal last spring.

For the bill to arrive at the governor’s desk, the Senate has to vote before assembly adjournment on Thursday. The House has to approve the revised bill in order for it to reach the governor.

Currently, Deal has not gone on the record saying if he will sign the bill this year or not but there has been strong opposition and support for HB 280.

**Sexual assault bill**

House Bill 51 is currently in the Georgia Senate, after passing the House with 55 unfavorable votes and 115 favorable votes. However, it is unlikely it will survive this session, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

HB 51, which has been dubbed the campus rape bill, would limit how a university is able to investigate sexual assaults, as well as other suspected felonies. On-campus investigations of an incident would be limited to campus agencies with state-certified officers.

The bill has been tabled as of March 23, after various senators decided that the bill still had too many issues around it to be resolved before Sine Die, or the last day of the legislative session.

**First priority act**

The First Priority Act, or House Bill 338, is one of the few bills likely to be signed by Deal before the end of the session on March 30.

HB 338 will evaluate students attending struggling schools and provide them with better resources to succeed. The Senate approved the First Priority Act last Friday, March 24 in a vote of 37 to 18, according to wabe.org.

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**2017 Legislative Session Timeline**

- **Jan. 9**: The first day of the 2017 Legislative Session and the first day of the 2017-2018 legislative cycle
- **March 3**: Crossover Day (deadline date for bills to move from one chamber to another)
- **March 30**: Sine Die (the last day of the legislative session)
EXPERIENCING HOLI

BY CHELSEA DAVIS
The Georgia Southern Bug

Moments before the crowd gets drenched with colors, all you can see are people in white clothing trying to learn a traditional folk dance along with the moves to the pop dance called Bollywood. The Festival of Colors, also known as “Holi” festival, returned to Georgia Southern for the third time, and once again, students were eager to participate in the annual Hindu tradition.

Standing in the middle of the crowd not really knowing what to expect, you look around trying to take everything in. Everyone in the crowd has paint on their face, and colorful powdered chalk in their hands while dancing to the music. Then suddenly, the ceremony starts off with the Multicultural Student Center sharing the importance of the event, and the South Asian Student organization speaking on the Hindu tradition and significance of the Holi Festival.

Personal experience

Purva Mallya, a member of the South Asian Student Organization and foreign exchange and graduate student, spoke about her personal experiences with the Holi Festival in India.

“I’ve celebrated Holi my whole life in India. It is called the Festival of Colors but mythologically it is celebrated as the ritual of good and evil, and it is celebrated like two days in India,” Mallya said. "The first day is where you light a bonfire and you pray around it with everyone and you all pray that the warmth destroys the evil in you. And the next day is like the fun day, everybody comes together and smears colors all over each other and drenches each other with water guns, along with water balloons filled with colored water. It’s all fun games and by the end of the day you look like a canvas.”

Mallya was a speaker at the event and explained what the Holi Festival was really about. She was one of the dancers in both the traditional folk and pop dances. She mentioned how the pop dance, Bollywood, is her favorite.

“We have a traditional dance which is like a folk dance, and then we have Bollywood like the pop dance. Bollywood is like the Hollywood in India, and all of Bollywood movies are musicals. Since it is pop culture, everyone is interested in it,” Mallya said. “Holi is probably where Bollywood is probably used the most because they have the rain dances in the event. So they play Bollywood music so you can dance with your friends.”

The celebration begins

After learning the importance of Holi and the traditional and pop dances, the crowd became restless to find out when to throw the colors in the air. It is then realized that the festival has more meaning than just the hysteria of colors being thrown in the air. Director of the Multicultural Student Center, Takeshia Brown, spoke on how the Holi Festival tradition at Georgia Southern came about.

“There was a student worker in our office, and this particular student was Indian and thought it would be cool to not only help her feel connected at Georgia Southern, but also have the opportunity to share her culture with other students here,” Brown said.

Colors fill the air

While you’re at the Holi Festival, the music adds to the excitement, and for a moment you may feel like you’re at a rave. Then the countdown begins, you hear the crowd yell “Holi” and in the next minute you are completely consumed by an array of colors that live in a cloud of smoke. People began to jump up and down, smear more chalk on each other, and you no longer see colors that live in a cloud of smoke. People began to jump up and down, smear more chalk on each other, and you no longer see any white clothing. The crowd is now a sea of color.

Colorful chalk is everywhere: On people’s faces, in their hair, on their clothes, even on their shoes, but as you continue to look around you notice how happy everyone looks around you. Although this festival is an annual tradition in India, you would think the crowd has celebrated this tradition their entire life. The crowd not only participated in the event, but took the time to actually support and understand another culture.

“I think the cool thing specifically to Holi is a festival that is celebrated world round. When I was first interviewing at Southern I saw that they had a festival where they threw colorful powder at each other and I thought that it was fantastic and it celebrates a culture. Then I did more research and realized the festival was celebrated world wide,” Brown said. “We are essentially giving students the opportunity to participate in something that people have been doing for centuries and it gives us an opportunity to partake in it.”
Now that the powder was thrown many people stayed to soak up more of the culture. Many students danced to the Bollywood music and attempted to learn the dances. Others socialized and stayed to absorb the culture. You don’t even realize the amount of colorful chalk you have on you because you are enjoying yourself, because you realize the event is bigger than yourself.

**An experience for everyone**

“Overall, we live in a global society and it is our duty as a university to provide opportunities to become aware of other cultures because students are going to be working with people who look like them and who do not look like them. Who are native born speakers, who are not native born speakers, who have religious and cultural practices that impact their very lives,” Brown said. “As an employee you need to be aware of that and as an employer you need to be aware of that.”

The Holi festival is an experience meant for everyone. Seeing the colors of blue, pink, orange, green, red and purple thrown into the air only adds to the excitement. It is an annual event at Georgia Southern that is highly encouraged to attend. Remember when you attend that the event is intended to bring everyone together no matter what race and religion, and that the event is truly bigger than you are.
Georgia Southern football will divide into two teams and play its annual Blue-White Spring Game this Saturday at noon at Allen E. Paulson Stadium.

**OFFENSE**

Eagle fans will get their first real look at Georgia Southern’s new-look offense, led by first-year offensive coordinator Bryan Cook.

Seth Shuman, the sophomore quarterback from Valdosta, will step into the starting role for the Eagles this upcoming season. He was forced into action as a freshman last season after Favian Upshaw and Kevin Ellison were banged up. Shuman showed his arm briefly in 2016 when he was 21-of-36 for 228 yards and a touchdown in a start against Louisiana.

With the departure of running back Matt Breida, junior Wesley Fields and senior L.A. Ramsby will get more touches than last season. Fields and Ramsby - like Shuman - were impressive in their roles last season. Fields had 94 carries for 492 yards and three touchdowns last season, and he averaged over five yards per carry. Ramsby scored eight touchdowns and rushed for 343 yards on 84 carries, including a 61-yard touchdown run.

Five-foot-6-inch receiver Myles Campbell returns as the leading pass catcher for the Eagles.

**DEFENSE**

On defense, the Eagles return junior safety Joshua Moon as their leading returning tackler from last season. Moon had 72 total tackles and two interceptions. The defense will be young but talented, as the Eagles recruited some touted defensive linemen and linebackers.

In his biweekly letter to the Eagle Nation, GS athletic director Tom Kleinlein said, “like many of you, I am eager to see our football team’s progress this spring.”

The spring game is free to attend, and it will begin at noon on Saturday.

**EVENTS**

The Punt, Pass, and Kick Contest for kids ages 5-12 will be first on the Paulson Stadium agenda Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

After that, tailgaters will show off their finest gameday grub in a cook-off late Saturday morning. Participants must use their own food and equipment plus a $25 participation charge. Eagle fans can be tasting judges for $3 if they sign up before Wednesday.

The judges’ favorite tailgate chefs will win various prizes, perhaps the most coveted being a hotel room and two tickets to the Georgia Southern vs. Auburn game on September 2.
SOFTBALL WINS ANOTHER SUN BELT SERIES

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team won its second Sun Belt series over UT Arlington 2 games to 1.

GAME ONE

The series in Texas began Saturday afternoon, when sophomore pitcher Dixie Raley would have another great outing, allowing only three runs on just five hits.

The Eagles scored in the first inning, with junior infielder Alesha Mann hitting a two-run RBI. The Mavericks responded in the same frame with a run and a run on an error forcing the game to the tenth inning.

The Eagles would lose this game in heartbreaking fashion as a walk off bunt for UTA would clinch them the game.

GAME THREE

Sunday’s game was short and sweet for the Eagles as everything seemed to go flawlessly. After a slow start, Georgia Southern started heating up in the third with freshman outfielder Mekia Freeman’s RBI, and the bats never really stopped the rest of the afternoon.

The Eagles earned 10 hits and ended the day early with an 8-0 win in just five innings. At the plate, Lydia Witkowski had three hits, adding to her great sophomore campaign.

On the defensive side, Raley picked up her ninth win of the season with a one-hit shutout.

Georgia Southern is now 5-4 in Sun Belt play and will travel to Athens to take on UGA Wednesday night before hosting Louisiana Lafayette next weekend.
Baseball team wins crucial early season series against UT Arlington

Friday

Game one was a tight affair for the Eagles. They found themselves down 3-0 early and were able to claw back to make it 3-2, but were not able to break through the final barrier. The 3-2 loss was a tough one for the Eagles. They got a solid eight innings pitched from senior Evan Challenger, who fell to 0-4 on the season, but the offense couldn’t get that last needed run off of the Mavericks pitching staff.

A positive on the offensive side to take away for the Eagles was working five walks and only being struck out twice, an upgrade from 18 strikeouts in the midweek series against the Citadel.

Senior Jordan Wren was able to lead the Eagle offense in this one, going 2-4 with a couple of singles.

Saturday

In the second matchup between the Eagles and Mavericks Saturday, it ended in dramatic fashion with a special win for Coach Rodney Hennon.

Freshman Steven Curry picked up two game changing RBIs, including the go ahead one when he beat out a ground ball to put the Eagles up 4-3.

Senior Landon Hughes came in to finish the game with a runner on first and no outs in the bottom of the ninth and was able to get three quick outs to secure the win.

The victory gave Coach Hennon the 700th in his career and a confidence booster for the team heading into the rubber match of the series.

Sunday

A strong start and a strong finish for the Eagles helped them get their first Sun Belt series win of the season.

Game three was taken by the Eagles 9-5, where they only scored in the first and eighth innings, but they scored five runs in the first and four runs in the eighth.

The first inning went the Eagles’ way, as they were able to send 10 batters to the plate and got a two RBI single from senior CJ Brazil. Brazil would later come up clutch in the eighth, hitting in the go ahead single would ultimately winning the game.

This strong showing from the Eagles advanced them to 3-3 in Sun Belt play, before heading off to play the College of Charleston in Mt. Pleasant, SC. They then return home for a weekend series against UL Monroe.

Sophomore right-hander pitcher Zach Cowart delivers a pitch. He has a 3.60 ERA on the season.
To the Victor Belongs the Spoils

DEVIN CONWAY
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There are a few overlying themes found within contemporary political science literature, regardless of the political theory that influenced the research or even the perspectives of the researchers themselves. These common denominators, namely that of the neoliberal order and the newfound profitability of war, the rise in military expenditures and income inequality, the class-based struggle at the foundation of political marginalization that often leads to violence and the power-sharing and wealth distribution that help to maintain stability in the face of uncertainty.

A concentration of wealth breeds a concentration of power and with the neoliberal economic policies that hold influence over nearly every major aspect of the global economy (turning the act of war itself into a profitable venture) war simultaneously benefits the economy of the intervening country via an imperialistic control of world resources.

It is in the best interest of both the corporation and the leaders of a given nation-state to continue interventionist strategies. The constituents within a society that has rampant income inequality are not only marginalized financially, but politically as well. Not only do they lack the wealth and therefore the power, to influence politicians, but their financial woes often consume their daily lives to such an extent that they remain in a state of constant apathy and frustration toward systems of rule and political action.

Because they are either demonstrable facts or noteworthy trends in the international arena. Wealth has certainly become more concentrated throughout the world, due in large part to the deregulation of global markets and so-called “free trade” that works only to the advantage of transnational corporations.

Governments across the world continue to increase their military expenditures, but the taxpayer money that they use typically is not seen by military personnel or the constituents of that given nation, but rather end up back in the pockets of the very same corporations that use their newfound political influence to lobby for a continuation of the ever more profitable policy of continuous foreign intervention.

The neoliberal economic policies that have dominated the markets during the last few decades have given rise to the nation-state that is heavily reliant upon a military-industrial complex and while military expenditures have drastically increased for the nation-state, corporate profits have skyrocketed as a result of that very same spending.

The corporate monopolization of the world’s leading industries has worked to establish a new kind of power; one that is both indirect and increasingly influential in political spheres through backdoor channels specifically set up for plausible deniability.

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