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# GA FATAL SHOOTING @

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CAMPUS CROSSINGS

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## Diversity Speaker

BY CAITLYN OLIVER  
The George-Anne staff

Justin Jones-Fosu is an international speaker, entrepreneur and author, who will be speaking on campus March 4 in the Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.

His discussion is entitled "Hug an Elephant, Kiss A

Giraffe: Redefining Diversity in Everyday Life."

Jones-Fosu has substantial experience with Fortune 500 companies, as well as being featured in SmartCEO. In 2008, Baltimore Business Journal and Ebony magazine

labeled him one of their "30 Young Leaders on the Rise."

Jones-Fosu believes that the discussion on diversity has been talked about so much that it no longer has an impact meaning and intends to put it in a new light for students.

## Recycle Mania at Southern

BY CHRIS ROSSMANN  
The George-Anne staff

This year, Georgia Southern University is competing in a nationwide recycling project called Recycle Mania. The recycling competition began Feb. 1, and will continue until March 29.

According to RecycleMania's official website, the competition is a program to help promote waste reduction activities

across college campuses in the U.S. and Canada.

Over an eight-week period each spring, participating colleges record and report all the recycling and trash collected that week, and then compare the numbers against each other. The winner will be determined based on who recycles the most on a per capita basis, as well as which schools have the best recycling percentage out of

their total waste.

Winners are nationally recognized through RecycleMania and win an award made from recycled materials.

Students interested in getting involved in the competition should keep an eye out for Center for Sustainability events as well as encourage others to use the recycle bins scattered across campus.

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## PETSBORO

### Jaxwell Lee Dobby Cannon

Reflector Magazine wishes to celebrate the lives of Statesboro's coolest pets (because let's be honest, people are just the worst).

This is Jaxwell Lee Dobby Cannon or "Jax" as we call him. He is a 2-year-old "Chiweenie," which is a

Chihuahua and Dachshund mix. When Jax's ears are bent back, he resembles the character Dobby from "Harry Potter." This is where one of his middle names comes from. It was added to his name when he was about six-months-old. His favorite hobbies include car rides (window nose smears included), play dates with his sisters (who are owned by a close friend), tug-of-war (with anyone who dares to challenge him), fetching tennis balls and



playing with his favorite toy - Mr. Dolphin. Jax is a very hyper and energetic dog but absolutely loves to cuddle. His favorite spot is on your lap under a fuzzy blanket. He loves attention and gets quite jealous when it's not received.

Jax is owned and loved by Morgan Cannon, a senior business management major.

**Want your pet to be featured next week? Send us your pet's biography and adorable photos to [reflector@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:reflector@georgiasouthern.edu).**

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## NETFLIX IN MARCH

BY CAITLYN OLIVER  
The George-Anne staff

Now you can add a little variety to your late night cruising of the Netflix. Here's some of what's getting added to the collection in March:

**March 1:** The Brothers Grimm The series revolves around the adventure of the Grimm brothers, Jake and Will, who travel and pose as magical creature exterminators but are just really good con artists.

**March 7:** Archer (season 5) This is an animated comedy series centering on Sterling Archer, who is a spy with an attitude.

**March 11:** How to Train your Dragon 2 Taking place five years after the first movie, Hiccup and Toothless go exploring and discover a new island with more than one surprise in store.

**March 20:** Bloodline A Florida Keys family has dark secrets and when the out-cast son returns for the 45th anniversary of his parents' hotel those secrets might be revealed.

**March 25:** Turn (season 1) This is a Revolutionary War drama revolving around Abraham Woodhull, a farmer in Long Island while occupied by the British during the Revolutionary War. He forms the Culper Ring with childhood friends and becomes part of America's first spy ring.

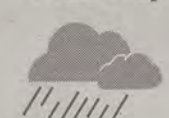
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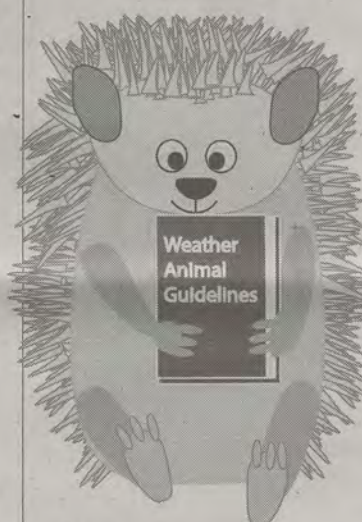
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## WEATHER HEDGEHOG



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## TRUE BLUE Sports Shorts

-The Georgia Southern Women's Basketball team lost to Appalachian State 66-39 Thursday, before losing to Louisiana Lafayette 62-35 on Thursday.

-The Georgia Southern Baseball team swept Georgia in a three game series over the weekend.

-The Georgia Southern Men's Basketball team beat Appalachian State 77-58 before falling to Louisiana Lafayette 68-58.

-The Southern Softball team competed in the USF Tournament, losing the first two games against Illinois and South Florida Friday, before beating Rhode Island and Maine on Sunday.



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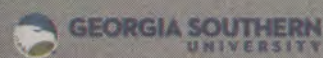
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# FATAL SHOOTING AT CAMPUS CROSSINGS

BY MACY HOLLOWAY

The George-Anne staff

## WHAT HAPPENED: STUDENT VIEW:

On Feb. 27 at approximately 12:30 a.m. the Statesboro Police Department responded to a shooting at Campus Crossings on Lanier Dr. Five men were involved in the incident; one deceased on site, one injured and transported to East Georgia Regional Center, while the other three were detained by SPD for questioning.

According to the SPD, the 24-year-old male killed during the shooting at the apartment complex was identified as Mikeal Hamilton of Norcross, Ga.

Of the five men involved in the incident, only one was a current Georgia Southern student, 24-year-old Ian Lamar Rumph, who was transported to East Georgia Regional Center after sustaining injuries. He has been released according to Associate Vice President of Marketing at GSU, Jan Bond.

The three men on the scene that were detained and transported to SPD for questioning have been arrested and charged.



IAN RUMPH FACEBOOK

Ian Lamar Rumph was injured on site and transferred to a hospital. He has since been released.

Tommy Martin, a junior computer science major, lives one floor above where the incident occurred. "I was in my room, and I heard the first bang, but I thought it was just someone slamming a door or something. I stepped outside and could hear people freaking out, like a fight or something. I hovered around in my room, and next thing I know I hear 'bang, bang, bang, bang' gun shots go off really quickly," Martin said.

"My roommate Michael called the cops. For about an hour things calm down some, until around 1:30. We heard a knock on our door, and cops were there asking if we had somewhere we could stay because they believed a shooter was staying on our floor. There were five to six cops with assault rifles and bullet proof vests leading us down, and telling us to not make any noise," said Martin.

Martin and his roommate Michael Hinson, a sophomore pre-exercise science major, stated that fights are normal in their area, but not shootings. When asked how efficient the courtesy security at Campus Crossing is, "They do their job. They're there for security purposes, but noise complaints are most abundant," said Michael Hinson.

Campus Crossings has denied any comment at this time.

## THE EAGLE ALERT ISSUE:

An Eagle Alert was sent out at 1:24 a.m. on Feb. 27. with the subject head: "Aggravated Assault at Campus Club Apartments" Campus Club was bought by the university and has been known as Freedom's Land since 2012. Michael Russell, Chief of Police at Georgia Southern University, explained that as it was the early morning hours and a chaotic time for everyone involved, they shared the information that was readily available to them and at some point the incorrect complex name was listed. Russell also stated that since various media outlets were already updating and correcting the information, they didn't feel the need to issue a formal correction.

## EAGLE ALERT

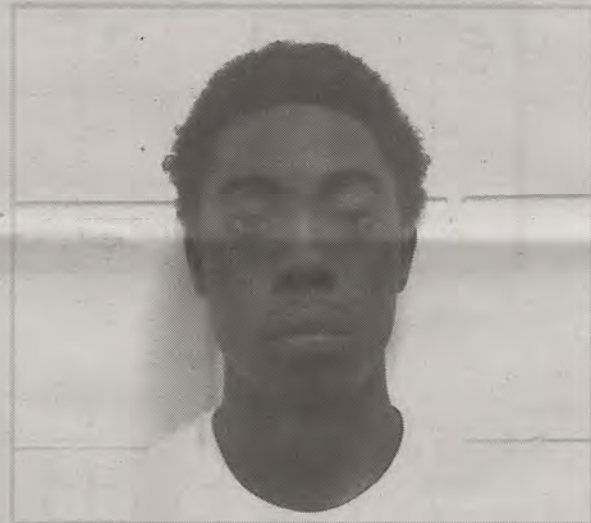
1:24 A.M. Feb. 27

"An aggravated assault took place at the Campus Club Apartments near building 800 early this morning. Statesboro Police have the area secure but we are asking everyone to avoid that area. Statesboro Police are investigating the incident.

The misleading Eagle Alert sent out to students



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MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS

Photos Courtesy of  
Bulloch County Sheriff's Office

Casey Cargle and Araya Jackson contributed to this report.



# GATTO'S PARENTS SEEK RESTITUTION

BY NADIA DREID  
The George-Anne staff

Attorneys for the parents of Michael Gatto, the former Georgia Southern University student who died last August after being assaulted at a bar near campus, have filed an ante litem notice with the city of Statesboro claiming more than \$11 million in damages.

The notice claims that the city is at fault in Gatto's death for failing to enforce Statesboro alcohol ordinances properly.

An ante litem notice is not a lawsuit. According to Georgia law, anyone who may bring a claim against a government entity is required to provide that entity with notice within six months of the event that is the cause of the claim. For the



FILE PHOTO

in September 2014, the Gattos spoke at the city council meeting which ultimately closed Rude Rudy's.

Gatto family, this would have been Feb. 28, six months to the day of Gatto's death. The notice was filed with the city of Statesboro on Feb. 20.

Gatto, 18, was a GSU freshman who had only been

on campus for two weeks at the time of his death. Former GSU student and bartender Grant Spencer, who was 20 at the time of the assault, has been charged with felony murder and is currently awaiting trial.

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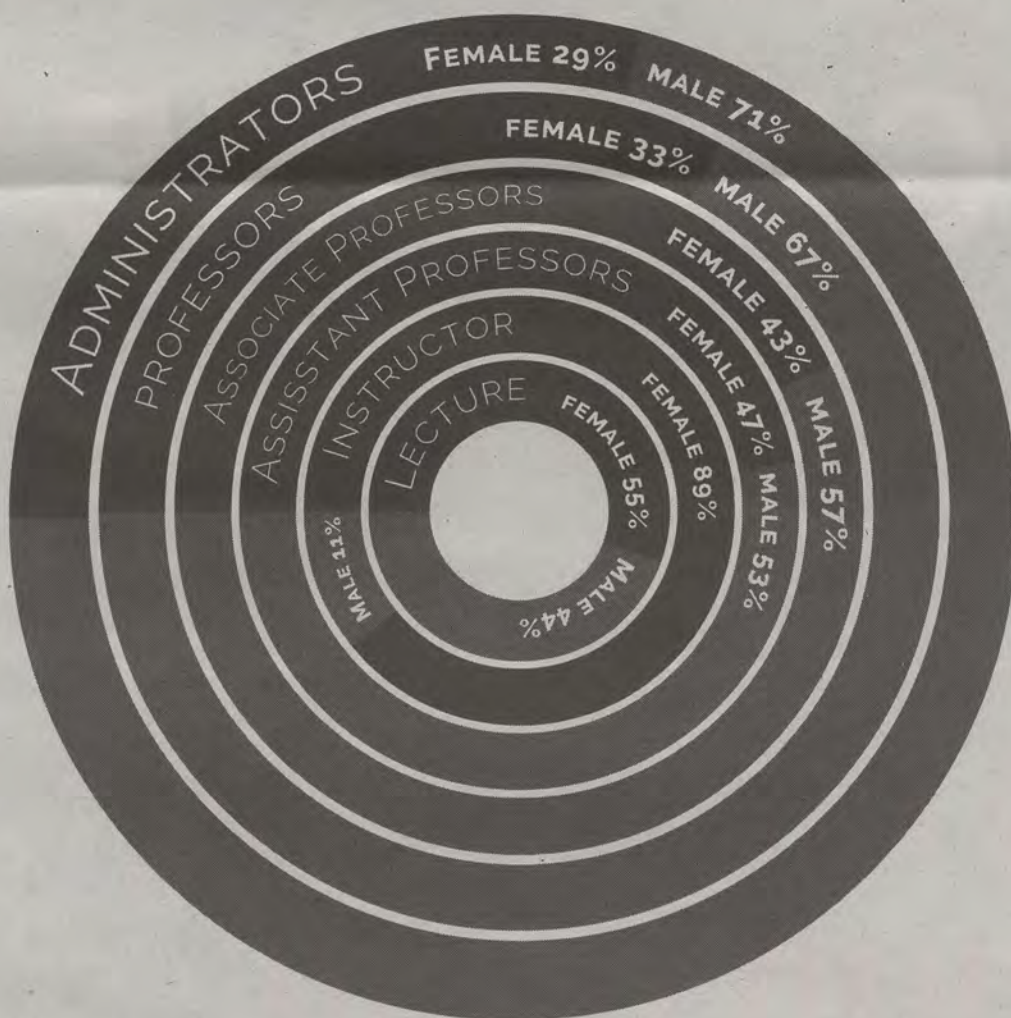
**\$1 MILLION**  
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MEDICAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES

## GSU WOMEN IN NUMBERS

BY NADIA DREID  
The George-Anne staff

All these numbers are from Fall 2013 unless otherwise specified. Retrieved from the 2013-2014 GSU Factbook.



## OTHER FACTS

-Women make up 40 percent of tenured faculty.

-Colleges with the most/least female faculty:

College of Health & Human Sciences: 72 percent  
College of Engineering and Information Technology: 9 percent

-GSU Students:

51.9 percent Female (in 1995, this number was 56.1 percent) out of 14,157 total students

## Memories to Munchies

BY TIFFANY SKINNER  
The George-Anne staff

The Health Services Department of Health Education and Promotion will host the Lunch and Learn: From the Munchies to Memory Lunch on Wednesday, March 4.

The event will take place from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Russell Union room 2047. There are currently 46 slots available. Students can sign up using the link posted on the school calendar or by contacting LaShanda Johnson an employee at Health Services. Lunch will be provided by Shane's Rib Shack and students who sign up will be receive free food.

Dr. Chris Glenn from Bulloch Recovery will be the guest speaker. He will cover a wide range of topics including cognitive impacts, legal consequences, mental illness, fertility and dependency in

effect to medical marijuana.

"Many students view marijuana as a completely safe drug, but that is not the case. Students will probably be surprised to know that for some users, marijuana is more than a recreational drug with no consequences," Nicole Withers, Administrative Coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Programs, said.

"I want to attend the launch to learn about how the body reacts to tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and why marijuana makes people hungry," Kayla Jordan, freshmen pre-nursing major, said.

The event coordinators do not plan to give out attendance verification at the event but if a student feels they need it they may speak with Nichole Withers before or after the event.

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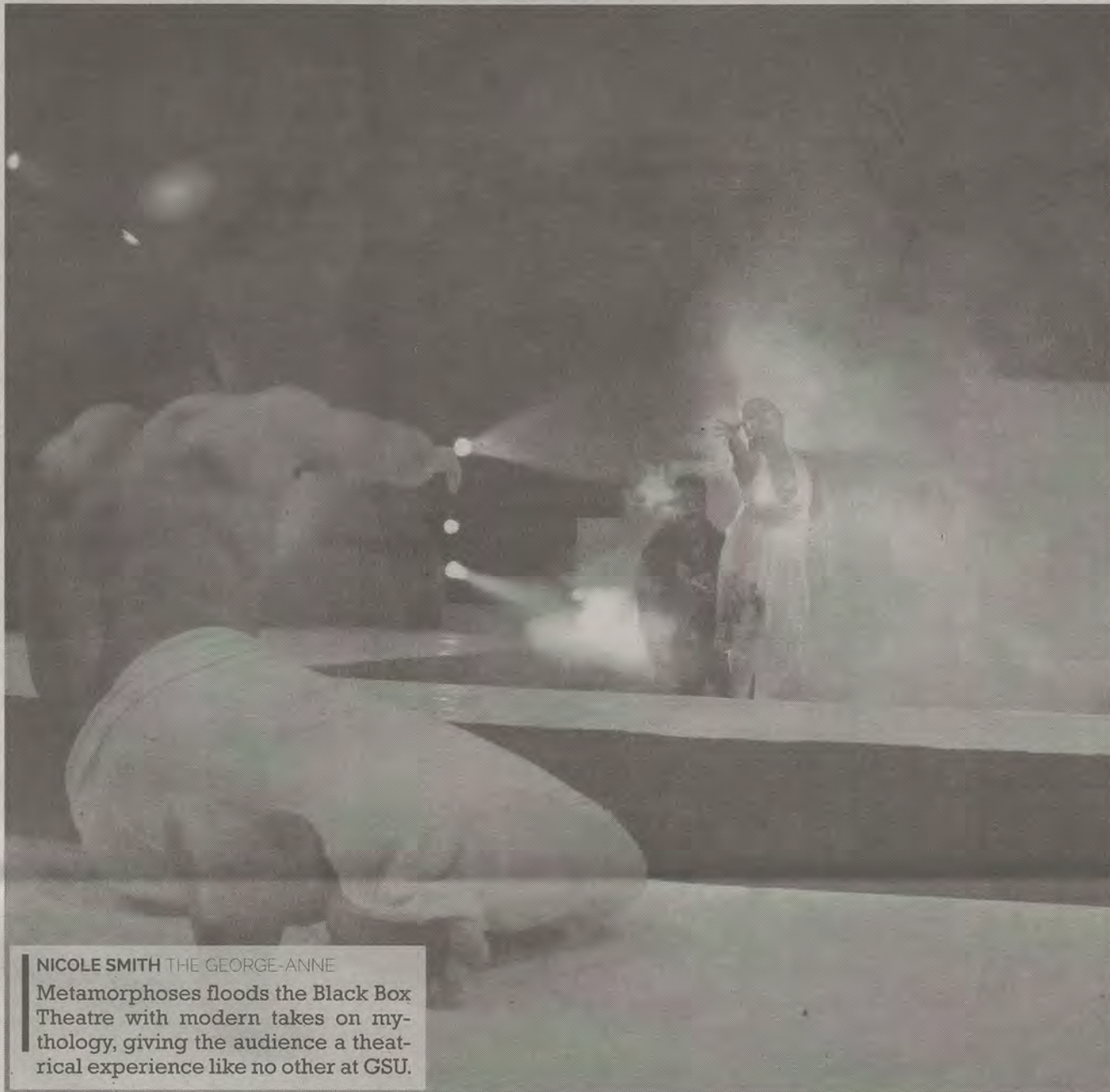
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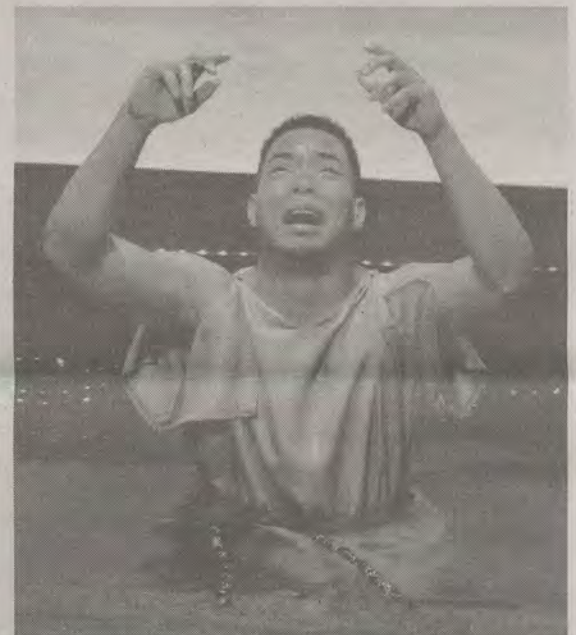


# METAMORPHOSES

dives gallantly  
into the deep end



NICOLE SMITH THE GEORGE-ANNE  
Metamorphoses floods the Black Box Theatre with modern takes on mythology, giving the audience a theatrical experience like no other at GSU.



BY KENNETH LEE  
The George-Anne staff

With a unique, innovative stage design on display, in the shape of a pool of water, the Theater and Performance Program at Georgia Southern University will make a splash tomorrow at the Black Box Theatre with their performance of Mary Zimmerman's "Metamorphoses," directed by Lisa Abbott.

Yes, you've heard correctly, a pool of water has been incorporated into their performance, mixing up the usual theater antics with something drastically different.

"As a theatrical event, which fits Metamorphoses more than a 'play,' it adds an element of magic in the production. The cast has been amazing - the process of building the show has been peppered with 'wait till we add water,' and once we did we discovered where we needed to make changes due to safety reasons, practical issues, etc.," Abbott said.

Metamorphoses is a stylized play and a modern exploration of Greek myths, with stories emphasizing the theme of transformation.

"These stories look at people, at our most basic impulses and desires, and work to kind of explore and poke fun at them. They range from tragedy, to comedy, to romance, and back again," Rebecca Frost, junior theater major, said.

"The text is so applicable to life that the actors have clearly seen into the stories and have been able to bring out the human emotion that goes with them," Abbott said.

Members of the cast who've had no prior dance experience, literally and figuratively got their feet wet during rehearsals, in order to learn the physically demanding aspects of the play's choreography, which was heavily embedded with dance movements.

"Over winter break I went to the gym every day, mainly working on cardio and core. Learning the dances was the most challenging part of this play for me considering I had never danced a day in my life before rehearsals began," Casey Sowers, junior theater major, said.

"The choreography is a combination of ballet and modern and has been a real

challenge to our dance chorus to learn. It forced them to stretch as dancers in a very positive manner. Then we added water and had to examine where that forced us to change things for the safety of the actors/dancers," Abbott said.

Since the beginning of this semester, the cast have committed themselves to their rigorous training, meeting six days out of each week and having 30 minute workout sessions during rehearsals.

"The dancing has been my personal beast, both mentally and physically, this whole time. The best I could do before learning our choreography was try to get into shape, so I started doing yoga for an hour or two every day to make myself more flexible and as much cardio as I could stand to build up my endurance," Frost said. "I've had to cross a lot of bridges internally, had to get over some of my own insecurities about doing it right and looking beautiful for my director, and learn to just feel my body in the moment."

Cast members, like senior theater majors, Tsiambwom

Akuchu and Chryssie Lewis expressed admiration and pride with Metamorphoses being their last Georgia Southern production.

"To end my school tenure with a bang, is my goal. Thus being a part of a show that requires me to push my limits, learn my talents and be comfortable to express them in front of an audience has made this experience memorable," Lewis said.

"Not many productions try to pull something like this off and do it relatively well. I'm excited that this gets to be my last mainstage production at Southern," Akuchu said.

With Metamorphoses debuting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m., the cast and crew are excited for audiences to witness the sweat, tears and hard work that they invested in this spring.

Frost said, "You have no idea how much effort has gone into producing this show. Honestly, I don't think that I even have a full understanding of the amount of thought the design team has put into creating the world we get to play on. The pool alone

has been a mind boggling endeavor for everyone, from actually filling it with water to making last minute changes to keep everyone involved safe, and it's hard to believe the determination and creativity it's taken to make this thing actually happen."

## WHEN, WHERE & PRICE

The Center for Art & Theatre's Black Box Theatre. The show will run from March 4 to March 11.

Performances start at 7:30pm with Sunday matinees at 2:00pm.

Student and youth tickets are \$5; Faculty, staff and community tickets are \$10.





# The Road to *Pageantry*

## Miss Georgia Southern



Photo Courtesy of MISS GEORGIA SOUTHERN PAGEANT

Megan Johnson gets emotional as she is crowned the 2016 Miss Georgia Southern.

BY ASYA FIELDS  
The George-Anne staff

Last weekend, Megan Johnson was crowned as the next Miss Georgia Southern at the annual Miss Georgia Southern Pageant. Megan Johnson is a Sophomore, Nursing major and Sociology minor. She is currently looking forward to moving on to the next stage of her pageant career, competing at the state level.

"This doesn't feel real, I'm kinda shocked, but it's a dream come true," Megan said describing her reaction to winning the pageant. Despite doing pageants since the age of 2, Megan is going into the next phase of competition expecting nothing, but hoping for the best.

As most people know, pageant winners usually have some sort of cash prize. Megan has been so frugal with her earnings, that she was able to pay for all her expenses of her Freshman year in college. The scholarship money is just a plus for Megan. Ms. Johnson's favorite parts about pageant life "a tie between formal wear and the interview" Megan said.

In fact, during the Miss

Georgia Southern pageant, Megan enjoyed the difficulty of the question given to her. The question that Megan so confidently answered focused around why she chose to attend Georgia Southern and also what she loves about the University.

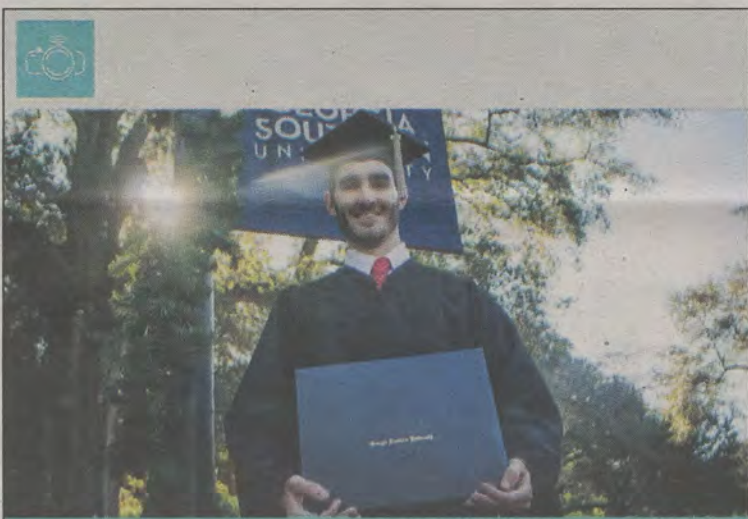
Megan has gotten nothing but love and support from her friends, sorority sisters, and family during the competition and after winning.

"They are extremely proud and extremely supportive" Johnson said. Her biggest supporter over the years, has been none other than her mom. She has supported Megan in doing pageants through every competition.

"She was always front and enter with a camera," Megan says. Megan's mom was always there pushing her and telling her she can, eventually Megan would begin to repeat "I can, I can" in the face of difficulty during pageants.

Even though she will move on to the next level of competition, Megan is completely content with this outcome that has been bestowed upon her as Miss Georgia Southern.

In the next couple of months, Johnson will travel and be at social events during her reign as Miss Georgia Southern, and will appreciate support from her fellow Eagles.



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# GET IN SHAPE

Prep for spring break with crossfit workouts



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Want to get in shape like these guys?  
Use these exercises suggested by  
Crossfit Boro as a jump start.

BY MEG ELWOOD  
The George-Anne staff

Looking for some simple workouts that can activate your whole body? Here are some great ones which you can do basically anywhere at your own level.

**\*TIP:** NEVER spot-treat anything on your body, you really won't have the same results if you were to workout your full body. You need a little bit of everything to work in order to get awesome results.\*

## #1 Sprints:

Sprints are great for working out your cardio and burning some calories around your entire body. CrossFit Boro owner Ryan Brack suggests sprinting a quarter mile (400 meter) with a 1-on-1 rest.

Ex. Sprint for three minutes, rest for three minutes and repeat.

Be as consistent as possible everyday or every other day. When it starts to get easy on your body, then up your game and add on a few more minutes. You'll be surprised how much better you'll feel after your body adjusts to sprinting/running.

## #2 Burpees:

These are well-known killer workout to all sport players during conditioning. This full-body workout is easy to do in dorms, apartments and the RAC.

How do you do a Burpee?

1. Stand with your feet hip width apart and your arms by your side.

2. Lower into a squat position with your hands flat on the floor in front of you.

3. Press your hands into the floor and kick your legs behind you, coming into a plank. Hold this for a while for an extra burn and then lower yourself close to the floor.

4. Push your chest back up to plank and thrust your feet forward back into the squat position.

5. Jump up and raise both hands over your head.

The more consistent of a pace that you keep with burpees, the better your results will be. Change it up by using weighted balls for an extra arm oomph.

## #3 Kettlebell Swings:

These are awesome as another full body workout and are easy on your back if you're sore there. Although you can really only do this in a gym or if you own a kettlebell, it's a great workout if your trying to get a little more out of your core.

How to do a Kettlebell Swing:

1. Stand with hips back, shoulders down and arms slightly relaxed as you let the bell hang downward.

2. Swing the bell back in between your legs, move with the bell doing somewhat of a squat.

3. Pull the bell forward and let it swing until your arms are straight in front of you. You should feel your arm muscles engaging here.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 about five or ten times.

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# Spring Break safety tips

BY WILL PEEBLES

The George-Anne staff

The weather outside has been dreary and rainy, but believe it or not, Spring Break is quickly approaching. Planning for trips is a crucial part of enjoying the brief escape from a student's duties.

Safety is the primary concern

for LaShanda Johnson, Assistant Director of Health Services. She has a few tips to help a student spring break trip more safe, and in turn, more fun.

"One thing students don't do is plan. Make sure you have a plan; it keeps you safe," Johnson said.

## 1 Practice safe, consensual sex

Every level of sex needs consent, from kiss to coitus. If the person is impaired by any substance or in any way, consent cannot be given. Always use a condom, dental dam or other preventative measure when engaging in sex.

## 2 Know your location

Learning the laws of your destination will prevent embarrassing run-ins with law enforcement. "I didn't know!" is not a viable plea against an open container charge. Learn where dangerous areas are and avoid them.

## 3 Know your group

Having the number of everyone in your group isn't enough. Know the number of their emergency contacts too. Always tell your group where you're going when you leave.

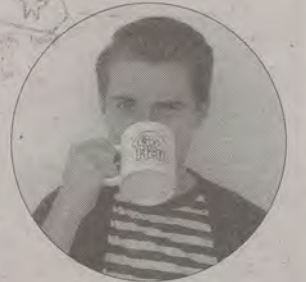
## 4 Call your bank

Your bank watches your transactions to defend against identity theft and fraud. Spring break generally includes a lot of spending in a new place, so call your bank and let them know you'll be traveling to avoid confusion.

## 5 Don't get carried away

Drink responsibly, and don't let your guard down. Many of the most popular spring break locations are hot spots for sexual predators and abductions. Keep your friends close, and your open container closer.

# THE BUZZ LIST



MATT SOWELL  
Features editor

► **Lady Gaga**, slightly better version of Madonna and pop culture weirdo, will be staring in the 5th installment of Ryan Murphy's hit show *American Horror Story*. A teaser was released last week showing Gaga as she whispered the overall theme of this season: Hotel. Who knows exactly what that means or where this show is going. Reports have said that this season will be lacking Sarah Paulson and Jessica Lange. Hopefully this season isn't *Glee* meets the *Shinning* meets *Sweet Life* of Zach and Cody meets *Bates Motel*.

► **Lena Dunham**, girl from *Girls* and hipster messiah, purchased a home in L.A., the same city that she told *Vogue* was just not her cup of tea last year. Perhaps she's had a change of heart, or maybe she's forgotten how to hipster swim and is drowning in the main stream.

► **Justin Bieber**, ew, turned 21. He celebrated his birthday on a private island popping bottles of champagne. This sounds like a good setup for a reality show, we could call it *Twink Douche Island*.

► **Kanye West**, Sunday School dropout (get it? Because he had an album called college dropout and he says he's Yeezus) Apologized for his douchey behavior on Twitter last week. I wonder how genuine his apology is. real. Maybe he's looking for attention, or maybe he's trying to be a good person. My guess is the first.

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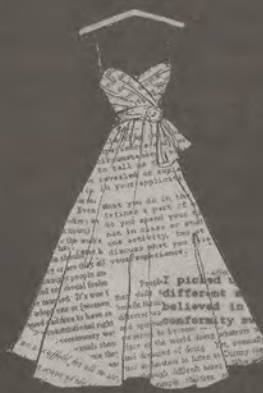
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Club (Hendy) going up on a Tuesday

## 10 reasons to visit the library



### ERINN WILLIAMS

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2) You can check out as many books as you want and spoil your favorite TV shows or learn about what inspired them – I'm talking to you, "Game of Thrones" and "Orange is the New Black" addicts.

3) Meet other students – Not only are there hundreds of students in the library each day, but it has a prime view of both lakes and the Pedestrium, which makes it the optimum place for people watching. Creep your heart out my friends.

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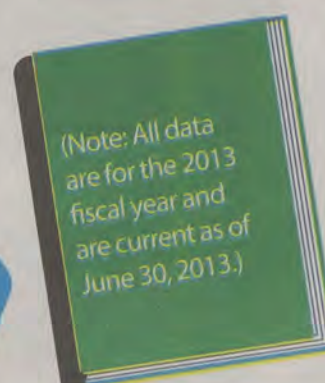
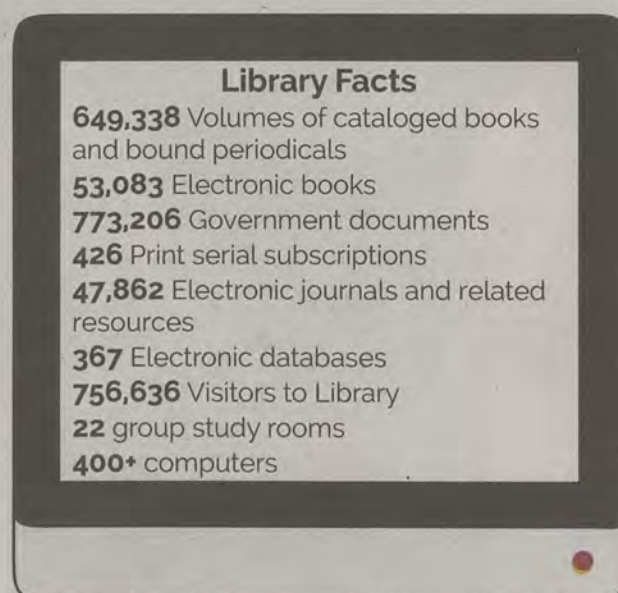
but luckily you have over 1,000 printer points at your disposal, and because of mobile printing at the library, you can do it from your phone.

7) It's the ideal place to do group projects – With 22 group study rooms, you will finally have a place to force the rest of your group members to do more than "just write their name on the prezzi" in.

8) You can get some peace and quiet – Do the people above you sound like they have a pet elephant? Does your roommate loudly sing K. Michelle songs? Are the walls in your apartment really thin? Then the fourth floor of the library should be your best friend.

9) For the cookies – The cookies at Zach's Brews are a delicious addictive substance that should not go unnoticed.

10) Because you can disappear – Sometimes you just want to escape from the world for a couple of hours. The first floor of the library is perfect for this, especially because many people have no idea how to find their way down there.



Zach Henderson Library is one of the most interesting places on campus. Constantly filled with the busy hum of keyboards, the smell of bacon and the sighs and groans of students pulling all-nighters, Club Hendy has become an essential part of Georgia Southern life.

So why should you go to the library? Well, there are probably billions of reasons. Unless you remember everything from your FYE you might have forgotten them. But have no fear, I am here to share with you my top 10 reasons for heading to Club Hendy.

### Top 10 reasons why you should visit Henderson Library

1) It's kind of like home – Where else on campus can you spend 24 hours eating, sleeping and of course doing homework?

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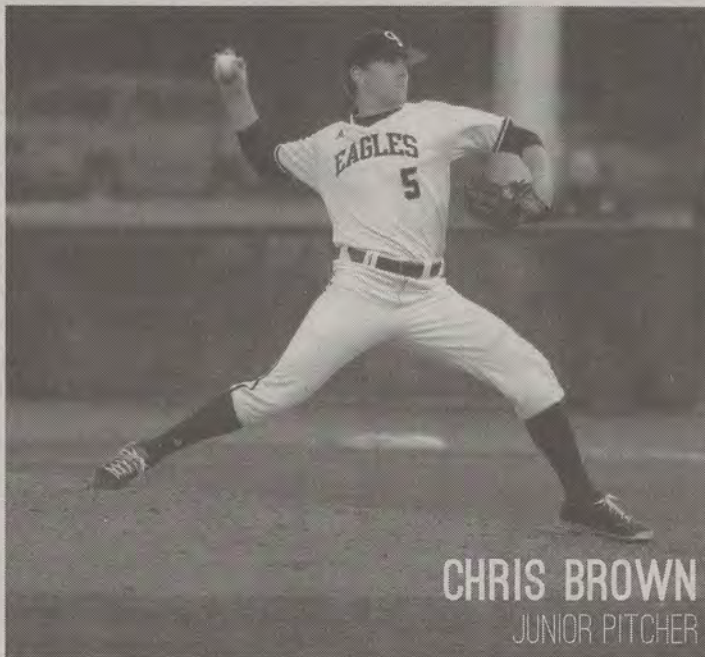
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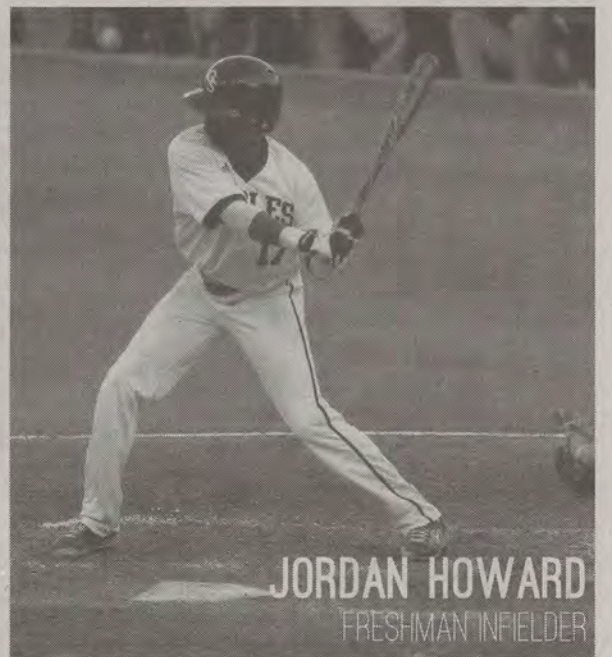
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## GEORGIA SOUTHERN SWEEPS BULLDOGS



**CHRIS BROWN**  
JUNIOR PITCHER



**JORDAN HOWARD**  
FRESHMAN INFILDER

**BY COLIN RITSICK**  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern baseball swept No. 18 UGA this weekend making it the third year in a row the Eagles have taken the series from Georgia.

Rainy conditions forced the teams to play 16 innings on Sunday after game two was cut short in the bottom of the second inning on Saturday. The UGA series is usually a sellout crowd but was less than half its typical volume because of the weather.

With the sweep of UGA, GS moved to 8-4.

### THE GOOD

The bullpen was excellent.

LHP Jason Richman, RHP Caleb Pressey, RHP Ryan Frederick and RHP Chris Brown combined to allow two runs in 14.2 innings pitched

over the weekend.

On Wednesday against North Florida, Brown gave up three earned runs in the bottom of the ninth and let the Ospreys walk-off with a win. Closers need a short memory and Brown didn't let Wednesday's outing affect him against UGA.

He was flawless across the three games.

Brown picked up three saves in three games. He didn't allow a single hit on his way to holding the Bulldogs scoreless in 4.1 innings pitched. He has five saves this year.

Richman hasn't missed a beat from last season. He's been the workhorse for the Eagles' bullpen once again.

The submariner threw 6.0 innings in two outings, allowing only one hit. He gave up his first run of the year on Friday (unearned), and struck out seven Dawgs.

Good relief pitching is

necessary in tight ballgames.

Each of the Eagles' last five games was decided by one run. They lost consecutive contests to the Citadel 3-2 on Tuesday and North Florida 5-4 on Wednesday.

"Looking at [our losses] in the midweek, we were just trying to play a good game and get a win," RF Aaron Mizell said. "We played well, and when we do that, we're as good as anybody."

Losing two close games to teams Georgia Southern should have beaten left a bad taste in the Eagles' mouths, so turning around and sweeping UGA in straight one-run games was a good sign of life.

In both game one and game three, GS came from behind to win.

In the seventh inning on Friday, Mizell roped a two-RBI double to the right field warning track that put the Eagles in front 4-3. In the

seventh inning on Sunday, Catcher Chase Griffin had a two-RBI single up the middle to put the Eagles in front 4-3.

### THE BAD

It's a little nit-picky to label anything as 'bad' any time a team sweeps a nationally ranked in-state rival.

But as good as the pitching was this weekend, they were battling their own team at times. Georgia Southern's defensive struggles continue to remain a problem.

The Eagles committed seven errors over the weekend. Even on plays that weren't scored as an error, poor defense kept Bulldog runners on base.

On Friday, UGA had a runner on first in the second inning with no outs. 3B Will Hudgins grounded a double-play ball cleanly but his throw to 2B Kent Rollins was in the

dirt. Rollins gloved it to get the lead runner, but couldn't make the throw to first.

Instead of two outs and no one on base, the Bulldogs had one out and a runner still on first.

Two singles later that runner scored, tying the game at 1-1. The next batter flied out to left field, which should have ended the inning if GS could've turned the double play cleanly. Instead, the following batter singled, giving UGA a 2-1 lead in the second.

The only game the team has played without an error this season was against Georgia Tech, a 4-7 loss.

Georgia Southern doesn't have any time to relish in the sweep of Georgia because they play another quality team from the peach state tonight.

The Mercer Bears make the trip down I-16 to play the Eagles at 6 p.m.



**BRANDON WARNOCK** THE GEORGE-ANNE

From left to right, seniors Aaron Mizell, Kody Adams, Hunter Thomas, and freshman Jordan Howard all have contributed to the Eagles success this season. Mizell hit a double in the seventh inning that helped win the first game of the season.





**BRANDON WARNOCK** THE GEORGE-ANNE  
Freshman Mike Hughes has totaled 208 points this season. Also, behind senior Jelani Hewitt, he plays the most minutes on the team.

## MIKE HUGHES: Freshman leading the way

**BY LAYNE SALIBA**  
The George-Anne staff

The presence of Georgia Southern's freshman guard Mike Hughes has certainly been felt by every opponent. He's a player that is typically surrounded by three or four other seniors and plays to their level.

Hughes came on board in Georgia Southern's first Sun Belt season. Most people thought this was going to be a bad year for the Eagles and projected them to finish ninth in the conference. However, Hughes, along with the seniors around him, did not pay

attention to that or let it get them down.

"I just try to focus on what I need to do to help my team out," Hughes said.

And helping his team out is exactly what he has done. Hughes has an impressive stat line for a freshman. After starting all 26 of the games the Eagles have played this season, he has racked up an average of 7.9 points, 2.4 assists and 1.5 steals per game while shooting 67 percent from the charity stripe. He has also played more minutes than any other player has on his team, other than Jelani Hewitt.

The Winston-Salem, N.C. native started out playing sports at the age of six. He played basketball, baseball and even gave track a shot.

Growing up in the basketball dominate state of North Carolina may have been hard for some athletes to stand out, but it was not difficult for Hughes. He is a three-time All-Conference selection and three-time state championship MVP at his high school, Winston-Salem Prep Academy.

Hughes also played on Chris Paul's AAU all-star team, which may have caused other colleges to overlook him due to the other

talent on that team. However, head coach Mark Byington saw something in him that not a lot of other coaches did. In fact, his only other offers came from Gardner-Webb University and Radford University. In the end though, Hughes felt at home in Statesboro, surrounded by the people already on the team and the coaches that would be leading the way.

"It [Georgia Southern] felt like the best place to be," Hughes said. "It's been pretty good chemistry-wise. Since day one, we really clicked. I was surprised actually."

The team has welcomed Hughes and they have been able to teach him the ins and outs of college basketball. He has improved throughout the year and that has been evident on the court.

"I've learned a lot from the team and the coaching staff," Hughes said.

Hughes will continue to learn and improve throughout his years at Georgia Southern. He plans to graduate with a degree in sports management, but would ultimately hopes to follow his dream of playing professional basketball if the opportunity arises.

## Eagles stay in first place after weekend loss

**BY COLIN RITSICK**  
The George-Anne staff

After handling App State 77-58 in Boone, N.C. on Thursday, Georgia Southern lost to Louisiana Lafayette 68-58 in the CajunDome on Saturday.

Georgia State lost on Thursday but won on Saturday, and UL Monroe won on Thursday but lost on Saturday; so the three teams are back to being tied for the top spot in the Sun Belt.

If the Eagles beat the Ragin' Cajuns they would have claimed first place in the conference, but ULL just outplayed GS.

"Sometimes the other team plays well," head coach Mark Byington said. "They played well, and Lafayette deserves the credit for that."

ULL played better from the get go and led by as much as 11 midway through the first half. The game was close at halftime 34-33, but the Eagles couldn't get in a rhythm offensively in the second half.

Their biggest weakness on offense was exposed on Saturday and that is what happens to this team when they struggle from beyond the arc.

GS shoots a lot of threes, and makes a lot of threes, but they tend to live and die from downtown. And on Saturday, they died.

The Eagles were 5-10 from three in the first half, and only trailed by a point at halftime. But they made just 2-15 three-point attempts in the second half (13.33 percent).

Georgia Southern's defense kept them in the ballgame. The Eagles created 22 points off of 18 turnovers. However, the Ragin' Cajuns made their jump shots, and that was the difference on Saturday.

ULL shot above 52 percent from the field and 55 percent from downtown. There's not much a defense can do when a team is shooting the ball like that.

However, the Eagles destiny is still in their hands. They play UT-Arlington for Senior Night on Thursday, and then finish the season at Georgia State.

Georgia Southern will claim the No. 1 seed in the tournament if they win both games. The Eagles lost by one point in December to UTA and beat Georgia State on Feb. 5.



# 2015 FOOTBALL

## SCHEDULE RELEASED



FILE PHOTO THE GEORGE-ANNE  
The Eagles went 9-3 last season and are looking to go undefeated once again in the Sun Belt.



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Georgia Southern officially announced the full football schedule for the 2015 season, with the inclusion of two Thursday night ESPN2 televised games.

The Eagles set themselves up for a tough start against Big 12 West Virginia and Western Michigan, who played in a bowl game last season. But, GS will slow it back down with their last

non-conference game against old Southern Conference opponent The Citadel.

Then, Sun Belt conference play starts up. After last season's success, going into this season isn't as daunting. But, beginning with two road games that require quite a bit of travel could pose some struggles. The Eagles will first take on the University of Idaho and the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Once the Eagles return from the road, things start to heat up. Paulson Stadium hosts its first home conference game against New Mexico State University.

And, less than a week later, GS goes back on the road that Thursday to face rival Appalachian State University on national television. Just when it seems like the Eagles may need a break, they then will head back to Statesboro for another televised Thursday night game against Texas State University.

Eagles get ready to pack Paulson.

Coming down towards the end of the season, the Eagles will have to go back on the road for two games. One against conference opponent Troy University, and the second is the game that everyone waits for, the Eagles versus the Dawgs in Athens.

Only two games remain left after UGA for the Eagles, and they are both at home. The University of South Alabama will be the second to last game, leading up to the ever-anticipated battle. The Eagles will finish out their season in Paulson against in-state rival Georgia State University.

Last season, Eagle football went undefeated in the Sun Belt. It will be a challenge to follow up the same success. GS will hit the field for its first game in Morgantown, W.V. to face West Virginia on Sept. 5.

**Sept. 5: West Virginia [AWAY]**

**Sept. 12: Western Michigan [HOME]**

**Sept. 19: The Citadel [HOME]**

**Sept. 26: Idaho [AWAY]**

**Oct. 3: ULM [AWAY]**

**Oct. 17: New Mexico State [HOME]**

**Oct. 22: App State [AWAY]**

**Oct. 29: Texas State [HOME]**

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# FROM THE BACK OF THE FIELD TO THE FRONT OF THE STAGE



**CASEY CARGLE** THE GEORGE-ANNE  
Brandon Williams played baseball for the Eagles from 1995 to 1998. He mostly played in the outfield.



**CONNECTION CHURCH FACEBOOK**  
Williams now is the senior pastor at Connection Church. Currently, they are located in Statesboro High School.

**BY EMMA COLLINS**  
The George-Anne staff

"No matter how far you go, if baseball or soccer or football is your god, there is going to come a point when your god leaves you. For me, it was a huge and difficult adjustment. I spent a lot of years trying to figure out who I was."

For Brandon Williams, the love of baseball began by age four. He played Little League and then played in high school where his abilities grew. He started to get recruited by Georgia Southern University and other schools, but ultimately decided to stay in Statesboro, his hometown since 1985. Williams played for Georgia Southern's baseball team from 1995-1998.

"It was a completely different game. Honestly, I think a lot of the guys made adjustments to it quicker than I did. My first two or three years playing at GSU, I think I only had three at-bats," Williams said.

Like many boys all across

the country, Williams' dream was to make it to the major leagues one day.

"From a young age, all I wanted to do was play major league baseball," Williams said. "For millions of kids, that's their dream. And only a tiny percent ever make it to the majors. It's one of those things where that's all I ever wanted to do."

In fact, Williams loved baseball so much that he considered it his "god." He hoped to make it a career and to play baseball until he was the age he is now, 39.

"It's something that I worshiped. It was all that I thought about and wanted to do, so once I got into high school, I did some tryouts for major league clubs, and at that point, I realized 'I don't know if I have enough talent to do this,'" Williams said.

Though it was a devastating blow back then, Williams is now able to laugh about the moment he truly realized that his baseball career was over. It was after a weekend spent on

the road with the team, and it was during a conversation with the current baseball coach, Jack "Skip" Stallings.

"I had gotten a good bit of time to play, and I had a couple of good games," Williams said. "One in particular was really good, and I thought, 'man, surely I'll play the next day.' But I didn't. When we got home, I asked Skip what I needed to do in order to play every day. He said, 'well big guy, I think you're over-estimating your talent and ability.'"

Williams shook his head and laughed as he recalled that particular moment. Though it happened nearly 20 years ago, he clearly remembers it like it was just yesterday.

"That stung a little bit. At that point, I realized that it was sort of the nail in the coffin of my dream. It was almost like my god died. A big piece of me got ripped away," Williams said.

But for Williams, there was life after baseball. He graduated from Georgia

Southern University with a degree in Construction Management. After interning in Atlanta, he returned to Statesboro to work and marry Susan, the woman he has been married to for many years now.

Together, they have three sons. Williams worked in the construction and roofing industry for close to ten years before he decided to go into ministry. He's now the Senior Pastor of Connection Church here in Statesboro.

Williams enjoys spending time instilling his love of baseball in his three sons. He says the four of them enjoy playing the game, watching Sports Center and discussing baseball together. Williams says that he has had to back off from coaching his two oldest sons in baseball.

"I have to watch myself because I still have so much competitiveness. In fact, last year I decided it's probably best that I don't coach much because I get so into it. I have a tough time with umpires.

Being a pastor and yelling at umpires doesn't really go hand-in-hand," Williams said.

There are two main things that Williams tries to teach his sons about the game of baseball: how to play the game correctly and—the biggest life lesson that baseball has to teach—that even when you think you can't take another step, you can.

"Feeling like you can't continue to go on, but then going on—that served me very well later in life," Williams said.

Williams had one last piece of advice to offer to all current Georgia Southern athletes, and that is to keep your priorities straight.

Williams said, "My philosophy is, if you trust God with it and do your best and trust him with the rest, it takes a lot of pressure off. I struggled a lot under self-imposed pressure and expectations of myself. Remember, too, at the end of the day that is a game, not life or death. And lastly, just enjoy it."





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