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THE GEORGE-ANNE

# FORMER COACH INDICTED

I woke up to you having sex with me

I stopped cause you where passed out

A TITLE IX REPORT CONTAINS TEXT MESSAGES THAT ACCUSE A FORMER FOOTBALL COACH OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A GS EMPLOYEE. READ MORE ABOUT THIS CASE ON PAGES 6 AND 7.



Local summer camp for foster children prepares for its second year

PHOTO COURTESY OF Jason Robichau



Recapping the 2016-2017 academic year

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Electing Georgia Southern's outstanding athletes

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday



High: 90°  
Low: 67°

30 percent chance of rain



High: 94°  
Low: 69°

10 percent chance of rain



High: 93°  
Low: 69°

10 percent chance of rain



High: 90°  
Low: 69°

10 percent chance of rain

## Weather Bar

Thursday will likely bring some showers to the 'Boro, but the rest of the weekend should be sunny and hot, perfect for that last weekend before finals.

## Did you know



88% of Georgia Southern students do not use prescription drugs that are not prescribed to them.



A recent Georgia Southern student survey revealed most of you made the smart choice by not taking other's prescription drugs. Forget what you think you know and look at the facts.

### Real Eagles

don't share prescription drugs.



Check out what GA Southern students use to help cure their midnight munchies!

<http://thecirclegsu.com/midnight-munchies/>

## THE REAL STORY BEHIND BITES' TRIUMPHANT REOPENING

BY CASEY ROHLEN  
The Reflector staff

When news broke that Bites was closing, it seemed like it was just the latest in a long line of businesses to fail in the Statesboro area. Around here, only the longstanding staples of the town stick around long enough to make a lasting impression. But when word started getting passed down the local grapevine about what the real story behind the seemingly abrupt closing was, the community's indifference turned to overwhelming support as they rallied behind the fan-favorite burger joint. Carmen Masry came to Statesboro in 2003 to attend Georgia Southern

and through the restaurant industry she would meet and eventually marry her husband Ramy. After graduating with a degree in criminal justice in 2008, she continued working for a company called Sahara Smoke, which her husband was also involved in. Through the connections they made there, the couple opened up a smoke shop called A Smokin' Place just a few doors down from where they would eventually open up Bites.



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- Mentoring
- Money Management Assistance
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- Career Exploration

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Visit us in Rosenwald 1051 (Same building as Fin. Aid)



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## Meg Made It Recipe for Success



**MEG ELWOOD**  
Elwood is a senior multimedia journalism major from Savannah, Georgia

Total Prep Time: Four years

### Ingredients:

- A large heaping of friends
- A pinch of enemies
- A few failures to mix with plenty of success
- Countless mistakes that create lifelong lessons
- Plenty of persistence
- Twenty tough teachers
- Ten-hour work nights to compliment countless hours of nights out
- Anything else you've suffered or partied through

### Note:

This recipe is actually easier to make than it seems, and the time goes by even faster. Some patches will be difficult to roll out, but in the end, they add a pleasant tartness which compliments the sweetness of the thousands of other ingredients added by the end.

It's also important to note that this dish comes out different for every person who makes it. Never be discouraged at the end if someone else's dish looks better than others, because they can only get better.

This is the recipe for success that I have concocted over the past four years:

Step 1: Learn to appreciate every achievement and especially every failure in life, because you will have them, but one cannot exist without the other.

Step 2: Say 'yes' to every opportunity you believe is right, because without putting yourself into the world (even if it's a small student organization that prints the paper you're holding in your hands) then you will not go or find yourself anywhere.

Step 3: Nothing good ever happens after midnight. 60 percent of the time it's true every time, especially during your Freshman year in college.

Step 4: I came into and will leave Georgia Southern with three words in mind; three words that have been repeated to me ever since I can remember.

Do. Good. Things.

Class of 2017, WE made it!

Much love to the George-Anne and thank you to the people from the past four years. Couldn't have gotten here without you.

## Good Afternoon, Good Evening and Good Night



**CASEY CARGLE**  
Cargle is a senior public relations major from Marietta, Georgia

Hello, Georgia Southern. It's me your friendly neighborhood journalist writing to you one last time.

It has been an honor to serve you and this community for the past four years as a member of The George-Anne. I started as a freshman candidate in Fall of 2013 reporting sports and worked my way to serving as editor-in-chief of thegeorgeanne.com.

I have witnessed a great deal of change at this university in the past four years. There have been three university presidents, stadium expansions, transition to the SunBelt, numerous buildings erected and tragedies that shook the community. I've covered it all, and I am here to tell you one thing: You're in good hands.

I have worked hand-in-hand with leaders all over campus to cover these milestones and events. From monthly meetings with the dean of students and the president of the university to interviews with student leaders of various organizations. The strength of the Georgia Southern community is something to behold and I am proud to have been apart of it. I look forward to being a proud alumnus and coming back for years to come.

The thing that I will miss most about Georgia Southern will be the people. As I said before, we have a strong community and that is built by the individuals in it.

So now it is time to say goodbye:

Thank you to my staff who worked hard everyday to cover this campus and community, you guys are some of the most hard working individuals I have ever met. You have made me a proud editor-in-chief and it has been a true pleasure working side-by-side with you.

Our advisors at Student Media, Sammi and David, you have been fantastic mentors and have taught me how to be a leader and innovator by setting outstanding examples with the work you do here at Student Media. We are truly lucky to have you guys.

Thank you to my professors who have helped challenge me to do my best work and open my eyes to the world. You have helped me value my education and inspire me to keep learning as I move on from college life.

And, finally, I would like to say thank you to my friends and family who have been the best support system I could ever ask for. Both old and new, the friends and memories I have made here at Georgia Southern will last a lifetime.

It is thanks to all of these individuals and organizations that I am ready to leave the nest.

So raise the blue, raise the white, this eagle is ready to take flight.

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# MEMORY LANE - A PHOTO STORY



## KIARA GRIFFIN

Griffin is a senior multimedia film and production major from Warner-Robins, Georgia



Thank you Student Media, not only for the opportunity but also for the memories. Special thanks to Rashida Otunba, my day one, I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you, all your love and support and pushing me to join in the first place. Best of luck to you all. Keep doing dope things.



## I Got Drunk and Recounted My College Experience So You Don't Have To



## JEFF LICCIARDELLO

Licciardello is a senior public relations major and marketing minor from Kennesaw, Georgia.

My name is Jeff Licciardello and I'm slightly a mess. This column was due three days ago, yet here I am, sitting in a booth at Dingus, about to knock back a dead turtle shot.

If you're a senior, you get it. If you're not, don't worry because your time will come.

So as I sit here, sipping on an ~okay~ rum and pineapple, I've decided to take this time to look back on my experience. Many faces have come and gone, GPAs have risen (and taken nosedives), and now I have sold my soul to student loans. Before I begin crying into about the unforeseen future, I am going to take this time to thank those who have come in the most clutch these past four years.

Thank you to the Starbucks staff for supporting my caffeine addiction.

Thank you to all of the Student Media alumni who have been my rocks, co-Britney lovers, constructive critics and taught me how to properly happy hour through Statesboro.

Thank you to my current Student Media family for being there for the best of times, the worst of times and for putting up with my woo girl anthems in the office.

Thank you to Gnat's for having the best porch. Like ever.

Thank you to my professors who not only have mentored me throughout college, but also put up with my BS of not doing well with deadlines.

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Thank you to Sammi and David, for letting me put myself in timeout, guiding me through life and challenging me to do better.

Thank you to my family who have supported me in all of my crazy aspirations.

Thank you to Georgia Southern, for allowing me to milk every opportunity and teach me what it means to be true blue.

Thank you to Student Media, for making this campus home.

I love you guys. Hail Southern and no place else.

## I'm So Far Behind I Thought I Was First



## YASMEEN WALIAGA

Waliaga is a senior journalism major from Alpharetta, Georgia.

I've spent most of my college career drunkenly making a fool of myself, running late to class shoeless or jamming out in the car while I panic about my grades. And you know what? In some strange, deranged, unexpected and unbelievable turn of events, I made it to the finish line. I've been given a lot. A lot has also been taken.

From freshman nights spent drunkenly galloping throughout the plaza and the former establishments that existed where rubble and memories exist now, to junior year taking any opportunity possible to get out and make the most of whatever it was I was handed, I've realized

why people claim college years define you.

Your years in college define you because when you enter knowing not a single individual, you are forced to take advantage of the human connection we all often forget about. They define you because when you make a mistake so upsetting you never want to be seen again, you have no option other than to show up and get out there because you have a place. They define you because you will think you are unnoticed until you are needed, and when you are needed, you don't realize how much of an impact your existence will make.

And years from now when I am old and even more lost and scattered, I will look at college as the time it was actually acceptable to be whoever I felt I needed to be at that time. At this time, I needed to be wild and free and embarrassing. During these years, I needed to be risky and extremist and contradictory. And that is okay.

At Georgia Southern I found this incredible home. I found a sorority, home to my sociality and self-expression. I found Student Media, home to my voice and freedom. I found professors, home to my academic career clouded with disarray. I found Georgia Southern University, a place that takes tragedy like a community-building champ and victory like a humble family.

I found individuals that are equally lost, equally scared and equally inspired but somehow far beyond me when it comes to answers. And most satisfactory, I found myself.





## Former football coach indicted on two counts of sexual battery

**BY JOZSEF PAPP**

The George-Anne staff

*Note to reader: The following article contains the account of an alleged sexual assault that involved a former GS employee. The story contains graphic images and word use. The George-Anne protected the name of the accuser so that the identity of this individual may be kept private. All information regarding the incident that occurred including the text messages were obtained through a Georgia Open Records Request Act of a Title IX report.*

Tredell Dorsey, the former Georgia Southern football strength and conditioning coach, is awaiting trial on sexual battery charges. The trial involves the same employee who accused Dorsey of harassment.

Dorsey was placed on administrative leave with pay on July 7, 2016 following the submission of an incident report to the Equal Opportunity & Title IX office on July 6, 2016, according to the Title IX report.

The Title IX office began to investigate the incident report. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the university terminated Dorsey for inappropriate conduct, including violation of university policies regarding harassment on Aug. 15, 2016.

This occurred after months of “ongoing text messages containing inappropriate jokes and references from April 2016 through July 2016,” according to the Title IX report.

On July 1, 2016, Dorsey allegedly sexually assaulted the accuser, who at the time was a Georgia Southern employee, according to documents received from the Bulloch County Clerk’s Office court documents.

On Nov. 8, Dorsey was charged with two counts of sexual battery. Both counts of sexual battery were indicted and sent to the court, according to court documents.

In addition, an aggravated sexual battery count and rape count were no-billed after the grand jury failed to find enough evidence to charge Dorsey, per the court documents.

As of Monday, no court date has been set for the trial.

### What happened?

The following is the account

of what occurred on July 1. All information presented here is from the Title IX report.

On July 1, 2016, Dorsey and the woman agreed to go out to drinks after a long day at work. They decided to meet at a local food establishment and have a couple of drinks, as friends, according to the accuser’s account in the Title IX report.

According to Dorsey’s account, after a couple of drinks, she agreed to let Dorsey drive her home instead of calling an Uber. According to her account of the event, Dorsey attempted to kiss with her in her car, an act which she refused.

Dorsey then asked if he could use her bathroom to which she agreed. As Dorsey was in the bathroom, she sat down on her bed, according to Dorsey’s account. She said that she began to have flashes in which she saw Dorsey taking her pants off, giving her oral sex and penetrating her, according to the accuser’s account.

Dorsey, in his statement, denied that he had kissed her, rather that she had kissed him, twice. In addition, Dorsey said that after he exited the bathroom at her apartment, they sat on the bed and began to kiss each other. Dorsey said that he pulled down her pants and performed oral

sex on her, according to his account of events on the Title IX report.

Dorsey stated that he called her name as he was performing the sexual act at that time but received no response, which caused him to end everything, he then covered her up and left, according to the Title IX report.

He texted her later that night stating, “U passed out on me” and “Sorry I just left..Covered you up and left...”, according to transcripts of the text messages in the Title IX report. She responded with a text message saying, “I woke up to you having sex with me,” to which Dorsey responded with, “I stopped cause you where [sic] passed out,” according to the text messages in the report.

### Relationship before the incident

Prior to the July 1 incident, Dorsey had texted her multiple comments that could be considered inappropriate that also violated the University’s harassment policy, according to the Title IX report.

## KEY TERMS

Here are some terms that are used in the article. All definitions are according to Georgia Law and GS university policy.

**Sexual Battery:** Offense is committed when a person intentionally makes physical contact with the intimate parts of another person’s body without the consent of that person.

**Aggravated Sexual Battery:** Offense is committed when a person intentionally penetrates with a foreign object the sexual organ or anus of another person without the consent of that person.

**Foreign object:** Any article or instrument other than the sexual organ of a person.

**Harassment:**

- Physically, emotionally or mentally harming a student, faculty or staff member, volunteer, patron or a member of such person’s immediate family.
- Gossip, Cyber-bullying, attempts, solicitation, conspiracy, aggressor, retaliation



## RESOURCES

**If you or anyone you know has been affected by sexual assault, sexual violence or rape, contact one of these numbers for assistance:**

**912-478-5541:**

GS Counseling Services (student can confidentially report cases of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence here)

**912-478-5641:**

GS Health Services (student can confidentially report cases of sexual misconduct or interpersonal violence here)

**912-478-5136:**

GS Equal Opportunity and Title IX Office

**912-478-3326:**

GS Dean of Students Office

**912-478-0059:**

GS Office of Student Conduct

**912-478-5234:**

GS Public Safety

**912-764-9911 or 911:**

Statesboro Police Department

**912-764-8888 or 911:**

Bulloch County Sheriff's Office

**912-489-6060:**

Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center (SRSAC)

**1-866-489-2225:**

SRSAC 24-hour Hotline

**912-486-1000:**

East Georgia Regional Medical Center

**800-656-4673:**

National Sexual Assault Hotline

Some text messages, included on the Title IX report, Dorsey sent to her included:

- "What turns you on? What makes you go!!" April 27
- "Hey wanna make out this weekend? Lol" June 22
- "When can I get you drunk and you pass out on me lol" June 27

Around April 26, Dorsey began to make efforts to hang out with her outside of work by texting her, "I'm serious about hanging out before you leave," according to the Title IX report.

On April 26, Dorsey whispered, "you look so f\*\*\*ing good today" in her ear, she said. She said didn't feel threatened or worried about him at the time. That same day it was the first time they hung out and had drinks, according to her account.

Following those events, Dorsey suggested hooking up and becoming, as he stated in one text, "Friends with benefits.." in response to her text, "Yeah because we're just friends," according to text messages in the Title IX report.

On May 11, they hung out outside of work again and Dorsey began to ask more sex-related questions in person, according to her account in the Title IX report.

Dorsey suggested that they stay in a hotel out of town on different occasions, to which she always declined because she didn't feel comfortable doing that, especially since Dorsey had a family. Dorsey said in a text message that, "I promise no one would find out unless you ran [sic] your mouth," according to a text message on the Title IX report.

On May 23, Dorsey began to call her "babe", according to text messages. In addition, he began to ask her about previous relationships that she had. She said she started to become concerned and stated that her previous relationship she had was nice because "it was someone around her age, who didn't have a family," according to the Title IX report.

On July 1, she agreed to go out with Dorsey for drinks as friends, because she wanted to be have a working relationship with him.

### Title IX procedures

The Equal Opportunity & Title IX office is in-charge of investigating sexual assault cases that involve Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students.

Joel Wright, the director of the Title IX office at Georgia Southern, stated that when a sexual assault complaint is filed against a faculty or staff member, the Title IX Office

follows the University System of Georgia's (USG) sexual misconduct policy. It is similar to the process students follow, with only one difference.

"When it comes to the adjudication phase, instead of going to a hearing panel, the report is sent to the appropriate vice-president. If it's of a faculty member, then it would be to the provost," Wright said.

The Title IX office investigates a variety of issues relating to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Cases involving two GS students or a GS faculty member and student are investigated regardless of whether they occur on or off-campus, Wright stated.

Whether or not the Title IX office conducts an investigation is a decision left up to the victim, however, the office provides resources and support. However, there are some circumstances under which the Title IX office will conduct an investigation.

"We consider factors such as campus safety. If we have established that there is a pattern of behavior, we might have to investigate regardless of whether the victim would like us to. If we feel like there is a safety issue for others on-campus, then we would investigate regardless as well," Wright said.

According to the 2016 Clery Act report, there were four cases of sexual assault at Georgia Southern that were reported in 2015. National statistics show a different picture.

One in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted while in college, according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. Wright feels that people are reporting more sexual assault cases because the process has become easier.

"We are seeing a trend to more reporting than less because our process is becoming more transparent. We are doing more education on how to report, where to report, what happens, so people are feeling more comfortable with reporting," Wright said. "We see that as a good thing."

Since the Title IX office simply investigates the cases for the university, they don't have anything to do with the court proceedings if legal action is taking against the accused. At that point, the Title IX office will help, only if requested by the police or the court.

**Keith Barber, Dorsey's lawyer, said he could not comment because it is pending litigation.**

*\*Ian Leonard contributed to this report.*

## CASE TIMELINE

### JULY 1

Sexual Assault allegedly occurred

### JULY 5

Complaint filed to Equal Opportunity & Title IX office

### JULY 6

Incident Report Form completed through University website

### JULY 7

University places Dorsey on Administrative Leave with Pay

### JULY 14

Investigator Julie Ogburn sent initial meeting request with Dorsey

### JULY 15

Keith Barber, Dorsey's lawyer, requests any correspondence sent to Dorsey in addition to available evidence

### JULY 25

Ogburn meets with Dorsey and Barber.

### JULY 29

Dorsey provides written statement to Title IX office.

### AUG. 10

Accuser provides written statement to Title IX office.

### AUG. 15

University terminates Dorsey as a result of inappropriate conduct, including violation of university policies regarding harassment.

### NOV. 8

Dorsey was indicted on two counts of sexual battery

## COURT DATE TBA

**Rape:** An offense committed when a person has carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.

**Carnal Knowledge:** Sexual intercourse

**Consent:** Not defined in Georgia in reference to sexual activity. Can be interpreted as the "permission" of a person who is capable of giving such permission.

**No-bill:** a bill returned by a grand jury that has determined the evidence in a bill of indictment to be insufficient to warrant prosecution





# SEPT. 3

GS beats Savannah State 54-0 in Tyson Summers' first game.  
📷 MICK MILLER

# SEPT. 28

Student Government Association (SGA) launches Vision 20/20, a statewide program intended to gather concerns of college students.

# OCT. 11

Grant Spencer sentenced to 20 years in prison.

# OCT. 12

Hurricane Matthew hit Statesboro, causing downed trees, power lines and power outages for several days.  
📷 MICK MILLER



# JAN. 5

Businesses around Statesboro begin to serve alcohol violation penalties.

# JAN. 5

New Military Science Building is opened.  
📷 XXAVIER ROBERTSON

# JAN. 9

Insomnia Cookies opens in Statesboro.  
📷 XXAVIER ROBERTSON

# JAN. 11

The University System of Georgia announced that Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University would be consolidating in Fall 2018.



📷 MICK MILLER

# MAR. 1

The family of Michael Gatto filed to sue the city of Statesboro for \$11 million after the death of Gatto in 2014 at a bar.

# MAR. 5

Eagles win SoCon Air Rifle Championship.

# MAR. 12

Men's Basketball accepts bid to College Basketball Invitational; first postseason appearance since 2006.

# MAR. 23

Holi Festival takes place at GS.  
📷 ANTHONY WU





# A YEAR IN REVIEW



## OCT. 22

Rocktoberfest takes place in Statesboro.

## NOV. 5

GS Men's soccer wins first-ever Sun Belt regular season title in John Murphy's first season as head coach.

📷 MICK MILLER

## DEC. 3

GS wins season finale; Tyson Summers confirmed as head coach for another year.

## DEC. 9

Bryan Cook named offensive coordinator



## JAN. 21

Women's March takes place in Statesboro.  
📷 TARA BAILEY

## FEB. 1

Eagles add 22 new players on National Signing Day.

## FEB. 8

KCACTF takes place at Georgia Southern.



## FEB. 28

GS breaks ground on new interdisciplinary building that will be completed in 2018.  
📷 MATTHEW ENFINGER



## MAR. 31

True Blue Experience Music Festival takes place at Hanner.  
📷 MICK MILLER

## APR. 3

Dylan John and Valencia Warren are re-elected as SGA President and vice-president.



📷 MICK MILLER

## APR. 14

Co-ed cheerleading team wins National Championship.

## APR. 20

Statesboro places third in the America's Best Communities contest and wins \$1 million for the Blue Mile.



# CAMPING WITH A PURPOSE

## HOW ONE SUMMER PROGRAM ENGAGES LOCAL FOSTER CHILDREN

PHOTO COURTESY OF Jason Robichau

Summer Camp students sailing on the lake at Teen Reach Adventure Camp. Creators of TRAC Statesboro, Robbie and Jason Robichau, plan to establish their own site for TRAC in the future.

### BY JULIA FETCHER

The George-Anne staff

Many people do community service at some point during their lives. Jason Robichau and his wife, Robbie Robichau, started volunteering with TRAC, the faith-based summer camp for foster children.

Their simple effort to serve together grew into an initiative to bring TRAC to Statesboro, Georgia.

For them, it has been a long time coming to see their goals come to fruition.

TRAC, otherwise known as Teen Reach Adventure Camp, is a national

organization that offers foster children ages 12 to 15 a summer camp experience. It is designed to show them a more positive outlook on life, and they may attend for up to four summers.

## Momentum

Before the Robichaos lived in Statesboro, they lived in Phoenix, Arizona. They began looking for a way to serve together and then contacted a friend of Jason's who worked at the

local TRAC camp there.

Jason said that the reason he and Robbie wanted to serve was deeply rooted in their faiths.

"I think as a Christian, the Bible calls you to serve and serve others, so that's kind of what started it for Robbie and I," Jason Robichau said. "Then [it was] hearing the kids' stories and seeing the impact that TRAC has on these kids' lives got us deeper into it, and then we just felt a calling from God."

The couple started helping plan camps for that TRAC for six years, until 2013. They were inspired by their experience at the Phoenix camp to start another TRAC

sometime in the future.

They did not know that their chances of starting another TRAC would improve once Robbie Robichau was hired at GS as a nonprofit management professor.

In the fall of 2014, Jason and Robbie were about to leave one of Statesboro's First Friday nights downtown. They saw that the Fostering Bulloch director, Chris Yaughn, had an informational booth set up there.

At the booth, the Robichaos explained their intentions of starting a TRAC in Statesboro to Yaughn.

He helped the couple then get their idea off the ground by assembling a group of 12 Fostering Bulloch volunteers who were interested in the camp. They pitched their idea to the group and got the approval to proceed with their plan.

## The first in Georgia

According to [teenreach.org](http://teenreach.org), the Statesboro TRAC is the only TRAC in Georgia. It would have been more difficult for the Robichaos to start the camp if they did not have the support of Fostering Bulloch.

"We didn't know people [in Statesboro]...when you don't know people, then it's definitely harder for people to buy in," Robbie Robichau said.

One of the people in that 12-person group was Maria Proctor, the owner of Madame Couture's, a women's formal clothing store. Proctor was so interested in Statesboro TRAC that she ended up becoming the director for the girls' TRAC camp.

After much planning and preparation, TRAC Statesboro hosted one-day pilot programs for the boys' and girls' camps in the summer of 2015.

TRAC Statesboro could not host three-day programs that year, because the main camp organizers had to be trained by TRAC on a national level to be a part of it.

Jason Robichau, Proctor and Yaughn later went to receive that training. It covered topics including how to host the longer camps, raise funds and train volunteers.

During the training, the trio were able to observe operations at the Phoenix TRAC camp, as well as camps in Nebraska and Texas.

## Conscious care

TRAC camps do not operate exactly like other summer camps. One of the important aspects of it is that there is a one-to-one ratio of campers to volunteers.

Jason Robichau explained that it is structured this way at both camps



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to provide accountability for both children and the volunteers, since many of the foster children attending have experienced abuse in some form.

"The cabins need to be open concept so you can see every part of the cabin...that kind of stuff we have to be cognizant of," Jason Robichau said.

The camp staff aims to be candid with camp attendees, as many of the attendees have trouble trusting others because of abandonment and experiences with abuse.

"We want them to take away that no matter where you're at or your circumstance, that doesn't define who you are," Proctor said.

She said that many of the children are told during their childhoods that they are not or will not be able to accomplish goals of theirs or become the people they want to be.

"At least by us pouring into them, we can show them how much we truly love them and care about them and want to be there for them," Proctor added.

Jason Robichau said that he hopes being there for the children positively impacts them.

"Some kids, right off the bat, I think it impacts [them] more and you can see the change.... We say even if you make a one-degree change in a kid's life, over the span of that kid's life, it could make a huge impact," he added.

## What makes a weekend at camp

Summer 2016 was the first year TRAC Statesboro hosted the weekend camps for teenage boys and girls. The programs took place at the Gordonia-Altamaha State Park in Reidsville, Georgia, about an hour away from Statesboro.

"TRAC is more intentional than other summer camps. All of the activities are geared toward an end result and build on each other," Jason Robichau said.

Jason manages the boys' camp, called the "All Star Program." The camp's message to each boy who attends is that they are special or unique in God's eyes.

"Last year, they [the camp attendees] got to play football on the field [Paulson Stadium] with Georgia Southern staff...they got to wear real jerseys and the coaching staff brought them through the drills like a regular football team," Jason Robichau said.

The children alternated between different activities, or stations. At some of these stations, they received new shoes and shorts, learned about self-control from a Christian practitioner of karate and heard a Christian rap group talk and perform for them.

Other elements of the boys' camps are their bible study and challenge courses. The bible study covers different biblical figures, like David and Goliath, and the challenge course is intricately connected to it.

Robbie Robichau oversees the challenge course. The course is essentially a low-ropes obstacle course that focuses on team building activities that help develop the children's interpersonal skills.

"It involves communication,

feedback and active listening skills...a lot of the people [who do the challenge] learn by doing, then applying it to their lives, which is more important than me telling them the answer," Robbie Robichau said.

## The role of volunteers

Another part of making the camps run efficiently is gathering volunteers. At TRAC, volunteers are called cousins instead of counselors.

"The number one thing we expect out of volunteers is a servant's heart. It's finding people that will do whatever it takes," Jason said. "Some of the kids like the older volunteers because it's more like a father figure. Some like college kids because it's more like a sibling."

One of the only set requirements for volunteers is that they be Christians, due to the camp's faith-based intent, Jason said.

Volunteers may help with actions ranging from taking photographs of the children, cooking food, helping the children fish, running miscellaneous errands and helping decorate for events.

Positions include one and multiple-day volunteering options. Those interested in volunteering may fill out a volunteering form online at [www.tracstatesboro.com](http://www.tracstatesboro.com).

## Expanding

## camp options

Jason wants to offer more camps to foster children and young adults in the future.

He and the others at TRAC Statesboro want to start a chapter of the Royal Families camp, which is affiliated with the TRAC camp. That camp would be for foster children ages six to 11-years-old.

They are also looking at starting life skills programs for young adults ages 16 to 21. Those programs will teach the camp attendees skills like saving money, buying a car or renting their own apartment.

However, TRAC requires a permanent facility to offer the extended programs. Currently, TRAC Statesboro has to pay \$10,000 to rent out the Reidsville facilities for the camp programs.

Fostering Bulloch is meanwhile working on construction of a campground that would allow TRAC to use for the summer camp programs.

It may be a few years before the campground, called the Seventh Mile Farm, will be completed, as it comes with a \$400,000 pricetag.

The facilities, which will be located on Highway 46 outside of Statesboro, will host TRAC and other camps and programs tailored to foster children.

Jason Robichau said, "There are about 8,000 foster kids in Georgia, so it [the campgrounds] would help us not only to grow our particular camp, but our vision in the future is to have more TRAC camps and more Royal Families camps."



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## FALL SPORTS

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**FOOTBALL: YOUNGHOE KOO, SENIOR KICKER**

Koo brought the kicking legacy back to Georgia Southern after a period where placekicking was a serious liability. He was a Third Team All-American, and a First Team All-Sun Belt performer, leading the team in points with 85.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL: IKE SMITH SOPHOMORE GUARD**

The sophomore from Gainesville, Florida led the Sun Belt in scoring his sophomore year with 19.6 points per game. He and Tookie Brown comprised the highest-scoring duo in the conference and one of the highest in the country. Smith is a relentless attacker who will lead the Eagles along with Brown looking ahead to next year.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: ANGEL MCGOWAN, SENIOR GUARD**

McGowan scored nearly 1500 points in her career at Georgia Southern, earning Second Team All-Sun Belt honors in her final season. McGowan was the only Eagle this season to average over 30 minutes per game. She led the Eagles with 15.8 points per game.

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**MEN'S SOCCER: BLAKE WILSON, SENIOR FORWARD**

Wilson led the Eagles with 8 goals and 18 points total, and he was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference First Team after his junior campaign in 2016. The forward from Tampa was also twice named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Student-Athlete of the week.

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**WOMEN'S SOCCER: SARAH PRICE, JUNIOR FORWARD**

The junior from St. Louis was vital to the team's success, leading the squad in goals (8), points, (18), and game-winners (3).

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**VOLLEYBALL: KATIE BANGE, REDSHIRT SENIOR**

Bange led the team in kills (336) and was second in assists and blocks. She averaged 2.71 kills per set to lead the Eagles.

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## SPRING SPORTS



**BASEBALL: MASON MCWHORTER, FRESHMAN 1B/OUTFIELDER**

McWhorter has made an immediate impact for the Georgia Southern program. He's started 36 games as a freshman, maintaining a .444 on-base percentage and notching 48 hits, including 9 doubles so far this season. He also has 4 homers and 21 RBIs.

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**SOFTBALL: EMILY SNIDER SENIOR INFILDER/OUTFIELDER**

The versatile senior plays outfield and infield, and she's a top-notch hitter. With a .393 average, she leads the Eagles and has started in all 43 games so far this season. She leads the team with 12 home runs, 35 RBIs and 53 hits so far.

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**MEN'S GOLF: JAKE STOREY, JUNIOR**

Storey had an impressive average round of 71.5 that led the Sun Belt. He earned medalist honors at the Georgia Southern Individual Collegiate with two consecutive rounds of 67, and he has been competitive individually in tournaments all year.

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**WOMEN'S GOLF: ARIANA MACIOCE, SOPHOMORE**

Macioce notched an average score of just over 75 to lead the Eagles. She had a low round of 68, which was a school record, at Amelia Island in February. The sophomore from Phoenix will look to take the relatively new women's golf program to new heights.

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**MEN'S TENNIS: JC ALCALA, JUNIOR**

Alcala played in the No. 1 singles slot for most of the season, recording a 9-9 record against each team's top individual. He and junior Eddie Landin also recorded 5 doubles wins. On March 10, he was name Sun Belt Player of the Week after a 4-0 weekend.

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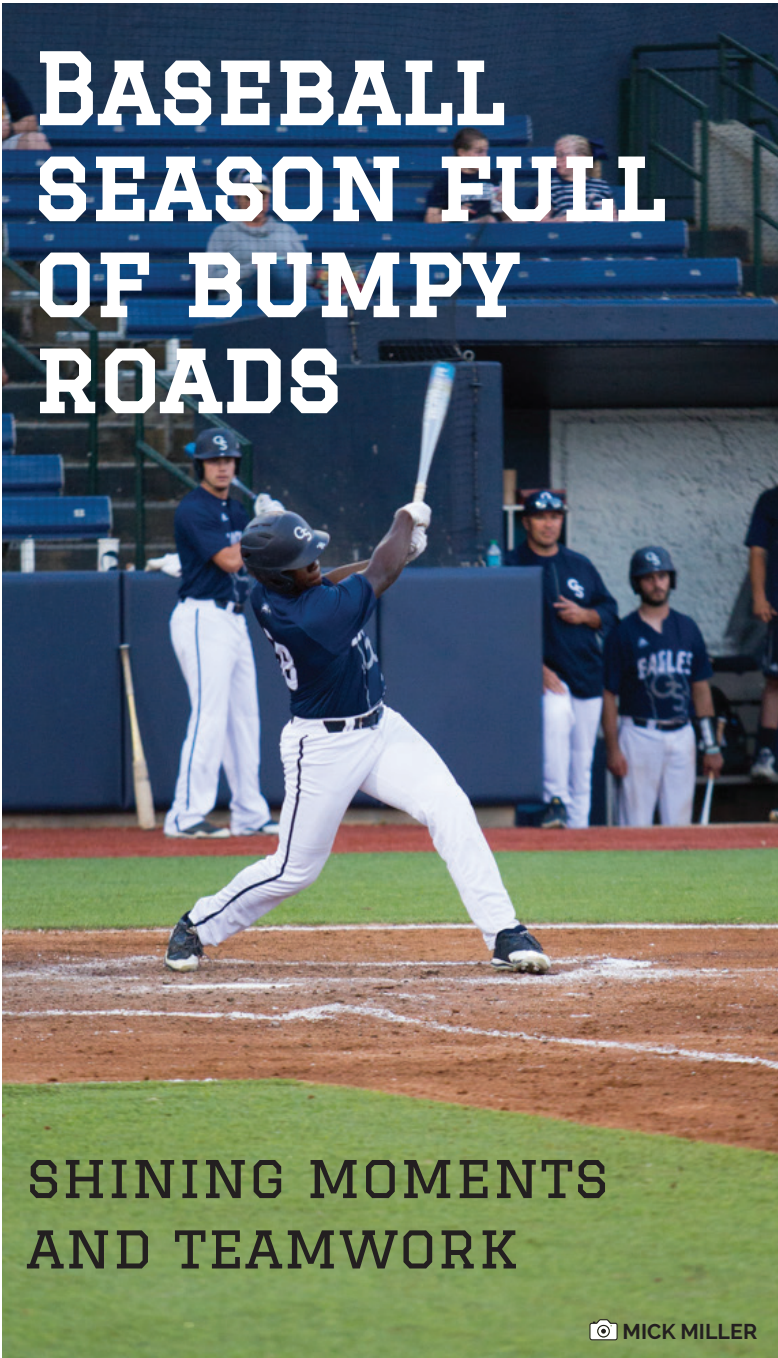


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**WOMEN'S TENNIS: EMILIA BUJAN, SOPHOMORE**

A versatile player who had success in both doubles and singles, the Argentinian will look to lead the Eagles for the next two years. She led the team in singles victories (from the No. 2 singles spot) with 12 and her and Ella Monsey led the charge in doubles, going 11-6 on the season.





# BASEBALL SEASON FULL OF BUMPY ROADS

## SHINING MOMENTS AND TEAMWORK

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The Eagles have a four game winning streak. They face Little Rock in Statesboro this weekend.

**BY DONALD COE**  
The George-Anne staff

This season for the Eagles has been a fun ride so far, from the first pitch to open the season to the pitch that sealed a series victory against Coastal Carolina.

There was a great fan turn out to the opening series against Middle Tennessee that saw the Eagles drop the first game, but win the second in one of the most dramatic games of the season. They would ultimately win the series over the Blue Raiders.

One of the cool moments for the season was against the University of Georgia, when fans were told to pack the park, and that is exactly what happened. A new attendance record was set for J.I. Clements Stadium, at 3,435 fans.

The freshmen on this Eagle team have come onto the scene in a big way, with Steven Curry and Mitchell Golden entering the starting lineup since game one.

Mason McWhorter came into the picture midway through the first series against Middle Tennessee, where he was able to get the team their first win of the year with an exciting walk off single in extra innings. Since then, all of these freshmen have been

a burst of energy in the Eagle lineup, with all of them hitting over .300.

One of the biggest bounce back stories of the year happened to senior shortstop Evan McDonald. In the final game of the series against UGA, McDonald was standing on deck when a foul ball came straight his way and struck him in the head.

He was taken off the field by ambulance, and the Eagles would rally to win the game 2-1. It can be argued that this moment was one of the turning points for the Eagles this year.

Sun Belt play opened with a splash, with the Eagles facing off against one of the premier teams in the conference, South Alabama. The Eagles fired on all cylinders in the first game, taking it 8-5.

The next two games did not go the Eagles' way, though. The rest of conference play has gone the Eagles' way so far, as they won every weekend series, including their most impressive series win against defending national champion Coastal Carolina at their place.

If the rest of this season is anything like how it has been thus far, it will be an exciting ending, full of twists and turns the rest of the way.

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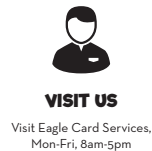
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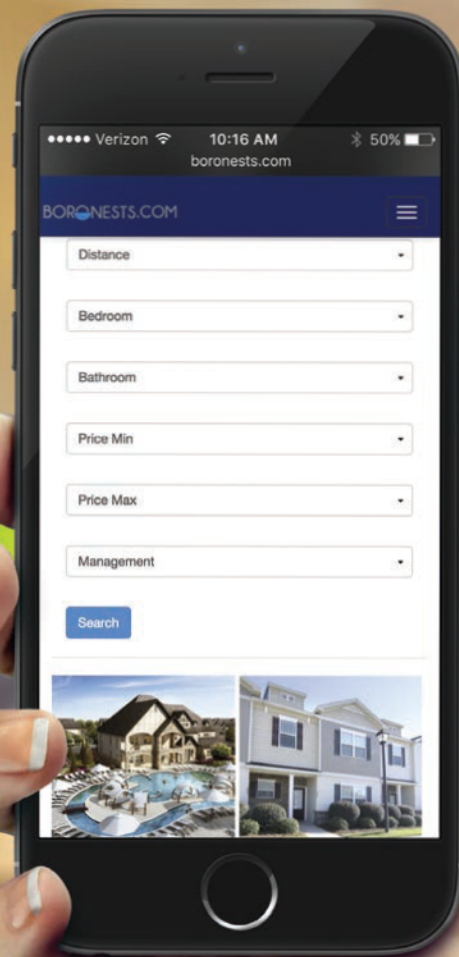
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- 5 It's the truth
- 6 Egg cells
- 7 Lady's man
- 8 Mubarak's predecessor
- 9 Guarantee
- 10 Taylor of film
- 11 Diplomat's etiquette
- 12 Repair shops
- 13 Shrink
- 18 Tacky
- 22 Decker, briefly
- 25 Supports, in a way
- 26 Peculiar
- 27 Slow times
- 30 Frozen Wasser
- 32 Stream
- 33 Tart fruits
- 35 Spice rack item
- 36 Fluffy scarf
- 37 Cook protectors
- 38 Perennial plants with toothed leaves
- 39 Nobility
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- 58 Barbecue offering
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