BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne staff

Next Tuesday, Statesboro gets its first chance to try newly completed Eagle Creek Brewery’s award-winning beer at Retrievers Sports Bar & Grill.

Beginning at Retrievers, Eagle Creek Brewery will embark on a short tour around different bars and restaurants in Statesboro in order to spread the word about its brew.

“We’re excited to finally be able to let the community try what we’ve been working on for over a year now,” Cole Brown, head brewer at Eagle Creek and senior communication arts major at Georgia Southern University, said.

At Retrievers on Tuesday Eagle Creek will have the Low Country Pale Ale available to customers as well as a variety of

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Economic department receives grant

BY TANNIS KUFNER
The George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University’s Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development (BBRED) received a $295,927 grant by the North American Development Bank (NADBank).

The grant will be used to expand the Georgia’s Enterprise Network for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (GENIE) project, according to a news release.

GENIE will extend services of GSU’s City Campus. This project will assist entrepreneurs and small business owners in the rural counties of Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Lincoln, Telfair and Wilkes.

The five designated counties will receive the guidance and support they need to create new businesses, grow existing businesses and create an economic climate that leads to more jobs for area residents, according to the news release.

GENIE will assist area businesses through mentoring, connecting and training and will provide a place for clients to hold meetings and events.

“Through GENIE, we will be able to provide much needed planning assistance and guidance to some of the most economically challenged communities,” Dominique Halaby, D.P.A., BBRED director, said in the news release.

For many small business owners in these communities, accessing these services is only possible by taking time out of their business day to travel to a workshop or to receive counseling from support service organizations located in larger population centers, according to the news release.

This new project intends to cut travel time and bring workshops closer to the small business owners. Business owners will be able to access timely economic information and receive technical assistance from a skilled business advisor who will work to establish financial goals and performance benchmarks based on the clients’ business needs and training interests, according to the news release.

Halaby said in the news release, “We are building the City Campus to become a vital part of the state’s entrepreneurial economy.”

GSU student learns leadership skills

Bowen Flowers one of 120, selected from 15,000 applicants

BY GABY BENNETT
The George-Anne contributor

A Georgia Southern University student participated in the Ruck Leadership Institute program through the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, according to a news release.

Bowen Flowers, a junior finance major from Williamson, was one of more than 15,000 undergraduate students to apply. Only 120 participated in the leadership program.

The Ruck Leadership Institute focuses on the leadership principles in one of the best-selling leadership books of all time, “The Leadership Challenge,” co-written by Barry Posner, a nationally renowned leadership expert and SigEp alumnus.

“We got into teams right away and had to figure out how to work together with a lot of unknowns,” Flowers said in the news release. “My business courses give me the technical knowledge I need in business, but this leadership training has shown me how much I have to work on myself to get results from others.”

Flowers did not know what to expect from this one of a kind leadership development program and the gathering of so many SigEps from across the country, he said in the news release.

“I am confident that these students will go back to their campuses ready to take on leadership roles with new skills and determination,” Brain Warren, executive director of Sigma Phi Epsilon, said in the news release. “The opportunity to learn from the most talented and highly accomplished leaders in our fraternity gives these young men a distinct advantage as they embark on their careers.”

Flowers maintains a 3.64 GPA. He is involved in the University Honors Program, College Republicans and Beta Gamma Sigma Business Honor Society.

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Police Beat

Wednesday, July 10
5:11 a.m.: Officers respond to an alarm - supervisor general trouble at the Biological Science Building. Maintenance responded. The building was checked with no problems found.

Thursday, July 11
2:00 p.m.: An incident report was taken for found property at the Nursing-Chemistry Building.

Friday, July 12
10:57 a.m.: Officers responded to a sick person at COBA. EMS was notified and responded. The sick person was not transported.
11:18 a.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident - hit and run on Forest Drive at Akins Blvd. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.
12:29 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a suspicious incident at the IT Store. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
2:49 p.m.: Officers responded to an injured person at the Russell Union. EMS was notified and responded. The injured person was not transported.
3:13 p.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass that occurred at the water tower on Maleki Drive. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
5:27 p.m.: Officers responded to The University Store in reference to a burglary alarm. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.

Saturday, July 13
1:12 p.m.: An incident report was taken for criminal trespass in the Southern Pines parking lot. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
6:52 p.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check at University Village. Officers made contact with the subject of the welfare check and found no problems.
7:49 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Centennial Place. Maintenance responded. The occupant accidentally activated the panic alarm.

Sunday, July 14
1:46 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Freedom’s Landing. Contact was made with the occupants who advised no one had activated the alarm. The alarm was inspected and found to have not been activated. No problems were found.
1:52 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at the Cambridge at Southern Apartments.
2:01 a.m.: Officers discovered a vehicle in J-Lot containing a misdemeanor amount of marijuana. The owner/driver of the vehicle, Christopher James Branch, 21, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana - misdemeanor.
2:20 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Watson Commons. Maintenance responded. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.
8:53 p.m.: Officers discovered an open door at University Villas. Maintenance responded. No problems were found and the door was secured.
9:54 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a verbal altercation that had occurred in the parking lot of the Henderson Library.
11:32 p.m.: Officers responded to a burglary alarm at the College of Education. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.

Monday, July 15
8:11 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Museum. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.
10:34 a.m.: Officers responded to an injured person at the Nursing-Chemistry Building. The Individual received her injuries while riding her bike behind Southern Pines. The injured person received medical attention at the Heath Services Center.
12:56 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a simple assault at Centennial Place.
1:18 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Kennedy Hall. Maintenance responded. The unoccupied room was checked with no problems found.
4:41 p.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of an unattended item at the Russell Union. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.

Tuesday, July 16
8:32 a.m.: An incident report was taken for a theft of government property at Southern Courtyard. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
8:46 a.m.: Officers responded to a burglary alarm at the Carroll Building. The alarm was accidentally activated by an employee.
1:11 p.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Eagle Village. Maintenance responded. The alarm was activated by a juvenile. The juvenile and her responsible adults were briefed by the officer as to the proper use of the panic alarms.
1:43 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in Lot 21. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.
2:07 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in C-Lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.
3:10 p.m.: Officers responded to a motor vehicle accident in the PAC/Neetsmith-Lane Conference Center parking lot. A motor vehicle accident report was taken.
4:38 p.m.: An incident report was taken for the theft of unattended property at the Nursing-Chemistry Building. This case was assigned to criminal investigations.
2:05 a.m.: Officers responded to a panic alarm at Centennial Place. Maintenance responded. The room was found to be unoccupied and no problems were found.
2:38 a.m.: Officers assisted the Statesboro Police Department with an incident at the Cambridge at Southern.

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Students can change the mind of Congress

The current 3.4 percent interest rate has now doubled to 6.8 percent for the fall 2013 school year. The Senate had the option to lower the rate, but was in recess at the July 1 deadline and failed to make the decision. However, Congress has the ability to change this rate if it choses to pursue further discussion about the matter.

The increase in interest rate might not sound like a huge amount, but for a loan that accumulates over 10 years, the amount of interest will be drastic. For example, the average Georgia Southern University student accumulates $23,427 worth of debt. With 6.8 percent interest, $23,427 would turn into $32,351, thus leaving students to pay $8,924 of just interest. This is a mountainous amount of debt, and students need to get involved and talk to their local senator in order to get the attention of Congress.

Congress should prioritize the issue of student interest rates, and if more students express their opinions about this issue, Congress might prioritize this issue. While students are encouraged to use the hashtag “DontDoubleMyRate” on Twitter, they should also take the initiative and express their concerns directly to the Senate in order to be taken seriously.

Georgia’s senators are Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson. Chambliss can be reached at 416 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510, and his main phone number is 202-224-3643. Isakson can be reached at 131 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC, 20510, and his D.C. phone number is 202-224-3521.

Summer is ending, fun doesn’t have to

The summer is quickly coming to an end, and even though it means that you won't be able to spend every day at the pool, when fall comes there will still be all kinds of activities to look forward here at Georgia Southern University.

First and foremost, with the fall semester comes football season, and here in Statesboro that isn't something to be taken lightly. There's been a lot of talk about this football season and its meaning (or lack thereof) for the team and fans. Don't listen to the naysayers. This football season is going to be just as exciting as the last, and with the big rivalry game occurring in Boone this year, the Eagles will need their supporters in full force.

For you freshman, the fall is a great time to figure out where you want to get involved on campus. Clubs and on-campus organizations are in full swing looking for new members. If sports are your thing, we've got it. If you're into writing, you should come join us! Heck, if you like larping we've got that too. GSU has a niche for everyone, and the first semester of the year is a great way to figure out where you belong.

GSU has also seen the addition of several new dining (and drinking) locations on campus. Nothing will get you in the school spirit like drinking some Eagle Creek “water” at the new sports bar Sports Page, conveniently located right across from Paulson. If the bar atmosphere isn't your thing, several new delis have opened as well, and these will be working in full swing when students return in the fall.

In addition, Landrum and Lakeside will be back! Say goodbye to the days of waiting in line for hours at the I.T. Building, and say hello to unlimited meal plans. These new dining centers are going to be awesome and definitely a welcome addition for the fall semester.

The RAC intramural teams will also be starting up in the fall, and believe me when I say that joining an intramural team is a lot of fun. You don't have to be the most athletically inclined person in the world to have fun on the intramural teams, just be willing to get out there and have a great time, and you might just make some new friends along the way.

And for those of you like me that will be experiencing their final year at GSU, just make sure to have the greatest fall experience of your life, because college isn't happening again.

Between new classes, new students and a brand new year, don't get the summertime blues, but just wait in anticipation for all of the fall activities.
The law stands, leave it be

Since the verdict of the George Zimmerman trial has been released and everyone has seen the reactions made by many across the country, this is the last time I personally will bring it up. The verdict, which brings me to my point: it is time to move on!

We can all agree that the death of a 17-year-old is a tragedy, and we conservatives are not denying that. That being said, we live in a country that is made up of laws, both state and federal. George Zimmerman was put on trial, and through a jury selected by the state of Florida, he was found to be not guilty. The jury has spoken and they said that he did not murder Trayvon, but that he acted in self-defense. Regardless of what any others might believe, these are the facts of this trial that just took place.

Earlier this week, our attorney general announced that the Department of Justice has opened an investigation into the matter due to increased pressure to do so by race baiters. He’s essentially saying that he wants to pick up where Florida left off to try to persecute this man. Well let me be the first to say that Eric Holder is severely over stepping his boundaries on this one. The state of Florida has the right to make its own laws regarding guns and self-defense, and the federal Department of Justice needs to respect that.

The jury acted as it saw fit, declaring that George Zimmerman did not commit these crimes and that he acted in self-defense. It had absolutely nothing to do with race and he acted within his rights to defend himself, as he needed to. If Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and Eric Holder want to continue to think that this was for some reason a racial hate crime, then they have every right to think so, but the law is still the law. The Department of Justice has no business probing further into these peoples’ lives. The law stands, and it should be left at that.

Mutimer is a senior construction management major from Augusta. He is involved in the College Republicans and has worked on political campaigns in Augusta.

Chicago sets an example

As I write this week’s column, I sit in a coffee shop in Chicago. The atmosphere of this typical neighborhood coffee shop deviates from that of a mass-produced Starbucks or even most other coffee places I’ve visited. Looking around, I notice that nearly everyone drinks their coffees out of a ceramic, washable mug. Even the disposable cups let you know that they are compostable and produced without the use of oil. Specialty drinks utilize locally produced honey, chocolate and juice. Coffee shops and restaurants alike offer more sustainable, healthy options than I’ve seen anywhere else. Doing business in a sustainable manner is not just illustrated by the food and drink businesses, however.

Walking downtown through the heart of the city doesn’t quite feel like a venture through a concrete jungle. The sidewalks are lined with plants, filled with vibrant flowers, plants and small trees. Parks are greatly integrated into the layout of the city. This differs from many other cities, where parks and the metropolises are greatly segregated. Unlike most towns and the city of Atlanta, the public transportation system is extensive and utilized by the vast majority of the city. It cuts down on traffic, fossil fuel usage and space designated for parking.

Being in a place so otherworldly from the southeast illuminates the sustainable progress our nation has already made in some regions and cities, as well as the hard work required of the rest of the nation to catch up. Signs of changing times can certainly be seen, even in the small town of Statesboro. Local restaurants offer locally produced menu items, we have a great farmer’s market and Georgia Southerners can proudly say they attend one of the most sustainable universities in the nation.

However, I believe one of the biggest signs a place has effectively and fully integrated sustainable practices is when it is no longer a novelty, but an expectation. To move forward as a nation, the practice of sustainability must become assimilated and inseparable with economy and community, thereby enhancing and enriching the lives of current citizens and their future generations.

Walker is a senior sociology major with a specialization in sustainability from Brunswick. She is an officer in the Green Ambassadors.

Letters to the Editor

EIP columns encourage bad behaviors among freshmen

Dear Editor,

It has been my pleasure to spend this past year having the time of my life at Georgia Southern University. Truly, I have loved every second spent strolling down the pedestrian, cozily reading in the library, and chowing down at the Nest. I have fallen in love with this school and I want everyone who comes down at the Nest. I have fallen in love with cozily reading in the library, and chowing second spent strolling down the pedestrian, Southern University. Truly, I have loved every who are participating in the Eagle Incentive verdict, which brings me to my point: it

What struck me most about this article was finding out that Ms. Martin is in a paid position on The George-Anne staff. I found that to be striking, disappointing and hurtful. She is in a position of authority and has the chance to set the tone as a role model for our incoming class. These are students who are trying their hardest to succeed so that they’ll be able to attend classes in the fall and receiving poor advice such as this is going to prevent them from succeeding at our amazing university.

I do not pretend to know about the recourse action possible that can be taken against Ms. Martin, which is completely up to how your editor handles it. However, I feel that something must be done. As a member of our professional staff, she should have known better. As a former EIP student, she should have known better. As an Eagle and student here, who these students will look to for sound advice and help, she should have known better. This sort of interdepartmental failure cannot stand.

In general, I felt ashamed that this sort of smut was being published as if it was a true reflection of the spirit of Georgia Southern. This ‘advice’ is nothing but a lie and an attack upon the character and spirit of our great university and its incredible students.

I hope that something can be done to right the wrongs that have been made.

Nicholas Anderson
Sophomore environmental engineering major
Computer upgrade to knock systems offline

BY GABY BENNETT
AND TANNIS KUFNER
The George-Anne contributors

Georgia Southern University’s IT Services will perform an upgrade to the computer system on campus that will prevent students from using Eagle Express for most of the weekend.

“People who use Eagle Express as their means of spending will be unable to use that beginning Friday evening,” Joey Reeves, director of Technical Services, said.

The upgrade will also add more storage space and will begin tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

“This upgrade is necessary in order to expand the system and expand the system’s user capacity,” Reeves said.

IT Services is hoping to have the system back up and running on Saturday, but students need to be prepared for the system to be down for the weekend, Reeves said.

Services such as Banner, WINGS, Sharepoint and print services will not be available. The inability to access Eagle Express is expected to be the biggest interference.

“The upgrade is not too complicated. The most difficult part will be backing up the current data in order to continue with the update,” Reeves said.

Due to Friday being the end of the Long Term summer classes, IT Services is making efforts to make sure that My.GeorgiaSouthern, Folo and other systems students use for school work will not be affected, Reeves said. The update is scheduled for the weekend in hopes there will be as little users trying to access the server as possible.

“Users of the system won’t notice anything different after the server is updated,” Reeves said.

Reeves refused to comment on why IT services is conducting the update before the completion of Term B classes.

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wearing dark clothing, according to a campus alert from the Dean of Students office.

“This is the third time within the last year that we’ve had a robbery,” Massie said.

The assailant held the stun gun against Shaw’s back while patting down his pockets looking for money.

“I had just made a delivery, and as I’m walking back to my car he sweeps up on me,” Shaw said.

After taking Shaw’s money, the assailant fled the scene and headed towards Stadium Walk apartments.

“We talk to [the drivers] about driving at night specifically,” Massie said. “We deliver until 3 a.m., and we’ll continue to do it.”

Cambridge at Southern was not available for comment by press time.
Summer Jam music fest returns to GATA's Sports Bar & Grille for its fifth annual show with its largest lineup of bands ever.

The event will be held Saturday at GATA's beginning at 6 p.m. for a $7 admission fee, and performances will commence on both the indoor and outdoor stages.

Summer Jam is the creation of Greg Kearney, a Statesboro native and musician. The party began in 2009 as a way to bring together music and his birthday.

"I talked about it with some musician friends of mine in Athens, and the first Summer Jam was born. Each year, it has gained notoriety as a way to combine music, fans, friends and family," Kearney said.

Summer Jam, which is held every July, will provide multiple genres and styles of music like jam, soul, funk and progressive. "Playing keeps getting more fun each year. I'm friends with every act playing this year, and that tends to lend itself to a more laid back, fun atmosphere," Kearney said.

"This year we have by far our the best lineup yet. There is some real talent from around Georgia coming to play this year," Kearney said.

The lineup includes bands Lazy Locomotive, Brock Butler of Perpetual Groove, Mama Love, Those Cats, The Other Brothers Band and Kearney's own Tent City and Friends.

"I'm especially looking forward to having Brock Butler play as well as new comers Mama's Love and Lazy Locomotive. We like to keep the lineup varied from year-to-year so as to not get monotonous," Kearney said.

Lazy Locomotive and Mama's Love, bands that have risen from Athens' band scene, will perform this year at Summer Jam. Lazy Locomotive recently performed at Wakarusa Musical Festival, and Mama's Love was recently voted 2013 Jam Band of the Year by Athens' Flagpole Music Awards.

The brewery cautiously aims to not get monotonous," Kearney said.

"When we're fully open we're going to hold tours going through our brewery to teach people how beer is made as well as give visitors a taste of what we're making," Long said.

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'Pacific Rim' is perfectly over-the-top

Film review ★★★★★

BY ALEX LASALLE
The George-Anne staff

It would be very easy to describe "Pacific Rim" as simple or dumb. True, it isn't a complex film, but it knows what it wants to do and does it well.

The entire background story is laid out in the first 10 minutes. Large monsters called Kaiju are coming out of an inter-dimensional portal thingy in the Pacific Ocean. Humanity built giant robot suits called Jaegers to punch them in the head, because that is clearly the best solution.

It may sound like a wholly implausible plot, but it's executed with enough charisma and efficiency to get us through the movie. Gone are the unnecessary romantic subplots. Gone is the preaching about how humanity is the "real" bad guy. There's a small mention about how pollution made the ocean habitable for the Kaiju, but there's no serious message outside of giant things beating each other up is awesome.

Oh, and how awesome it is. The secret behind the success of "Pacific Rim" is director Guillermo del Toro, who thankfully knows how to make an exotic and exciting scene without using the Michael Bay blow-up-everything method. There's even actual camera work instead of a nauseous, shaky cam.

The action scenes in "Pacific Rim" break from the standard in many ways, almost entirely for the better. There are lengthy shots of the fights instead of super-quick cuts that make it impossible to actually get a sense of the action. They feel like actually large fighters instead of people in suits fighting over a miniature model city.

There is also concern for the structure of both the Kaiju and Jaegers, which are far more believable than a random hunk of metals and missiles.

We are also given many fights off the coastline or in the ocean, giving us the rare fight outside of a huge metropolis. Hong Kong does take quite a beating, but we also get to see people running into shelters, so there is some concern for the loss of life and property that usually accompanies large monster invasions. The downside is that almost all of these take place at night in the rain. It would have been nice to see them in good lighting eventually.


It's very likely that some people out there simply aren't interested in seeing Jaegers punch Kaiju in the head. For the rest of us, there is "Pacific Rim."

UPB to host outdoor movie to cap off the summer

BY ALEXANDRA MCCRAY
The George-Anne staff

Statesboro residents and Georgia Southern University students can get a history lesson tonight on the diamond with a free viewing of the Jackie Robinson film "42" at J.I. Clements stadium.

Tonight at 8:30 the University Programming Board will offer a free viewing of "42" at the baseball stadium. The movie will be open to all students, faculty and Statesboro community members.

"Doors will open at 8 p.m. and concessions will be available for purchase. We have a great partnership with Eagle Athletics letting us use the stadium, Eagle Dining providing the concessions and us providing the movie," Olivia Barker, activities coordinator for the Office of Student Activities, said.

"42" is the story of Jackie Robinson, his career with the Brooklyn Dodgers and their legendary manager Branch Rickey. The movie follows Robinson as he fights his way to break down the racial barrier in baseball in the 1940s.

"This summer the staff looked for popular flicks that people wanted to see, earlier we showed '21' which was more just for the students on campus, and then we showed 'Jack the Giant Slayer,' which 300 people came out for and was more family focused. Now we're showing '42,' which is something for the whole community," Barker said.

The UPB will be showing "42" just two days after the official release date, giving community members the chance to watch it completely free in case they missed it in theatres.

"I think it's a great way to get to watch a new movie for free on a big screen. I'll definitely go," Mary Parton, junior education major at GSU, said.

UPB hosts a variety of events during the school year for students and uses the summer to focus on providing free events for everyone in the community, Barker said.

Barker said, "We've promoted it for the entire community, because we wanted to find some cool ways to get the community plugged in with our campus this summer."
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More preseason honors for GSU

Four Eagles selected for All-America teams

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

On Tuesday, Phil Steele Publications Group selected four Georgia Southern University football players for the 2013 Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Preseason All-America teams.

Junior running back Dominique Swope is the only Eagle selected for the All-American first team offense. Senior quarterback Jerick McKinnon and senior offensive tackle Dorian Byrd were selected for the third team offense. Junior offensive tackle Garrett Frye was selected for the fourth team offense.

Swope, also selected to the first team of the Sports Network Preseason All-America team, rushed for 1,246 yards during the 2012 season. McKinnon, who rushed for 1,817 yards, combined with Swope to set an NCAA FCS record for most yards by teammates in the season with 3,063 yards.

McKinnon, who was also selected to the Walter Payton award watch list, led GSU in rushing yards, placing him third on the single-season list behind Adrian Peterson with 1,932 yards and Jayson Foster with 1,844.

Frye, like his teammate Swope, was selected for the Sports Network Preseason All-America second team. Frye started all 14 games and posted 72 knockdowns, the second most of the 2012 season.

Byrd has 29 starts in 39 career games helping to solidify an offensive line that helped GSU lead the nation in rushing yards per game with 399.4.

Junior specialist Tray Butler was also selected for the College Football Performance Awards punt returner watch list. Butler played in 13 games last season.

Preseason camp begins July 31, exactly one month before the season kicks off at Allen E. Paulson Stadium against Savannah State University.

Baseball

BY WILL CHENEY
The George-Anne staff

Former Georgia Southern University southpaw Everett Teaford made it back to the major leagues after being called up by the Kansas City Royals on Sunday.

Teaford allowed no runs and one hit against the Cleveland Indians over two thirds of an inning. This was Teaford’s first major league game since September 30, 2012.

After making his MLB debut in 2011, the last three seasons have seen Teaford in a relief role with the Royals, including several spot starts. Teaford also spent some time in Triple-A Omaha this season where he went 3-2 with 2.88 ERA in 23 games.

From 2011-2013, Teaford compiled a 3-5 record with a 4.25 ERA. With 37 of his 45 appearances coming in relief, he has put up 63 strikeouts over 106 innings pitched.

Outside of his time with the Royals, Teaford has spent parts of the last four seasons with the Royals’ Triple-A affiliate - the Omaha Storm Chasers of the Pacific Coast League.

From 2010-2013, Teaford compiled a 10-5 record with 122 strikeouts over 132 innings pitched.

Teaford was drafted in the 12th round by the Royals in the 2006 MLB First-Year Player Draft out of GSU.

While playing under head coach Rodney Hennon for the Eagles, Teaford put together a collegiate career that warranted major league innings.

In his three years at GSU, Teaford compiled a 26-13 record with 353 strikeouts over 347.1 innings pitched.

Kansas City Royals call up Teaford
Football movin' on up
GSU appears at first Sun Belt media day

BY SHAKEEM HOLLOWAY
The George-Anne staff

This past Monday afternoon in New Orleans, head football coach Jeff Monken represented Georgia Southern University among many other schools at GSU's first Sun Belt Conference media day.

When the Eagles arrive in the Sun Belt Conference beginning with the 2014 season, the competition will be tougher, but expectations will remain the same.

"The fact that we have been a successful program year in and year out is going to help us make this transition. There are certainly expectations when you're part of a program that's won six national championships, and hopefully those expectations will stay high," Monken said.

The Eagles' notorious triple-option offense that allowed them to run the ball at an average of 399.4 yards per game will be unlike any other offense within the conference.

"I think the uniqueness of it is an advantage. I think it's an advantage for us just because there are so few teams that run the triple-option," Monken said.

"It's been very effective over the years. It's been a great offense for us at Georgia Southern, and Jerick McKinnon is the perfect quarterback for that offense," Monken said. "We're going to try to establish a run-first philosophy, and hopefully we'll be able to continue with that philosophy in the Sun Belt."

The majority of schools within the Sun Belt are known to air out. For the 2012 season, none of the schools in the Sun Belt averaged less than 205 passing yards per game, whereas GSU averaged 67.5 passing yards per game. However, in the Southern Conference for the 2012 season only four teams averaged over 200 passing yards per game. Appalachian State University, which is also moving up, is one of them with 293.8 yards per game.

"We got to get better. We didn't finish the season as we hoped we would. Unfortunately those goals of playing in a national championship aren't there for us this year, but I hope we'll have a better team, and we're going to try to make a run and try to win 'em all," Monken said.

The end of the 2012 season was a bitter one for GSU. The Eagles lost in the semifinals of the playoffs for the third straight year and missed out on their last opportunity at a national championship at the Football Championship Subdivision level.

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Monken's interview aired live on ESPN3 as well as ESPN.com. Monken discussed the transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision by way of the Sun Belt Conference, GSU's offense and more.

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22
average points per game the Georgia Southern University football team averaged in 2012.

34.5
points per game the football team averaged in 2012.

67.5
passing yards per game for the football team during the 2012 season.

209
passing yards the football team gave up per game in 2012.

399.4
rushing yards the football team averaged per game in 2012.