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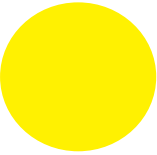
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Weather Bar

It seems we will continue to experience warm weather for the foreseeable future. Rain should come either today or tomorrow, but otherwise it should be sunny and clear.



The Circle

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The Circle asked students what they wished was still on Georgia Southern's campus that is no longer here. Check it out!

<http://thecirclegsu.com/transformation-tuesday/>

April Fools... Wait!

BY CONRAD GRAHAM
The Reflector staff

If you haven't given any thought to it, April 1 is coming up quickly. If you want to get a head start and REALLY get one of your friends, you need some advance planning. Even if you don't plan anything in advance, it's still not too hard to get your friends.

Sign them up for online dating

Whether it be ChristianMingle, JDate or Farmers Only, intriguing online dating sites are everywhere. Maybe your friend really is single and ready to mingle, or maybe they're taken and you just want a good laugh. Writing and linguistics major Christa Feazell, a very Caucasian young woman, was signed up for BlackPeopleMeet by one of her friends as a prank. "I deactivated it later because they kept sending me spam," she said.

Saran Wrap is your best friend

This versatile, clear plastic wrap is one of the easiest ways to confuse your roommates. You can tape some at face height in their doorway so they run into it first thing in the morning. You can wrap your friend's car so they can't go anywhere – but please be kind and offer them a ride if they were trying to get to class or work. If you're REALLY cruel (or just plain don't like your roommate), wrap their toilet seat. That'll be a rude awakening in the morning.

Rubber band + kitchen sink sprayer = wet roommate

This one has been found all across the Internet and it's one of the easiest ways to give your roommate a shower, assuming they actually do the dishes. Maybe they just wanted a drink? The past couple days have been hellaciously hot compared to that frigid "spring" break that just ended, so your roommate may not mind getting soaked.

Super absorbent polymer

Whoa whoa whoa, why are we bringing science into this? Because it's amazing! Super absorbent polymers, or SAPs, are made from sodium polyacrylate, which is the same absorbent material that is put into many diapers. These small polymer balls are just bigger than the tip of a ballpoint pen, but when they absorb water, they swell to 300 times their size – the size of a large marble. The best part? They're clear, squishy pearls, so you can really mess with your roommates depending on your dedication level. This does take at least a day to fully absorb water though, so you need to get started today. You can either put a handful into a glass of water (they're non-toxic, don't worry) or you can run your roommate a nice relaxing bath with a layer of water pearls on the bottom of the tub. That would be an odd sensation under your legs.



WHAT WILL YOU DISCOVER?

STUDY ABROAD FAIR
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Russell Union Ballroom
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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Legislation Impacting Education



YASMEEN WALIAGA

Waliaga is a senior journalism major from Alpharetta, Ga.

Several topics will be discussed today, on day 40, or the final day of Georgia's 2017 legislation session. Among these will be pawning, hearing aids, medical marijuana, yacht owners and rural hospitals. Don't direct your attention to something that seems more relevant to you just yet, because today is relevant.

Legislation is a messy process of yes and no and maybe all topped off with majority vs minority votes and seemingly insignificant tedious steps leading only to further confusion about how the hell government works. For these reasons, it can drive even the most interested of us to turn our heads.

Today, we must not turn our heads. Today, two significant topics of consideration which have been occupying lawmakers' discussion for years enter the spotlight once again. You may have seen some one-sided, extremely opinionated tweets regarding these during this legislative session. I'm simply going to explain two bills you should definitely be aware of before they determine what could be the fate of all of us who attend Georgia institutions from

here on out. Learn about bills that involve you, especially those that could impact your education, so that no one can criticize you for having an opinion.

Campus Carry

For the fifth consecutive year, Georgia lawmakers have voted on the Campus Carry bill. What does "campus carry" mean exactly? Well, Georgia is currently one of the 17 US states where guns are not allowed on college campuses. This would change that, allowing gun owners to carry concealed arms on college campuses as long as they are at least 21-years-of-age and have passed a background check.

Opponents claim this would create a potentially hostile environment for students and promote fear among them. Last year, the bill made its way all the way through legislature until it was vetoed on Governor Nathan Deal's desk because of being too broad. Lawmakers are working to modify the bill in order for it to succeed this year, but we shall see.

It's a hard topic to think about. On one hand, it sounds completely stupid but on the other, I sort of get it. I mean, universities aren't the least debaucherous institutions and there is no way to ensure that these gun owners will be tame, sober, mature. Chances are, not all of them will. But despite my concerns, I do confidently stand by my assumption that the kids who initiate school shootings and other attacks probably aren't waiting on a law that makes it easier on them.

I mean how dumb are we if we really think the people we should be most concerned about being armed are actually going to wait until some law is passed? And it can't be denied

that the only person who is unsafe in a gun free zone is the one without a gun so... it's tricky.

Campus Rape Bill

Well, it's about to get even trickier. This one triggers our morals and just our plain sense of ethical judgement. The Campus Rape Bill, which was suspended not long ago, has been revived just in time for the final day of Georgia's legislative session. For some reason, State Representative Earl Ehrhart just can't let go of this bill. I mean, someone just needs to pry it out of his fingers.

While the bill has the intention of protecting those accused of rape at Georgia colleges, there is some unfair vibe about it that I can't seem to shake. Perhaps it's that in the case that it is passed, this bill would most likely add to the whole stigmatic attitude towards on-campus rape that is somewhat responsible for the abundance of unheard stories due to shame and fear of judgment.

The Campus Rape bill is supposedly meant to protect those accused from suffering at the hands of the institutions which they attend until further investigation proves what really happened. By no means should a student be condemned and punished socially and educationally for something the student truly did not do. But let's be honest- the chance of that being the case seems way less likely than the alternative. I'm tired of rape culture being normalized in college and not everything with the right intention results in the right action.

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The future of the HOPE Scholarship

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Unfortunately college is expensive. The lottery raising money for students is a great opportunity for us.”

NAKIA HARDISON

A junior communications studies major

BY TAYLOR MOORE

The George-Anne contributor

According to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, more than 1.75 million students have been helped by the HOPE Scholarship since its creation.

The scholarship has been helping college and Pre-K students for many years, allowing them to attend HOPE eligible colleges and universities and Pre-K programs to help further their education.

Currently, the Georgia Lottery is raising money for the Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally (HOPE) scholarship for college students. This program provides “bright students who otherwise would find it difficult to go to college” the ability to get a degree.

“The HOPE Scholarship has really helped me pay for school and I think it’s a great idea that the Georgia Lottery is raising money for HOPE,” Aaron Thomas, senior exercise science major, said.

The HOPE Scholarship provides partial tuition funding for Georgia students who have demonstrated academic achievement with a GPA between 3.0 and 3.69 and to those who are pursuing an undergraduate degree at a HOPE Scholarship eligible college or university in Georgia.

Steps taken

Over the past few years, there have been many measures and steps taken in order to raise more money for HOPE. According to some reports, the HOPE Scholarship could run out of money by 2028.

More recently, on Jan. 26, 2017, Sen. Brandon Beach, R-Alpharetta introduced Senate Bill 79 (SB 79), the Destination Resort Act, which would have made the operation of two resort style casinos legal in Georgia.

Though the bill died in the year’s legislative session, the Destination Resort Casinos bill was an act that would have authorized the creation of three resort-style entertainment complexes, each requiring \$1 billion in capital investment and \$225 million in licensing fees and together generating annual state revenues of hundreds of millions of dollars.

The multi-use resorts would have included restaurants, hotels, limited gaming facilities, retail shops, convention and meeting centers, entertainment facilities and service centers.

This bill had three lead sponsors: Rep. Brian Wallace, Rep. Martin Walsh and Sen. Joan Menard.

Records set

This is the fifth-consecutive year lottery profits have set a record, a positive trend that comes as the lottery has strained to meet the needs of popular education programs that continue to grow. In total, the lottery raised about \$1.1 billion, with profits exceeding last year’s by more than \$117 million.

The Georgia Lottery says it is one of the most successful state-run lotteries in America. It is rich in sales and in delivering over a billion dollars to HOPE scholarships and pre-K programs.

Nakia Hardison, junior communications studies major, thinks HOPE is a great thing for students.

Hardison said, “Unfortunately college is expensive. The lottery raising money for students is a great opportunity for us.”

Work with University Housing

Summer Help Needed!

University Housing is looking for Student Assistants to help clean and maintain facilities this summer. If you are interested, please apply at the website below through April 14:

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Or, we will be at the Auxiliary Services Job Fair April 7, from 2pm-4pm in the Russell Union Ballroom conducting on the spot interviews!

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Walk a Mile in Her Shoes returns to GS

BY TASHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

Walk-A-Mile in Her Shoes, the international march which was brought to the GS campus five years ago, has become a Georgia Southern tradition over the years. The march calls for participants to walk a mile in red high heels to raise awareness for gender and sexual violence and also funds for the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault and Child Advocacy Center.

The program was coordinated by committee leaders from numerous departments on the GS campus. Coordinators include the University Wellness Program, the criminal justice program and the Counseling Center.

Elisabeth Malloy, freshman political science major, is familiar with the event.

“It’s when people can sign up to walk a mile

to raise awareness of daily inequalities and inconveniences the average women faces and is made to expect,” Malloy said.

Each year, the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes program has a new focus for participating. Sexual Assault Student Educator President Kristen Baker believes there are many things that participants should place their attention on during the event.

“We are focusing on this year on how to take action beyond this event,” Baker said. “It is one that attracts people to it because it is, in a sense, fun and different, but we want every participant to walk away feeling like they can do something.”

Baker also speaks on what is to come in this program and what people need to pay attention to for this program.

“Beyond it being fun, we want everyone to

realize the severity of the problem we face as a college community with sexual and gender violence,” Baker said. “We are going to have an “Action Booth” where participants learn more about government officials, state laws and how to create a bigger impact with the program.”

Last year’s program brought over 300 participants, which included male student athletes, teachers, faculty and staff. All proceeds were given to the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center.

The route will begin the Rotunda, heading down to the library gazebo up to Forest Drive and back through the Russell Union.

Registration for the program ends March 30 at 3:30 p.m. The official walk will begin at 5 p.m. Statesboro community members are also encouraged to participate as well.

True Blue Experience Music Festival music, food and games

BY TARA BAILEY
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University’s True Blue Experience Music Festival will take place this Friday at the RAC fields.

The event, which has been sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA), Greek life, the University Programming Board (UPB) and the Resident Hall Association, is free for students to attend at the RAC fields March 31 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

UPB, which started this event last year, will invite four different artists to perform at the music festival—Raury, CWiLLtooILL, King M. Dot and Atlas Road Crew.

“We are trying to serve every possible crowd. Every musician is different, very diverse,” Daja Hansel-Coates, the UPB late night committee chair, said.

One of the musicians performing at the music festival will be Christian Williams, also known as CWiLLtooILL, who is an offensive lineman for the Georgia Southern football team.

In February, UPB held a local band contest where Williams, the first place winner, not only won \$300, but also was granted access to perform in this year’s music festival.

“What we try to do is to give students an opportunity to, you know, get their name out there, and it actually turned out pretty good. I think we had like 10 contestants, and they were all perfect, they were all great. [Christian Williams] ended up winning, and I know he was very happy about that,” Jasmine Minor, vice president of the UPB administration, said.

The music festival will have more than just music. It will also have free food from several vendors.

“Some of the vendors are the same from last year, so we’re going to have 4 & 20 bakery. He has vegan options, so that’s kind of different, too. There’s little desserts, and we’re also going to have the Ellis Meat Market like we had last year. We’re not having Bruster’s this time, but we’re going to have some other places,

like El Rinconcito. It’s going to be a really good time,” Minor said.

The festival will also have games and other activities for students to participate in.

Lauren Sutton, sophomore child and family

development major, said, “I just think it will be fun. People just need to get involved on campus, and so going to things like this is always fun to see what goes on around campus.”

Out of the Darkness Campus Walk

Join thousands of students across the country raising money to bring mental health and suicide out of the darkness

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Center for Addiction Recovery helps students fight drug addictions

BY NATALIE TURMAN

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University is home to one of the first collegiate addiction recovery programs and is continuing to help students fight addiction and graduate.

The Center for Addiction Recovery opened in 2008 and is located in Veazy Hall. The purpose of the program is to help students maintain recovery throughout college.

"The main reason it was started was to help students in recovery maintain their recovery through college. As you know trying to remain abstinent from alcohol and drugs is difficult in college so we try to facilitate an environment here at the center and a fellowship of like-minded people," Rob Bohler, graduate assistant of the program, said.

To enter the program, students must be six months sober, complete the application and provide letters of recommendation. Once in the program, students will take a mandatory average of 12 credit hours and will work 18 hours for an on- or off-campus job.

The program also provides scholarships, social support, weekly relapse prevention seminars and other tools to assist the students involved. True Blue AA meetings are held in the library on Fridays.

The Center for Addiction Recovery also focuses on

research and currently have two projects going on.

One is on connecting with alumni. The purpose is for career networking, mentoring, and measure the quality of recovery. The other is looking at other Collegiate Recovery Programs in the US and how they function.

"Since I've started coming to CAR, when I first came here in 2016, I really enjoyed the community. It's a smaller tight-knit community within a large university where I can come and ask for help," Alex Cameron, junior finance major, said.

There are currently 40 students involved in the program, and there is a possibility of the program being continued at Armstrong following the merger. The Center for Addiction Recovery staff hopes to help students, spread awareness about addiction and help the Statesboro community in recovery.

Emily Eisenhart, director of the program, said in an email, "We are continually growing and evolving at the Center for Addiction Recovery to meet the needs of the increasing numbers of students who are living in long term recovery. Our students are our first priority, and we hope to expand our services to help educate a wider variety of students at GSU about addiction and the process of recovery."

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ROB BOHLER

Graduate assistant of the program

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- Apply for federal financial aid by completing the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- o Georgia Southern University's school code is 001572.
- o When completing the 2017-2018 FAFSA, use the IRS Income Data Retrieval System to automatically pull in your 2015 tax information from the IRS.

- Check your GS email and financial aid status through your WINGS account at My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu. You may need to provide additional documentation to our office.

- Any additional information requested must be submitted to our office to avoid delays in completing the application process.

QUESTIONS? Call our office at 912-478-5413 or email a financial aid counselor at finaid@georgiasouthern.edu.

True Blue Experience Music Festival - Friday, March 31st, 6:00 PM, RAC Fields

The University Programming Board, Student Government Association, the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life and the Residence Hall Association is back again to bring you The True Blue Experience Music Festival! Come out to the RAC fields for FREE food and a lineup of four exciting and diverse musical acts you won't want to miss. Students please bring your Eagle IDs in order to receive a wristband for food. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

2017 D.I.F. Conference: April 8, 2017 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Georgia Southern University Multicultural Student Center is proud to announce the 2nd Annual Diversity, Inclusion & Fairness (D.I.F.) Conference, which will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Russell Union. The theme for the conference is "Think, Create & Be D.I.F." The keynote speakers for the conference will be Joshua Fredenburg and spoken word artist Kai Davis. For registration, please register online: D.I.F. Conference Registration If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out this form: D.I.F. Volunteer Form. #MakeADIF"

2017 Drag Show: April 10, 2017 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This event will have the Georgia Southern University community entertained by elaborate professional performances of song monologues and dance while gaining more insight into the LGBTQ lifestyle. There will be a question and answer period immediately following the Show. The event will take place on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Russell Student Union Ballroom. Admission is Free and Proof of Attendance will be provided! Please bring clothes to donate to the GSM Closet."

Org Week and True Blue Experience- The week of March 27th - 31st

The Office of Student Activities is hosting Org Week! March 27-31, 2017 is your chance to promote your organization and show your True Blue Spirit! Additionally organizations are invited to sign up to host a booth at the True Blue Experience on March 31, 2017. Participation in Org Week and TBE will be worth up to 5 points in the WINGS Incentive Program.

Contact Information: Office of Student Activities, osa@georgiasouthern.edu

YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

The Weekly Buzz is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

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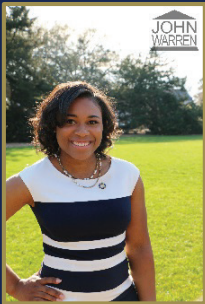
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Atlas Road Crew performing at the 9:30 Club in Washington D.C. ARC will be in this years True Blue Festival lineup.

BY ALLISON MARTINEZ

The George-Anne contributor

The True Blue Experience music festival is back and better than ever. After releasing the headliners for the music festival just last week, UPB's lineup will feature Raury, CWillTooiLL, King M. Dot and Atlas road crew. The event will take place at the RAC fields tomorrow, at 6 p.m., where sponsors will be giving away food and t-shirts while you enjoy a wide array of music and more.

Raury, the headliner for the show, is a hip-hop and soul artist from Stone Mountain, Georgia. He began rapping at the age of eight and taught himself to play guitar by watching YouTube videos. Raury was not able to be reached for comment in regards to the upcoming performance, but Max Becker, bass player for Atlas Road Crew shared his excitement on this weekends event.

"Georgia Southern has always been really good to us, like the reception we get is just awesome down there. The kids really enjoy our music and we enjoy their enthusiasm," Becker said.

ATLAS ROAD CREW

Atlas Road Crew is a band consisting of five men that met while attending the University of South

Carolina. The five members decided to form a band on a whim after being bored during the summer of 2011. Their goal was to just have fun during their last year of college and make some money on the side by playing for their friends.

With no real plan for the future, they decided to continue on their musical journey as long as they were having fun and progressing. Now, six years later, the band has built quite the fan base as they've traveled across the nation and even to Europe.

Starting out as a cover band, they now write original songs. After meeting notable performers who helped them with their sound like songwriter Mark Bryan from Hootie and the blowfish, the band has learned to improve their sound along their journey.

Along with perfecting their sound, the band is always working on ways to make their show better by trying to make sure no two shows are the same. Becker felt it is hard to describe their sound because there are five members that collaborate with the songwriting and music making creates a unique sound.

"The majority of our growth as individual musicians has been alongside the four other members of the band so we are growing together as one unit as opposed to five separate individuals coming together to make a band," Becker said.

Songs on the album range from southern rock and blues rock to songs that have an alternative feel which can be compared to the Red Hot Chili Peppers. When asked about who their inspiration as an artist would be, Becker said the Kings of Leon and the Rolling Stones but the most common reference they receive is The Black Crowes.

Becker felt the best compliment he has ever received was when touring in California when a fan came up and said they are a mix of Widespread Panic and Pearl Jam.

The band is currently working on a new album but when it comes to crafting the release they are making sure they take their time to put together the best songs that cohesively fit together before releasing their second album.

"It's not only just for us, but seeing the reaction of the crowd and seeing what we can do makes other people happy is really a great feeling. Just the fact that I can do what I love and travel with my four best friends around the country and to Europe and get paid to do it is just all I've ever really wanted," Becker said.

For something that started out as just a side gig for fun, the band has made this into a professional career.

**Attention
Freshmen
and
Seniors:
NSSE 2017!!**

On February 09, 2017, randomly selected freshmen and seniors were emailed invitations to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). If you received this message, your insights are critical!

Results from past Georgia Southern NSSE administrations have provided valuable insights into our undergraduates' perceptions about academic and other experiences. This feedback also provides Georgia Southern information about areas that can be improved through changes in policies and best practices in undergraduate education.

An appreciation of participation, all students who complete the survey will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of 20 University Store or Tech Corner gift cards valued at \$100 each!

In order to be eligible to win you must submit your completed survey by no later than April 15, 2017!

TO ACCESS THE SURVEY: All remaining eligible students can access the survey by using the link posted in the recent email(s) they received from NSSE (subject line: "Tell us about your Georgia Southern experience!").

Eligible students should also be able to access the survey via the Message displayed in their —My.GorgiaSouthen message center.

***All responses are confidential.**

CWillTooiLL

Christian Williams, winner of the True Blue music contest in which Georgia Southern students voted on is ready to take center stage tomorrow under his rap name, CWillTooiLL. The rapper from Wepumpka, Alabama is looking forward to the opportunity to perform in front of a huge crowd while meeting and networking with the other performers and getting his name out to the public.

"I feel like me, being a rapper, is almost like being an uncooked steak. You know how you want it done but you have to put yourself out there on that plate and let people pick at you until you get where you're going and once you're cooked and finally made, that's when people realize how good you are," Williams stated.

Williams said he has been working on his 30-minute set every day for the past week and a half preparing for the event. Of the eight songs he will be performing, four of them will be songs that have never been released to the public before and his favorite will be song performance number four, "Ashamed". Williams explained that he was going through a lot when he wrote the song and in it he highlights himself, his mother, and the struggles of being an individual in the world right now.

"The reason I call it Ashamed is because I say something along the lines of; I took so many L's I should be ashamed, I've fallen so many times that I should be ashamed, but God won't let me," Williams said.

CWillTooiLL covers many different topics that have occurred over the last year and a half

through the power of music. He believes sharing stories with the public is important while also talking about his personal experiences because the audience can relate.

He plans to use the time between songs to explain the meaning behind each piece to the crowd because telling a story from two different angles, first by talking about it and then rapping about it, helps convey the emotion behind it.

"It's like a narration. People can hear words and not really apply them to themselves, but if I can explain to you how I was feeling when I wrote this song or why I wrote this song, than maybe you can feel some kind of connection to it," Williams said.

The event will take place in the RAC Fields and it's expected to start at 6 p.m.



Christian Williams (CWillTooiLL) was the winner of UPB's local band contest. Williams will be taking center stage at the True Blue Festival. Photo courtesy of Akil"Wé" Osaykwe.

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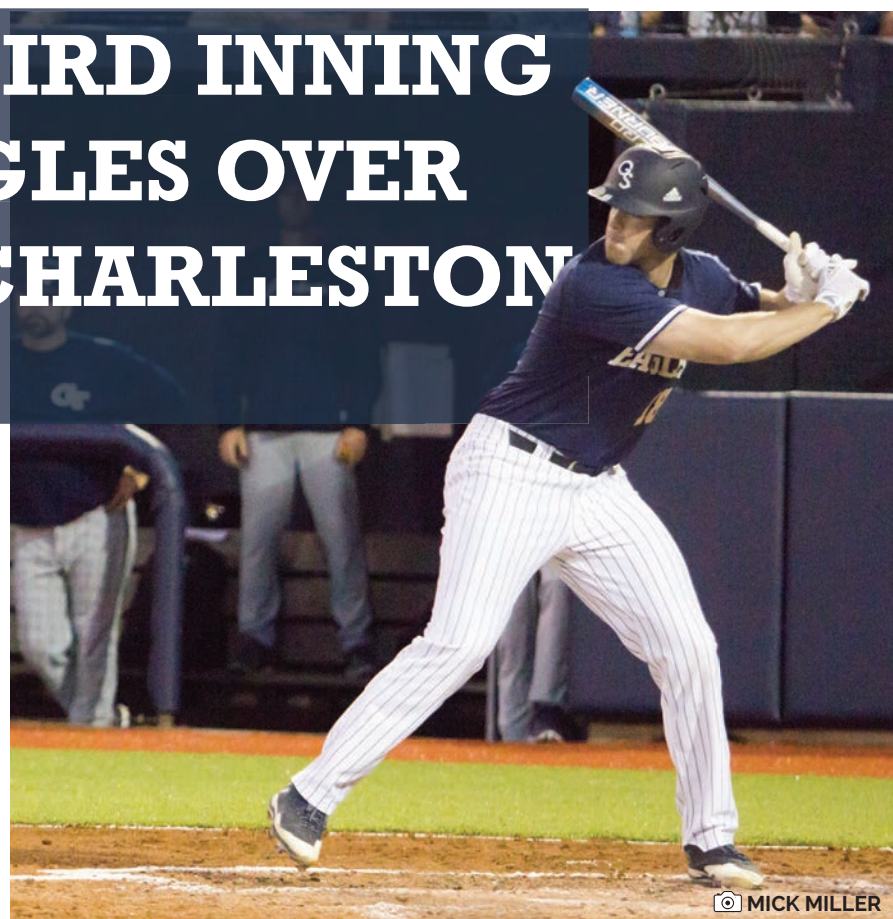
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The event will take place on Thursday, April 13th.



MICK MILLER

Freshman pitcher Zach Strickland winds up. Strickland earned a win against College of Charleston giving him his fourth win of the season.



MICK MILLER

Senior first baseman Ryan Cleveland awaits a pitch. Cleveland currently has a .307 batting average.

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

RECAP

The Georgia Southern baseball team on Tuesday defeated College of Charleston on the road, 8-4, behind seven runs - including three home runs - in the Eagles' third inning.

The Eagles have won five of their last six games and are on a three-game winning streak.

Senior shortstop Evan McDonald sparked the Eagles' offensive spurt Tuesday with a two-run double that scored junior outfielder Logan Baldwin and senior catcher C.J. Brazil. Then, the rain hit and delayed play for about half an hour. The weather did not hinder the Eagles' momentum or their offensive firepower.

The first man up after the delay, senior outfielder Jordan Wren, blasted a three-run home run into right field. The homer scored freshman infielder Mitchell Golden and McDonald, along with Wren. That made the score 5-0 Eagles. But they weren't done.

Sophomore catcher Tyler Martin took the first pitch from Charleston's Carter Love and homered over the left-center field wall, a solo shot. To add insult to the Cougars' injury, GS freshman first baseman Mason McWhorter hit the Eagles' third home run of the inning, another solo shot over the center field wall.

College of Charleston scored two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, cutting the Georgia Southern lead to 7-4 going into the seventh inning. The Cougars' runs came off singles, a sacrifice fly, and a wild pitch.

In the top of the eighth inning, Brazil drove in sophomore outfielder C.J. Ballard with a single to make the score 8-4, which would become the final score.

Graduate student Ryan Frederick (1-0) earned the pitching win for the Eagles, and he was among a slew of pitchers who came in and performed for the Eagles. Junior right-hander Adam Kelly started the game and went 2 and 1-3 innings, then Frederick took over. Senior right-hander Landon Hughes came in and finished the Cougars off in the bottom of the ninth.

STATS

On Tuesday night, four Eagles had multi-hit games. Brazil went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI. Evan McDonald, Tyler Martin and Mitchell Golden all went 2-for-4 in the game. Jordan Wren led the Eagles with 3 RBIs on his only hit, the third-inning post-delay home

run. Wren and Martin's homers were their second on the year, and McWhorter's was his first.

On Tuesday, the Eagles won despite a 1-for-5, three strikeout performance from their hitting-machine senior first baseman Ryan Cleveland. The team showed they can be formidable offensively without Cleveland performing up to his team-leading .591 slugging percentage and .479 on-base percentage. Cleveland also leads the Eagles in homers (5), RBIs (26), and doubles (10).

The Eagles' leadoff hitter, freshman infielder Steven Curry, leads the team in hits with 35 and at bats with 103 and is second to Mitchell Golden (.343) in batting average at .340.

On the mound, sophomore Brian Eichhorn has pitched the most innings for the Eagles, with 29. Junior Connor Simmons and freshman Seth Shuman both have 3-0 records this season for Georgia Southern.

WHERE THE EAGLES STAND

After Tuesday's win, the Eagles are 15-10 overall this season and remain at 3-3 in conference play. Currently, they sit tied with Troy for third in the Sun Belt Conference's East Division, behind South Alabama (15-10, 5-1) and Coastal Carolina (15-9, 4-2).

The Eagles will play a home conference series this weekend against Louisiana-Monroe. The Warhawks enter this weekend's series at 8-17 overall and 3-3 in conference play. Games one and two will be Friday and Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Game three is Sunday at 1 p.m. at J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Eagles will play three conference series - against ULM, Troy, and Appalachian State - before April 15 as the Sun Belt standings begin to take a clearer shape.

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EAGLES BASEBALL CONTINUES SUN BELT PLAY AGAINST ULM



Senior catcher C.J. Brazil peers through his mask. Brazil was 3-4 against College of Charleston on Tuesday.

BY DONALD COE
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern returns to J.I. Clements Stadium this weekend for a conference tout with the ULM Warhawks.

A series like this can shift the season momentum for the Eagles as they enter with a 3-3 record in conference.

This series will determine whether the Eagles continue with a winning record or a losing record in conference.

The Eagle freshmen continue to amaze, leading the team in batting average. Steven Curry enters this week with a .347 average, Mitchell Golden with a .337 average, and Mason McWhorter with a .321 average.

The ULM Warhawks come into this series with a 3-3 conference record as

well, but with the worst overall record in the Sun Belt.

The Warhawks are coming off a home series win last weekend against Little Rock, which also has one of the worst records in the conference.

The ULM pitching staff has struggled this season, having a combined ERA of 6.04 as a team, and opposing hitters have a combined batting average of .303 against this pitching staff.

The Eagles enter this series sitting in a tie for third in the East Division of the Sun Belt behind South Alabama and Coastal Carolina. Chasing down two of the best teams in the conference will not be easy, but this is the series to begin that chase, playing one of the bottom feeders in the conference.

The Eagles will play Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m.

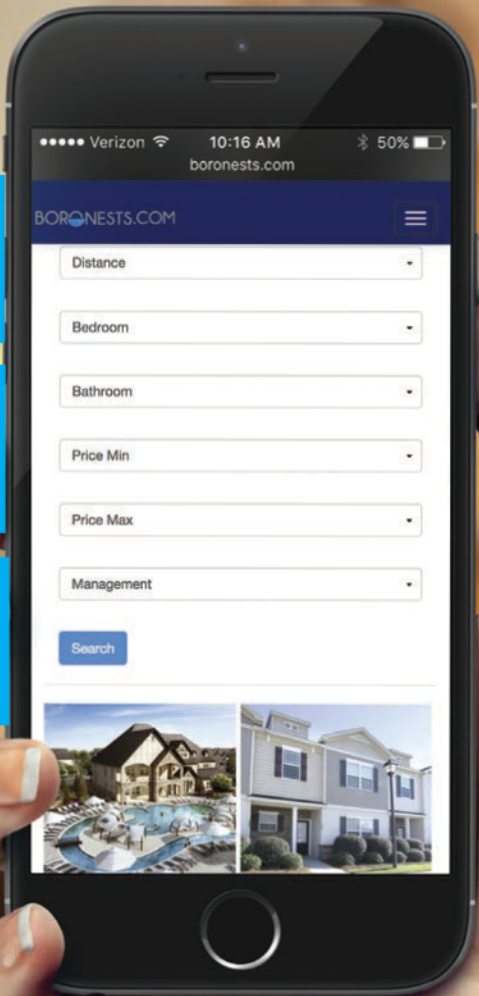
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THE RAGIN CAJUNS ARE COMING TO TOWN

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

After winning 2 out of 3 games on the road against UT-Arlington this past weekend, the Eagles softball team has a tough week ahead.

The week begins Wednesday night in Athens against the No. 16 UGA Bulldogs. UGA is 25-4 in the season and will be another difficult out-of-conference foe for the Eagles.

Georgia Southern will return to Sun Belt play this weekend as No. 17 Louisiana Lafayette comes to Eagle Field. The Ragin Cajuns are 6-0 in conference play and an impressive 20-5 overall.

Louisiana Lafayette uses two incredible pitchers to get the job done: Alyssa Denham and Alex Stewart. Denham is 9-1 in the season with a 1.95 ERA and Stewart is 10-3 with a 1.99 ERA. The Eagles will see both sides of the duo over the weekend and will have to play their best offense of the season.

Senior infielder Morgan Robinson will need to get back to her stellar home run production, and redshirt sophomore Lydia Witkowski should continue the hot hitting from last weekend.

Sophomore pitcher Dixie Raley will have to return to her lights-out form from last season if the Eagles want to have a chance this weekend. Georgia Southern has had somewhat of a home field advantage as they've gone 8-6 at Eagle Field and 2-1 at home against Sun Belt teams.

The Eagles will play two games Saturday, and the series finale is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Sunday.

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A GS batter stands in the box as the pitch approaches. The Eagles are currently 5-4 overall in conference play.

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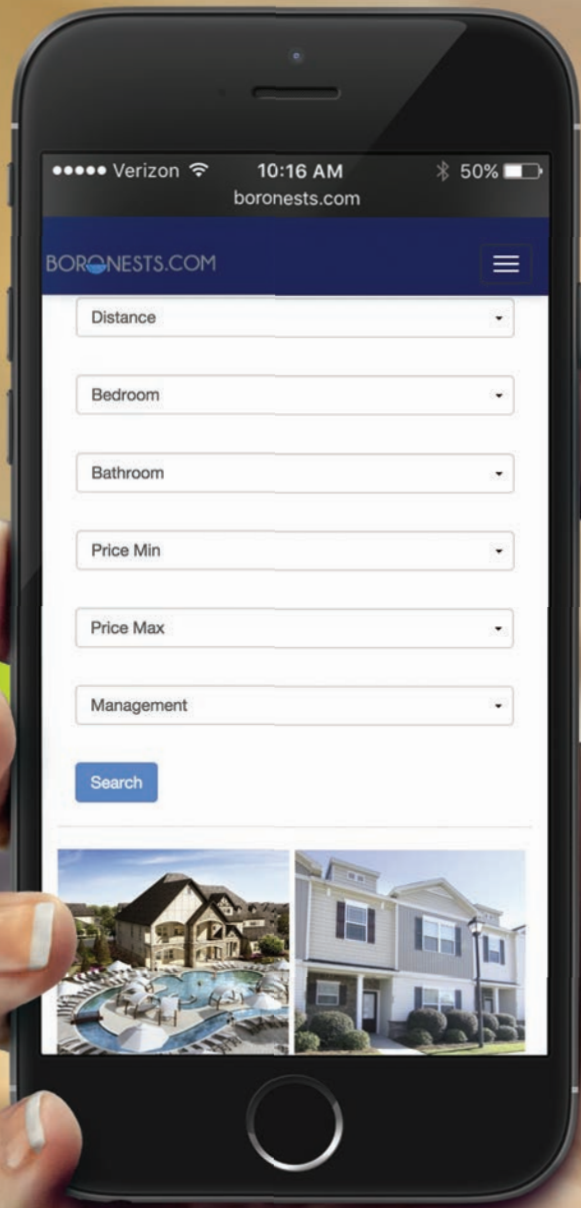
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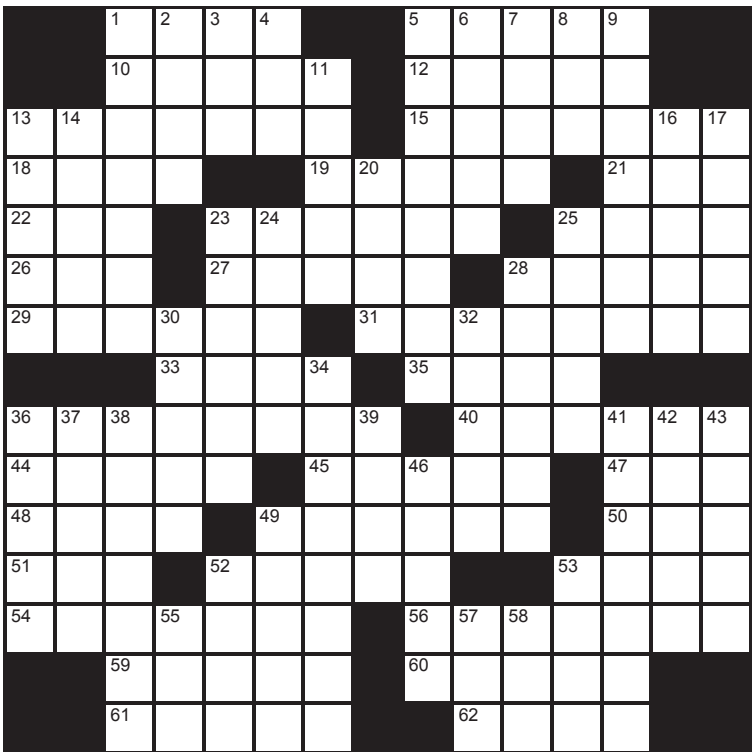
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- 21 "This means ___!"
- 22 Coffee maker
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- 29 Gentle breeze
- 31 How some shall remain
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- 40 Jacket interior
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- 45 Morocco's capital
- 47 ___'easter
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- 54 Greasing one's palms
- 56 Locomotives



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- 59 Hunting hostel
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 - 23 Atmosphere ingredient
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 - 30 Marsh wader
 - 32 Where to see "The Last Supper"
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