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## 2016

### SGA RESULTS

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# PRO DAY



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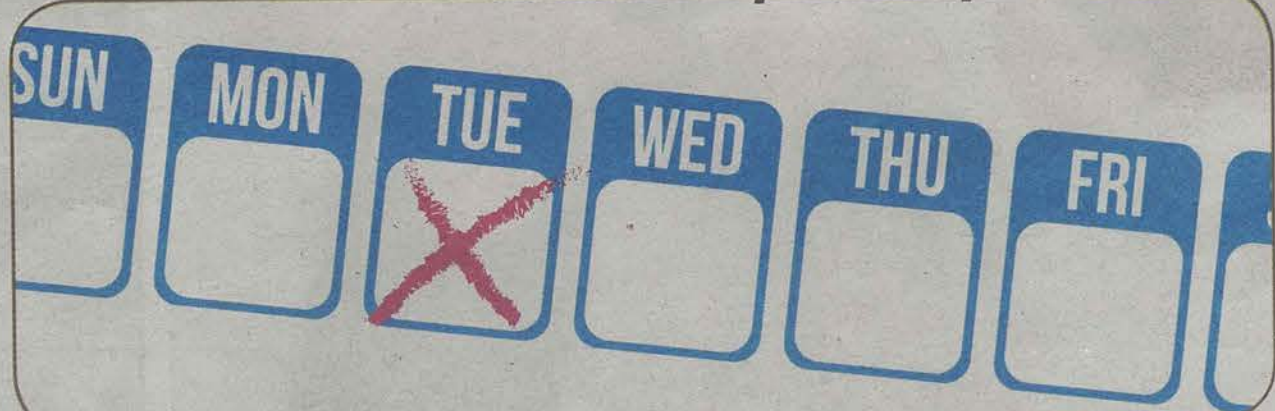
## April is National Poetry Month

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Get to know RAP



Featured poem of the week



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vLab provides free software for GSU students

## Thursday



High: 78°  
Low: 54°

## Friday



High: 74°  
Low: 48°

## Saturday



High: 70°  
Low: 42°

## Sunday



High: 70°  
Low: 47°

Let the Sun In! All sun, no rain and temperatures are looking to peak at 79 degrees for the weekend. It's back to Sweetheart to blast the music and block the impending doom of finals.

## Weather Bar

### BEFORE YOU SEE IT: DADDY'S HOME

Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg are joining forces for a PG-13, should have been R, family film. Kind of; this film is supposed to be for families and seemingly inspire its audience to

learn that time will solve all wounds, but it is done in the most indirect fashion.

Will Ferrell plays Brad Whitaker who is the step-father of Mark Wahlberg's children.

Wahlberg, playing a Boston God named Dusty Mayron, decides to come back to town and Ferrell is trying to compete for his step children's love. The two continuously out-dad each other in many different comical and slapstick ways. These montage sequences cause a few laughs but it becomes very formulaic once the plot sets in.

This is not necessarily a negative thing, but as the trailer shows, you know exactly what you are getting into when the film starts. Another thing to bring up is that this should be an R-rated comedy, and the way the film is edited shows how they cut out a lot of major content to reach a bigger audience/ ticket sale. This does ruin many of the jokes in the film, because they have to cut a higher impact punch-line in order to fill the rating.

Overall, this film is not worth the ticket price but worth watching if it was on TV one day. So this is a perfect movie to see for free in the RAC pool this Friday, April 8.

### DADDY'S HOME RECEIVES

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WHOPPAH

POP

2.5 BOSTON PHRASES OUT OF 5



Check out what Head Coach Tyson Summers and Senior Quarterback Favian Upshaw had to say about Tuesday's spring practice with the Georgia Southern football team!



The University System of Georgia officially named Jamie Hebert as the 13th president of Georgia Southern University, yesterday, April 6. Hebert is a graduate of Louisiana-Lafayette and has held positions at Sam Houston State and Appalachian State University.

## OUT OF DARKNESS WALK

Hosted by the American Society for Suicide Prevention, the Out of Darkness Walks raise awareness for suicide prevention and provides resources to counter suicide.

The walks happen in 360 cities nationwide. At Georgia Southern, the walk will take place at 10 a.m., April 23, at the Russell Union Rotunda. Registration will begin promptly at 9 a.m. This will be the 4th annual walk at Georgia Southern. University of Georgia-Athens and River Ridge High School will host the other two campus walks in the state of Georgia.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for persons age 18-24. Suicide prevention receives the least funding even though it claims more lives than the combined total of war, murder, and natural disasters. The American Society for Suicide Prevention hopes to reduce the suicide rate by 20% by the year 2025.

Volunteer opportunities are available for the walk on campus. Online registration for the event closes the day before. For more information about suicide and suicide prevention, visit [asp.org](http://asp.org).

For a full story, check out The George-Anne next Week!

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN IS EXPECTING THREE BABY HAWKS



PHOTO COURTESY OF GSU HAWK-CAM

As a wild red-shouldered hawk in the Lamar Q. Ball Raptor Center at Georgia Southern University for Wildlife Education is soon expecting newborns, students are welcomed to witness the hatching of the baby hawks via live-stream surveillance on the university's website.

Though the red-shouldered hawks, formally known as *Buteo lineatus*, are not official, affiliated animals of the Wildlife Center themselves, they were however, taken in by GSU over the years for shelter.

Aware that they were nesting, wildlife officials monitored the hawks over the span of about three years.

Unsuccessful until earlier this year, three eggs are finally expected to hatch sometime in April.

Installed at the top of an 80-foot tree is a GSU HawkCam constantly monitoring the hawks' conditions, which in addition will notify students with an approximate date and time to watch the streaming. Those interested can stay up-to-date by viewing that cam as well as keeping up with the wildlife webpages of the university's site.

One egg has hatched as of April 6.

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## Letter to the editor

### ZACHARY RAINWATER

Rainwater is a senior psychology major from Powder Springs, Ga.

Culture changes as quickly as the seasons. With it, fashion, social norms and business etiquette becomes impossible to fully keep up with. However, there is one constant in the rushing river; one statement that never goes out of style. Flow, bro. All the way back since Jesus, dudes have been rocking the flow to convey how chill they really are. Everyone knows

how chill that man was, but he's not the only one who boycotted scissors. Duane Allman, Leonardo da Vinci, Thathanka Iyotake and, of course, Tommy Chong to name a few. On top of those bros, I think it's safe to say that Jimi Hendrix and Bob Ross would be rocking the flow too if their curls weren't so full of fluff. Something about giving up on personal hygiene opens a person up to so many other opportunities. The only thing that could possibly add to the glory of having long hair is sporting a thick beard. Not

stubble; like so thick that sometimes Sunday's brunch falls out onto Tuesday's chemistry exam. If you find someone rocking hair past their shoulders and a beard to match, shake his hand. He's probably a wizard.

Just about the only time in history that flow wasn't in style was when it was tied to deadbeat hippies that couldn't be bothered to contribute to society. Sure, freeloaders are the worst kind of people. They took the chill ideals that come with the flow and abused them. However, it's safe to say society has moved past the negative stigma, only to jump

back on the flow bandwagon. It's truly a beautiful time for flow. Unless you don't have a beard. If you have flow and you don't have a beard, pick a new hairstyle.

Girls like the flow. Guys like the flow. Employers usually don't, but don't let that hold you back, fellas. Plant those seeds. Love your hair. Let it grow. As I've gotten older, my hairline has turned against me and my man-bun isn't what it used to be, but I'll advocate the flow until the day I die. If you've got the flow, I salute you. Keep fighting the good fight. I love you, bro.

## An Ode to Flow

## GSU MOLDED MY LIFE



### SKYLER BLACK

Black is a senior writing and linguistics major from Warner Robins, Ga.

There are these periods of time when I'm working, writing or doing absolutely nothing when I have miniature realizations. A good portion of these mean absolutely nothing. But every so often, one hits me

so hard that I have to catch my breath. I have been at Georgia Southern for four years now and I'm inching toward graduation with each passing day. The thing is, I'm actually pretty damn terrified of leaving this community that I've called my home during some of the most amazing years of my life.

When I first came into college, I was a lost, little freshman transition from not having to try at all into busting it to hopefully get a decent grade. By the time that I finished my first full semester here, I had an awakening of how to approach the rest of my career in school. Students around me have become something important to me. Each of them driving me

forward to another milestone in my life. I've met my best friends, favorite people and some of the weirdest professors that have changed me in a way that I cannot explain. I'm at a stage of life where I really can't imagine my life without the people and community of GSU. There was never a moment when I believed that I'd be someone that'll actually miss this little town. But my experiences with organizations, events and classes have shaped me in such a beautifully, wonderful way that I know that when I finally leave the Boro it'll be a bittersweet goodbye. I've found my mentors, my inspirations and the love of my life in a town of almost entirely college students.

Some of the students around me are itching to move to the next stage of their life. I'm just terrified that I'll never find the same connection to individuals that I've made here. People are looking at college students and saying that we are adults now and we are prepared for the world outside of the cobblestone walkways and Southern hospitality. But I have never been one to know what the hell I'm going to do and how I'm going to do it. What I've decided to do, and what I urge all of you reading to do, is jump in with both feet. Don't be held back by the fear of the unknown and embrace whatever is coming next.

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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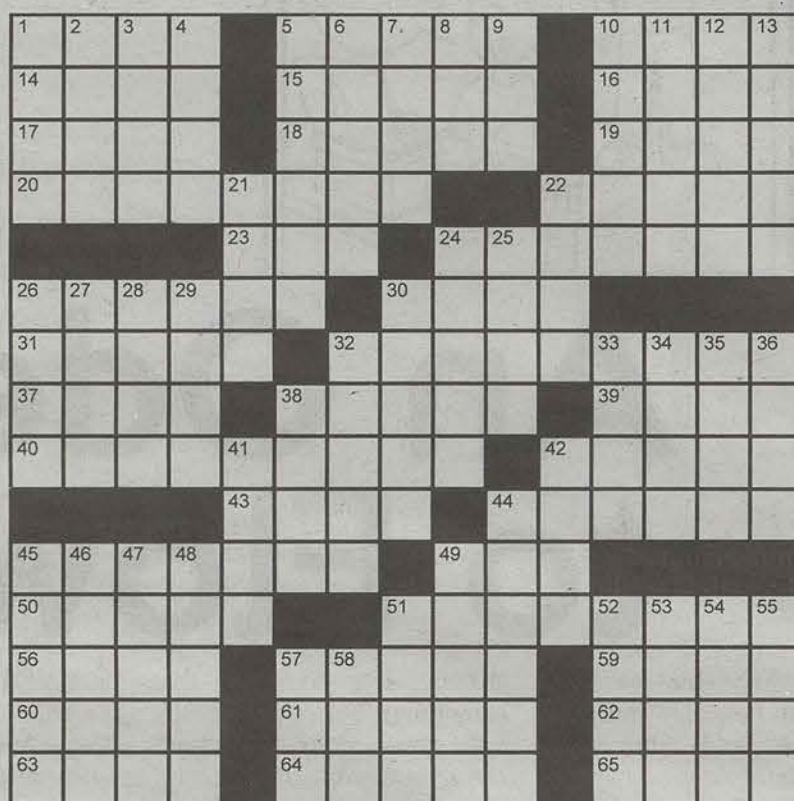
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The George-Anne 4/7/16 Crossword

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**Across**

- 1 Resting place  
5 Spiritual leader  
10 Heidi's home  
14 Field of study  
15 Synthetic fiber  
16 Chick's sound  
17 Regan's father  
18 Creek  
19 Israeli dance  
20 Deli dish  
22 Harts' mates  
23 E or G, e.g.  
24 Rock concert venue  
26 Swords  
30 Pop singer Collins  
31 Extend, in a way  
32 Jack's lookout?  
37 Clearasil target  
38 Lollygag  
39 Astronaut Bean  
40 Infielder  
42 Dialogue writer  
43 Thai currency  
44 Good to go  
45 Get ready  
49 \_\_\_ maison (indoors): Fr.  
50 Schoolbag item  
51 Money lender  
56 Cast-of-thousands film  
57 Pageant crown  
59 Timber wolf  
60 \_\_\_ good example  
61 Admixture  
62 Biblical shepherd  
63 Perceived  
64 Secluded valleys



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- 65 Toy that does tricks

**Down**

- 1 Barber's supply  
2 Lunchbox treat  
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4 Exposed  
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6 Impressive display  
7 Squander  
8 Bleacher bum's shout  
9 Calligrapher's purchase  
10 Garden pest

- 11 Actress Téa  
12 Concealed  
13 Paroxysm  
21 Distort  
22 "The Merry Drinker" painter  
24 Like some cheddar  
25 Very small  
26 Bikini parts  
27 Poland's Walesa  
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29 Antler wearer  
30 1992 also-ran  
32 Wash oneself  
33 Type of order  
34 "What a pity!"  
35 Missing a deadline  
36 Shoelace problem

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41 Skiers' aid  
42 Blueprint  
44 Inevitably  
45 Newspapers  
46 Indian coin  
47 Best of the best  
48 Pie choice  
49 Hammerin' Hank  
51 Not too bright  
52 Put in stitches  
53 King of the road  
54 Do as directed  
55 Game you can't play left-handed  
57 Children's game  
58 Feverish

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## Getting involved

### Student organization renewal process set to begin

BY DEVIN CONWAY AND GEORGE ANDERSON  
The George-Anne staff and contributor

There are a wide variety of student organizations at Georgia Southern University, covering a range of different topics and areas of study. Each offers its members a unique and engaging experience in which they can contribute to campus life and work on mastering their craft.

"There are always people joining organizations, that are looking to find themselves, that can really get a sense of community, and that helps them change their way of life for the better," Nathan Dittmer, senior multimedia film major and Campus Outreach leader, said.

In order for current student organizations to maintain their officially recognized status, the annual renewal process, which consists of an online process via MyInvolvement and the mandatory attendance of a renewal workshop by the President and an accompanying officer of a given organization, must be completed by April 30.

Those who are interested in creating their own student organization must fulfill a stringent set of criteria.

The requirements include having at least four chartering members that are currently enrolled at Georgia Southern University and possess a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA, securing a full-time faculty/staff member of GSU to serve as an advisor to the organization, drafting a constitution and by-laws that will govern the organization and have two of the chartered members complete the

new student organization workshop.

The Office of Student Activities specifies that students are encouraged to consult an Activities Coordinator for any questions or concerns regarding the formation of any and all organizations.

In addition to the aforementioned prerequisites, student organizations are expected to follow a list of general obligations.

The organization must follow its stated purpose and are expected to use allocated student activity funds appropriately in compliance with university policy.

It must also sponsor projects that will 'benefit both the group and/or the university', conform to university policies, submit constitutional amendments to an Activities Coordinator for approval and keep an updated version online, maintain contact with the Office of Student Activities and renew their status each fall semester and attend certain activities that are deemed 'very important' by the Office of Student Activities at their discretion.

For those who may be concerned that their organization may cause conflicts for expressing dissenting opinions or ideas, the Office of Student Activities assures the student body that it doesn't discriminate or promote one point of view over another.

"The University does not approve or disapprove views expressed. The University is

concerned exclusively with the discharge of its educational obligation and to facilitate free discussion of all points of view to the extent constitutionally guaranteed," Cara Wood, Assistant Director of Student Organization Development, said.

Whenever a prospective student organization pledges to uphold university standards and policy, there are a unique set of privileges granted to that organization upon official recognition.

Registered organizations have the opportunity to promote themselves and engage the student body in a number of ways including but not limited to the ability to reserve university facilities and equipment, hold fundraisers on campus, sponsor campus activities, invite speakers to campus, apply for student activity fees, receive honors and awards presented to university organizations and their members, among other things.

Many GSU students are reaping the benefits of their involvement in student organizations.

Dorian Lambert, junior marketing major and VP of Administration at the University Programming Board, said, "On a personal level, I've gained a lot of communication and networking skills. I've also learned a lot of professional skills through my involvement on campus, whether it's video editing, accounting or even some construction through my community service."

"There are always people joining organizations, that are looking to find themselves, that can really get a sense of community, and that helps them change their way of life for the better,"

**NATHAN DITTMER**  
senior multimedia film major and a  
Campus Outreach leader

## SGA RESULTS

### Executive Board

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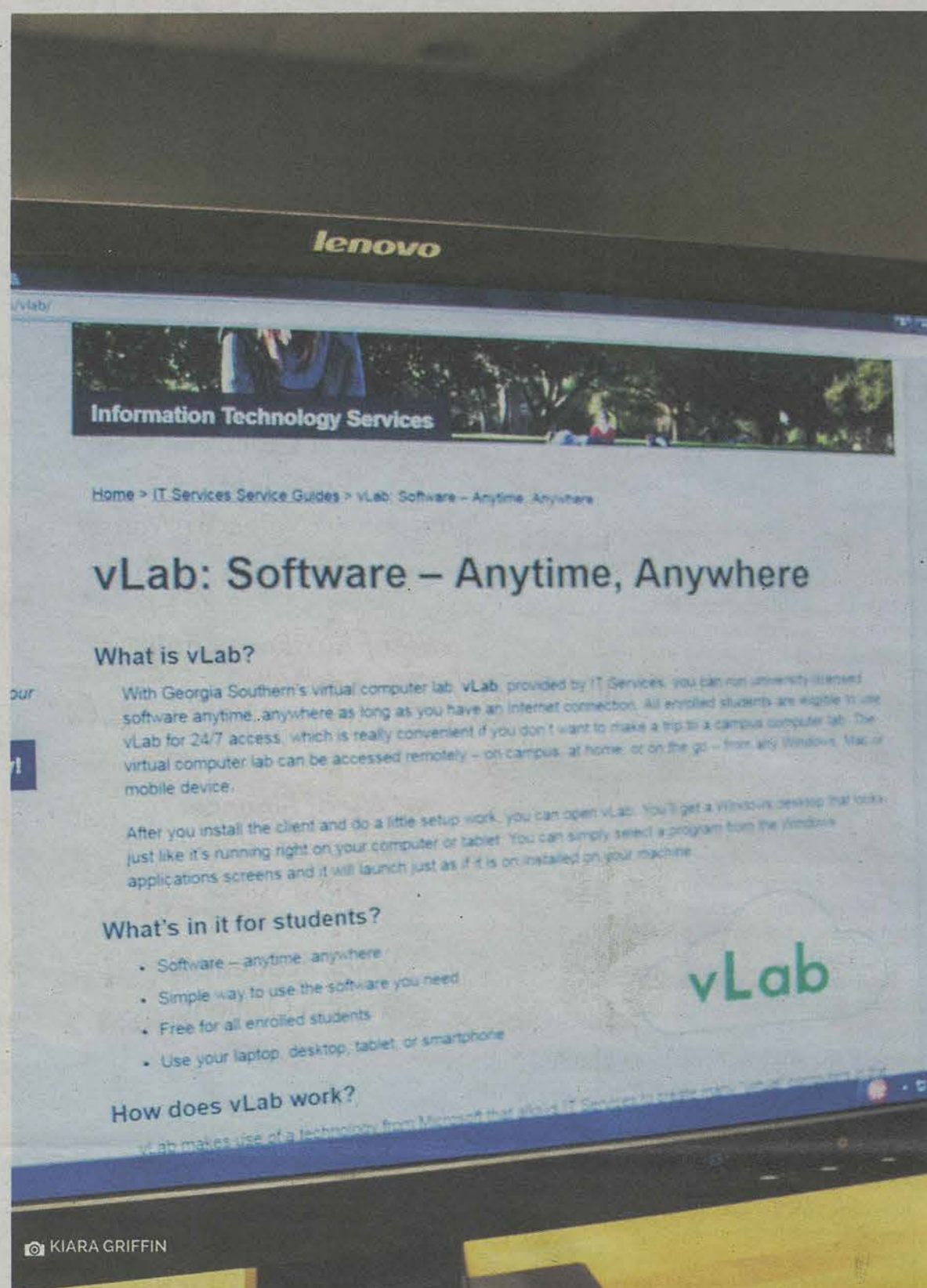
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# GSU goes virtual with new vLab program

BY TANDRA SMITH AND ERIN MCGUINNESS  
The George-Anne staff and contributor



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The vLab program can be found on the mygeorgiasouthern page. All of the software is free for download and available to every GSU student.

Georgia Southern University's IT Services has begun a new virtual computer lab service named vLab, in which enrolled students will now have access to university-licensed software anywhere and anytime as long as they have an Internet connection.

The program was officially launched on March 22, but IT services has been experimenting with vLab since last fall. It has since been through fine tuning, and will continue to grow over the summer months and into next fall.

"[vLab] was a collaboration between our student government, student technology fee committee representatives and our infrastructure group which is responsible for servers and information systems," Steven Burrell, vice president of Information Technology, said. "This is something that we have been working on for more than a year and have been using components of it in different ways up until the culmination of this rebranding and announcement of vLab for general student availability this past month."

The program was largely funded by student technology fees. It was created to help overcome difficulties that individuals were having with Automatic Data Processing (ADP), ease the frustration many students had with having to go on campus to access certain programs and not being able to access programs due to their network issues.

"We needed something that was going to help address [those frustrations] from a student success standpoint so that students can have access to software titles and capabilities no

matter where they are in the world," Burrell said.

Included in vLab are many higher end programs such as Adobe Creative Cloud 2015, which has programs like After Effects and Photoshop, along with Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office Suite 2013, equipped with programs like Word, Excel and Publisher and more.

"I think [vLab is] a really good opportunity for people for their major because it's so much cheaper and I'm glad it won't take up any space on my computer," Kaylee Moody, freshman multimedia film production major, said.

"I think there can be benefits to a virtual world because if [students] work for a company that goes virtual someday, rather than a hard drive we will know how that system works," David Solomon, senior mechanical engineering major, said.

Solomon added that he thinks we have an advantage over other students at universities and colleges who do not have access to virtual software.

"We're in a constant improvement frame of mind. It's good now but we're always going to make it better. We're always interested in feedback from students and faculty," Paul Reaves, communications officer for IT Services, said. "Acceptance will continue to grow and we want to give student every opportunity to excel in the classroom and this is one of those steps."

Students can contact the Center for Academic Technology Support (CATS) at 912-478-2287 or email [cats@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cats@georgiasouthern.edu) with any questions or concerns about accessing or using the virtual lab.

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# Resnet provides streaming services for on-campus residents

BY TAISHA WHITE AND MARQUIETTA GREEN

The George-Anne contributors

Georgia Southern University Housing has teamed up with ResNet, GSU cable provider, to bring GSU students an easier way to get caught up with their favorite TV shows with the new HBO GO app.

HBO Go, a video streaming app, will allow students living on-campus to catch up with a current list of HBO series, like Game of Thrones and True Detective, as well as a variety of genres in other TV-shows and movies in their dorm room or wherever students have access.

"Game of Thrones is my absolute favorite show, so this app will always be a way to catch up on the previous seasons," Sarah Stennet, junior nursing major, said. "I won't miss the chance to watch the new upcoming season 6 premiere, which airs in May. I will probably be binge watching in class."

The HBO go app is an extension to the current HBO service provided to on-campus residents.

"We are just trying to give students greater access to resources that they already have," Ryan Heins, Associate Director of Business and Administration for

University Housing, said. "For us, it's really about maximizing what we can do. What is something else we can add to benefit students in housing."

Students currently in campus housing, not including fraternity or sorority housing, will be able to login and access the app using their Georgia Southern login with no additional charge added to the housing rate, as it has been included into the housing package.

Students who do not live on-campus, however will not be able to access the HBO Go app. If a student were to move to an off campus complex, access to the HBO Go app will be denied the same day.

Freshman psychology major Jacqueline Steward is curious to see if other channels will provide the same access like HBO.

"I currently do not watch HBO, but I probably will start watching it since it's now free to watch and I live on campus," Steward said. "It would be great to possibly add a channel streaming app to also watch our favorite episodes for every channel."

HBO Go began streaming in campus housing in early March.

## HBO Go signup step-by-step process

1. On-Campus residents visit [www.hbogo.com](http://www.hbogo.com) or download the HBO Go app
2. Click "Sign-in"
3. Scroll down to select "Georgia Southern University" from the drop-down menu
4. Type in your Georgia Southern login credentials
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# Police Beat

BY ERIN MCGUINNESS  
The George-Anne contributor

## Update on crime reports at GSU with Interim Police Chief McCullough

### Assault outside Tech Corner- Fall 2015

Investigation into this incident found that the two parties involved had a previous relationship. Review of the video footage found that it was a mutual argument between the parties. Both were arrested and charged with simple battery and obstruction.

### Armed robbery at Cambridge at Southern apartments on Jan. 20, 2016

This case was an agency assist on our part since the incident occurred in Statesboro Police Department's jurisdiction. All investigation would have been handled by them. We do not have any further information on this case.

### Theft at EV bldg. 1- Female Jan. 25, 2016

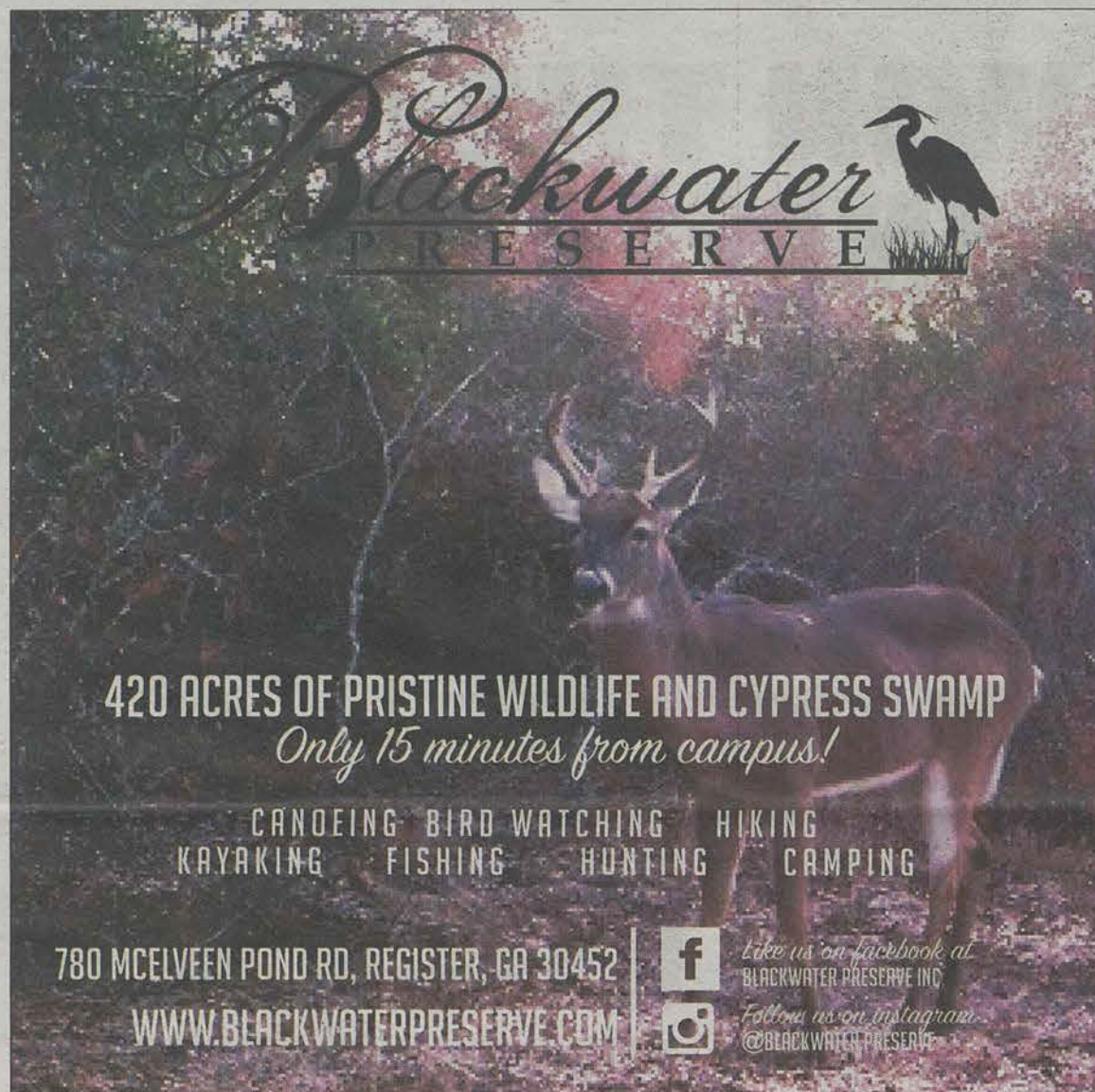
The offender was identified and came to UPD for questioning. They admitted to the theft and returned all of the items taken. Since all of the items were returned to the owner, the owner chose not to press charges. The offender was judicially referred to the Dean of Students office.

### Breaking into vehicles at Freedoms Landing Jan. 26, 2016

Photos of the suspect were sent out campus wide and to the city police department for assistance in identifying the suspect we identified as the one who entered the vehicles. We received no response from anyone and had no further leads to follow. The case is currently inactive until further information is found.

### Hit and Run on Georgia Ave Jan. 31, 2016

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## Students find passion through each other and campus

Members of RAP; Random Acts of Poetry, meeting to discuss ideas and original pieces with each other. Pieces include but are not limited to: poems, raps, paintings and music scores.

BY ARAYA JACKSON  
The George-Anne staff

When they make their stage in front of the University Store, the attention of everyone in the area is immediately grabbed as they spit out the very work that came from their artistic minds. Random Acts of Poetry, or RAP for short, is a student organization for any poet, song writer, rapper, musician, producer, painter etc., looking to bond and grow with fellow artists.

"We give your own area to enjoy yourself and express your own creativity," Stanley Thomas, senior mechanical engineer and active member of RAP, said.

RAP welcomes anyone who may need an outlet, wants to share thoughts or learn from others with the comfort of knowing that you are in a safe and judgmental-free environment.

When describing his first impression of the group, Thomas thought that there was no way his work could be as good. Now for Thomas, he himself is who he was seeing at first. He has grown as a writer and as a person, and that is just how it goes for anyone who joins.

"It allows me to let out my inner demons and release my burdens," Thomas said, "it's not just a hobby, its life."

For Cortney Johnson, a junior biology major, the organization allows her to say the things she wants to

poetry cyphers in front of the University Store at least two Fridays a month. They have also engaged in random bus cyphers and conduct meetings every Monday that anyone interested is welcome to join. One of their events is Conscious Relief, when they all work together to produce music and other art while building community and just enjoying each other's company.

Their biggest event of the year is the Red Wall Lounge. Named after the red walls in Campus Crossing, where the first meetings the group ever had were held, this showcase allows people to come and show off their best pieces of work. It will be held in the Williams Center later in National Poetry Month, on April 21.

"Part of being creative is that fear of rejection, but we all understand that," Oso Morris, junior mechanical engineering major, said.

They want people to join them and share whatever talent you have with confidence.

Morris said, "Everybody wants to be unique, but the most unique thing you'll ever be is yourself."

**We give your own area to enjoy yourself and express your own creativity,**

**STANLEY THOMAS**  
senior mechanical engineer

in a unique way.

"Paper is my therapy session," Johnson said. "Once I got into RAP I was just writing poems and now I'm full on making music."

Like their name suggests, they have random bookstore

Featured poem of the week:

## Amen

by Primetime

Bow your heads  
Ahh man  
What the F\*ck have i  
gotten myself into  
At first when you  
crawling  
everything Seems  
so simple  
Then you start to  
walking  
Pick up pace  
So you running now  
you have your first  
trip up  
Fall down Get back  
up  
Cause you a man  
now  
Amen

All men want to run  
Freely under my  
father's sun  
Light in the sky  
Always keeping my  
aim high  
Graduated from  
crawling  
And went straight to  
walking  
Now we running  
This sh\*t  
Luuuke  
I'm sky walking  
Spread my wings  
And i fly home  
Spread your wings  
You can fly homie  
That's what i tell the  
youth  
Something inspira-  
tional  
That'll make they  
demons jealous  
Ah man  
Amen  
  
Amen  
So be it

This goal of mine  
Is a consciousness  
Goal mine  
And if i die in pursuit  
Of mine  
Then Amen  
No suit and tie  
Just ease you mind  
Cuss ah man  
This life of mine  
Was a trying time  
But all men  
Have they worries  
Spilled guts to get  
Glory ious  
It must feel to be  
Victorious  
Have mercy father  
For the lost souls  
No map  
Compass  
but no needle  
Feeling like a f\*ck-  
ing roach  
Yep a black beetle  
Yeezy taught me  
that  
Jeezy taught me  
that  
You can't ban the  
snow man  
So no man  
Can stop me  
And Jesus taught  
me  
Preserver and see it  
through  
It's your vision can't  
Nobody see it  
the same as you  
What a truth  
For the youth  
Pulpit in the both  
It's all preaching

Something  
all men go through  
Now  
Amen

If you have a poem or song you would like to have featured this month, email your piece to the Features editor at [gaartsandent@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gaartsandent@georgiasouthern.edu).

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# DIY Avocado Hair Repair Mask

The ingredients used in this DIY project are easily affordable and can probably be found around your kitchen. When purchased at Walmart, the checkout price for these items is an estimated \$8 to \$10.

BY ANNIE MOHR

The George-Anne contributor

Summer is fast approaching, and while the sun has made the blondes blonde, it can also leave hair dry, damaged and in need of some serious help. Hair masks can be expensive, but luckily there are hair restoring products right in your fridge.

This avocado based hair mask is made of all-natural ingredients that will help refresh your hair and replenish it of natural oils that are stripped away by the sun.

## The benefits:

- Egg is protein rich and will help strengthen hair along with keeping natural oils that normal shampoo can strip away.
- Avocado is high in fat content, which will make hair less dry and prone to breakage.
- Olive oil will leave hair shiny, and maintain natural oils.
- Coconut oil stimulates hair growth and helps to maintain a healthy scalp.

## Ingredients:

- 1 avocado
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tbsp of olive oil
- 1/3 cup of coconut oil

## Step 1:



Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix together until you reach a smooth consistency. The mixture needs to be completely mashed together which may require use of a blender.

## Step 2:



Apply hair mask from the scalp to the end of your hair. Let the mask sit for 10-15 minutes, and then rinse with cold water.

## The experience:

The process of applying the hair mask can be messy. The mixture will feel like a thick smoothie and it's important the ingredients remain cool or the hair mask will become runny and hard to apply. If done correctly, it should go into the hair as easy as conditioner.

The smell of the hair mask

may remind you of a bowl of guacamole, but it does not linger after it is washed out of the hair.

Since the mask contains no chemicals, it can be used as often as desired. Even after one use your hair can feel softer and smoother. Over multiple uses hair will become stronger and healthier.

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# THE BUZZ LIST

**KAT SHUMAN**

Features assistant editor



► **iHeart, youHeart, we allHeart, the IRMAs:** Of course, the most important thing in celebrity news this week is the iHeart Radio Music Awards. Some notable winners are:

**Most Meme-able Moment:** Taylor Swift's "Crazy Girl" with Running Mascara ("Blank Space" video)... This is not a joke, and the fact that she beat Drake's "Hotline Bling" and Katy Perry's Left Shark from Super Bowl 49 is a pretty big deal.

**Best Fan Army:** Justin Bieber's Beliebers. No surprise! Pretty sure I single-handedly helped him win this award. MY BABY JUSTIN B also won Male Artist of the Year. JS.

► **Are you keeping up with Cait?:** I Am Cait, the new reality TV series documenting Caitlyn Jenner's transition and her journey as an emerging transgender woman in America, tied with I Am Jazz for outstanding reality program at the 27th Annual GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) Media Awards. The show, which raises awareness for LGBT issues, is climbing in popularity. Rest assured, I'm still religiously keeping up with the Kardashians, but now I'll be #KUWC too.

► **Dancing & Duck Dynasty:** America's sweetheart, Sadie Robertson, attended her senior prom with her cousin, Cole Roberston on Saturday. Sadie and her longtime boyfriend, Blake Coward, split up a few weeks ago, but the Duck Dynasty star looked to be having a blast at prom. She wore a stunning Sherri Hill gown and no doubt left Coward binge-watching The Notebook and eating copious amounts of ice cream that evening.

► **JLo + Leo = Friendship Goals:** Jennifer Lopez starred in James Corden's "Carpool Karaoke" special last Tuesday. During the episode, Corden scrolled through Lopez's star-filled contacts and took the liberty of texting Leonardo DiCaprio off of her phone. Corden wrote to DiCaprio saying "Hey, baby. I kinda feel like I need to cut loose. Any suggestions? Let me know." He signed the message as "JLo, you know, from the Block." Before asking, Corden sent the message. Everyone was surprised when DiCaprio good-naturedly responded, "You mean tonight, boo boo? Club-wise?" If this doesn't make you even more envious of JLo (like that's possible) or any more in love with Leo (like that's possible), I don't know what will.

*\*Disclaimer: The Buzz List is a weekly satirical blurb highlighting the ridiculous activities going on in the world of pop culture and beyond. Read to entertain your brain, refrain from taking literally.*

4/7 WEEKLY BUZZ 4/13

Keeping you in the know about Student Affairs and Enrollment Management events, designed with you in mind.

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## SOLD Series - Sketching It Out: Creative Approach to Leadership. Presenter: Jordan Brooks

**Time:** Wednesday, April 6, 2016 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall Room 1915

Sketching It Out is a workshop that asks you to critically think about your leadership style and decision-making skills. Participants will use the creative process to reflect on their organization through drawing and discussions. Personal reflection and discussing concepts like leadership can be difficult because they are not tangible. In this workshop style presentation we will go from the abstract to concrete, manipulating these ideas as we draw them on the page. Participants will leave with techniques to be strategic, adaptable, and fervent in their leadership. Contact Information: Kristen VanNoord at [kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu)

## Eagles Get S.A.S.S.I.

**Time:** Thursday, April 7, 2016 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** In front of the Russell Union Ballroom

In an effort to raise awareness of substance abuse, students will have the opportunity to complete a S.A.S.S.I. evaluation to determine their risk of substance abuse. S.A.S.S.I. is the acronym for Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory. Participants will receive free pizza and wings. Contact Information: [aadoffice@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:aadoffice@georgiasouthern.edu)

## Annual Student Org. Renewal Workshops

**Location:** Russell Union Theatre

Annual Student Organization Renewal Workshop (required for any student organization wishing to obtain Active status for the 2016-2017 academic year). Each organization must send the President and one other student organization officer to ONE of the five (5) organization renewal workshops that are offered in April. We highly recommend that both representatives attend the same workshop together. The Primary Advisor is not required to attend this workshop with the student leaders.

### Workshop dates & times:

- Thursday, April 7th, 5-6:30pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Wednesday, April 13th, 5:30-7pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Tuesday, April 19th, 4pm-5:30pm, Russell Union Theatre
- Monday, April 25th, 6-7:30pm, Russell Union Theatre

Organizations are also required to submit their official renewal request online, via MyInvolvement. Submissions open Friday, April 1st and will close on Friday, April 29th. Contact Information: Kristen VanNoord at [kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu)

## UPB Presents: UnPlugged - Luau Edition

**Time:** Thursday, April 7, 2016 6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Williams Center Multipurpose Room

The University Programming Board has changed the look of Thursday nights in the Boro! Our monthly UnPlugged series offers a relaxed, coffeehouse/lounge type environment for students to indulge in tasty treats and beverages while enjoying a variety of entertainment acts, provided by Georgia Southern's most talented. Faculty/staff/students, do you have a special talent that you'd like to share with the campus? This event is free and open to the public. Students, please bring your Eagle IDs. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email: [upb@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:upb@georgiasouthern.edu) at least 2 weeks prior to the event. Contact Information: [UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

## UPB Dive-In Movie: Daddy's Home

**Time:** Friday, April 8th 9:30 pm (Doors open at 9:00 pm)

**Location:** Recreation Activities Center (RAC) Aquatics Center (Indoor Pool)

Looking for fun on a Friday night? Join the University Programming Board for their biweekly movie series. This event is open to GSU students only. Students must bring your EagleIDs. Concessions will not be provided or permitted at this movie. If you need assistance, related to access for this event, please email [UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu) prior to the event. Contact Information: [UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu)

## SOLD Series - Marketing Your Organization.

**Presenter:** Gerald Hitchcock

**Time:** Tuesday, April 12th 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**Location:** Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall Room 1915

This session will provide key marketing strategies for your student organization, as well as a look at social media and the impact that it could have on your organization. Contact Information: Kristen VanNoord [kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:kvannoord@georgiasouthern.edu)

## Student Conduct: V.A.L.U.E.S. Photo Contest!

**Time:** April 11th - April 15th

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## EAGLES PARTICIPATE IN PRO DAY WORKOUTS

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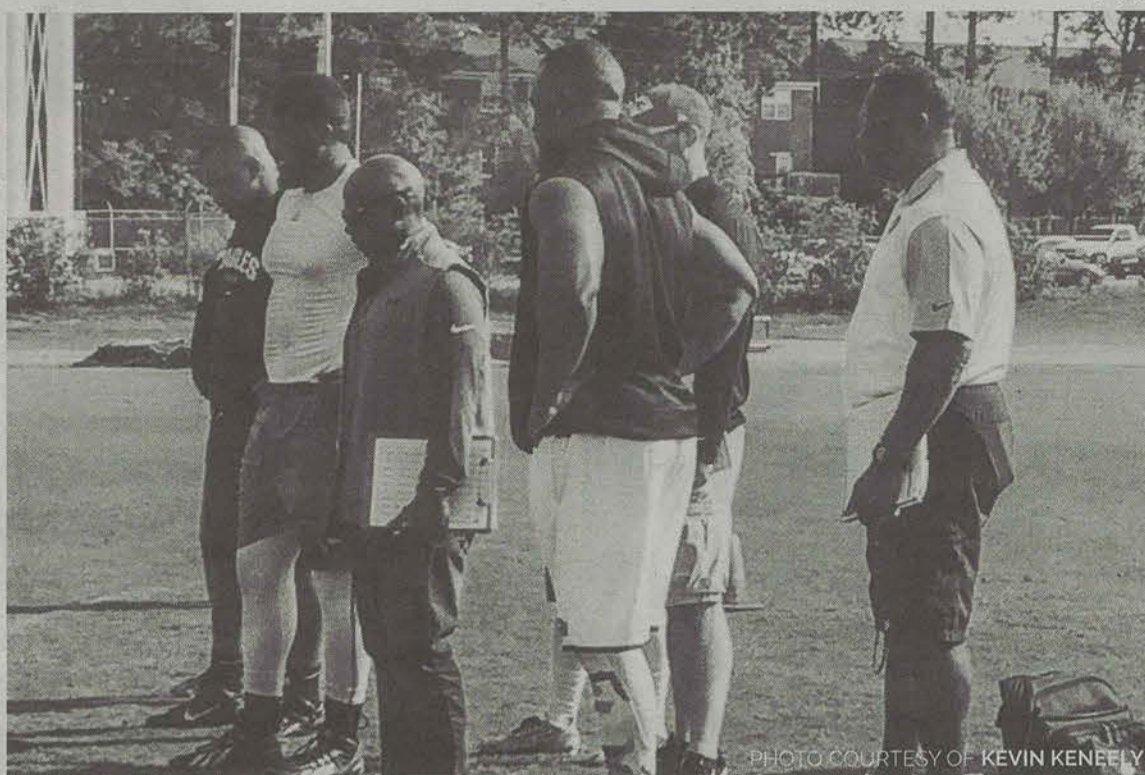
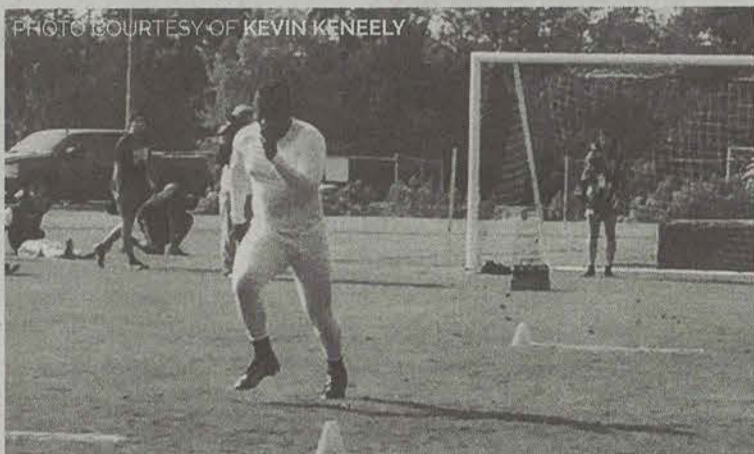


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Left: Raymond Klugey shows off his speed and agility in cone drills. Above: The participants taking a break between drills.

**BY KEVIN KENEELY**  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern put on a show yesterday as 12 former football players had the opportunity of a lifetime to prove themselves one last time to NFL scouts and coaches that they are ready for the next level.

At the Pro Day the athletes showed these NFL scouts and coaches, from over 15 teams, their bench press, broad jump, height and weight, vertical jump, 40-yard dash, shuttle run and the three cone drill.

Yesterday Jake Banta, Roscoe

Byrd, Darien Foreman, Antonio Glover, Tay Hicklin, Derek Keaton, Raymond Klugey, Ryan Longoria, Manrey Saint-Armour, Andre (AJ) Sims, Antwione Williams, Caleb Williams and Nick Wright all took place in the Pro Day.

"I feel that everyone came out here and preformed really well," A Williams said.

The top performers in bench were Foreman with 33 reps, Klugey with 28 reps, Saint-Armour with 24 reps and Antwione Williams with 23 reps.

Glover had the best vertical

jump at 37.5 inches while Antwione Williams came in second with a 35-inch vertical jump.

When Glover stepped up to the flag for the first time, the scouts and coaches immediately pushed the first 30 inches out of the way because they knew Glover had a high vertical.

Glover led the way in broad jump as well with a 10-foot-7-inch broad jump, followed by Keaton with a 10-foot-3-inch broad jump and Antwione Williams with a 9-foot-10-inch broad jump.

Overall, the top performers of the day were Antwione Williams and Glover as the scouts and coaches could not stop raving about them.

"It feels good to be able to show these scouts what I can do," Antwione Williams said.

Antwione Williams' favorite moment of Pro Day was being asked to run the 60-yard shuttle. Before yesterday, he had only run it once.

Glover on the other hand thought that being able to perform in front of GSU one last time was the best moment.

"I'm very appreciative

and very thankful for this opportunity," Glover said.

With the NFL Draft exactly three weeks away, these players are doing all the last minute preparations and meetings they can in order to increase their draft stock.

## GEORGIA SOUTHERN SETTLING IN WITH NEW COACHING STAFF

Running back Wesley Fields works on his technique during drills. The sophomore is looking to improve off of his strong freshman season.

**BY KEITH SMILEY**  
The George-Anne staff

Even though the football team has only completed six practices under new head coach Tyson Summers, players are starting to get comfortable as spring football season reaches its midpoint.

Running back Wesley Fields, a player Summers deemed to be one of the leaders of the team, has been trying to become comfortable with the

change and had high praise for the things Summers says to him in order to get better.

"Just be positive. Basically it's a saying he always say, 'get comfortable with being uncomfortable'," Fields said.

Communication was still the focal point of practice entering the third week of spring season. Summers believes that the team's progression hasn't come from moving on to new things, but improving the things that they do well

now. Another thing the Eagles continue to focus on is keeping up the tempo. It may be the same option-based offense, but players feel that things are much different under their new head coach.

"Tempo is a little faster, but we all getting adjusted to it now. It's starting to click. A few more days, we will be there," Fields said.

Spring practice has been different this time around when it comes down to

physical contact at practice. The Eagles use to be limited in contact during the week under former head coach Willie Fritz. However, Summers has a different mindset in that if you're going to do it Saturday, you should do it during the week.

It seems that GSU may have some tricks up their sleeves this season, as Summers was reluctant to give away all of his gems on if the team will be more pass friendly. This is the

case certainly for the running backs, but he is surely confident that his running backs can play wide out if implemented.

"I certainly think that all of our backs have the ability to catch the ball and to be able to play in space and I certainly hope we can implement them in the offense," Summers said.

The Eagles will return to the practice fields this afternoon at 3:15 p.m.



TAHIR DAUDIER

# GEORGIA SOUTHERN TRACK AND FIELD MOVES TO OUTDOOR SEASON

BY DERIK WUCHTE  
The George-Anne staff

Two weekends ago, the Eagles track & field team started outdoor competition. Coming off of four meets indoors, Georgia Southern will compete in five total outdoor invites before the Sun Belt Outdoor Championship on May 13-14. The team had good performances during the indoor season, and now they're seeing some of that success translate to outdoors.

In fact, school records have been getting broken from only two competitions outdoors. The team just came back from the Florida Relays and they are already looking ahead to the Spec Towns Invitational hosted by Georgia.

Junior Kelsey Arnold launched a 51.76 meter throw in the hammer throw event, making herself the new record-holder for

Georgia Southern University. Sophomore Rebecca Parker ran a 11:28.30 in the 3000 meter steeplechase, making her the new record-holder for that event in Georgia Southern history. Arnold's historic event happened at the UNF Spring Break Invite; Parker's took place at the Florida Relays.

Both players earned top five finishes in the indoor season, making their successes transitional. They have been able to keep their momentum moving and continue to do well during the second half of the season.

At the UNF Spring Break Invite two weekends ago, senior Keyanna Harris was one of the four Eagles to find a top five finish for her event.

For some track & field competitors, moving from indoors to outdoors has its major differences. Harris helped to explain.

"For field events, it's not as

hard except for the throwing," Harris said. "The throwing instruments they throw during indoor are different than the instruments that they throw in outdoor. For most of the jumps, it's really similar, which is nice. It's easy to build off of what you've done during indoor. For track events, I know that my teammates feel, depending on their race, it can be a big transition. Basically, indoor, it seems like you're running twice as much when you're running the same thing."

Each competitor varies in their adaptation from indoor to outdoor. It depends on the aptitude of the player and their ability to adjust to a new environment.

"When you are going from indoor to outdoor, sometimes it can feel easier. You're like, 'Okay, I only have to do one lap,'" Harris said. "But other times, that one lap will feel so long compared to what you're doing in indoor."



FILE PHOTO

The Eagles have just three meets remaining before the conference Outdoor Championships. They will compete in Athens, Ga. this weekend.

Three outdoor invites remain before the Sun Belt Outdoor Championship. The Eagles will be busy this weekend in Athens, Ga, but they will have next weekend off. GSU is continuing to learn more about themselves with every meet and the team is always looking to better themselves every time they compete.

"For the freshman, they're looking really strong and building off of their performance in indoor," Harris said. "For a lot of the freshman, they hadn't done indoor before. They'll be more comfortable

with the outdoor track and the environment in outdoor. I feel like, for the seniors, we've been through this. We're trying to push through. We're really excited to be in our last season because it's bittersweet. We're trying to show the freshmen and all the underclassmen some good leadership and go out with a bang."

Spec Towns will be an all day invite on Saturday, April 9 in Athens. That is where the Eagles will be competing next. The War Eagle Invite will follow on April 23.

## Raley shows consistency and composure in freshman season

The Milledgeville native has put together a 14-8 record with a 3.57 ERA.

Raley looks for the signal for the next pitch. She and the rest of the team will host Appalachian State this weekend.

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS  
The George-Anne staff

The Eagles are 20-17 and 6-3 in the conference so far this season. Their play has put them in the thick of the Sun Belt title race and the pitching of true freshman, Dixie Raley, has been a major key to their resurgence.

Raley is one of only two true freshmen who play for Georgia Southern this season and she's gotten a hot start to her career. She's tied for wins in the Sun Belt as she boasts a 14-8 record. She is second in the conference with 12 complete games and sports a 3.57 ERA and 121 strikeouts.

The Eagles are now third in the conference with a 6-3 conference record trailing South Alabama and UL-Lafayette. They plan to pick up ground on their conference opponents behind Raley's arm talent and their offense in their upcoming series matchups.

"I want to get more strikeouts, I'm third right now in the conference and I want to get closer to at least second," Raley said.

Being a student-athlete and freshman in college, the difference between high school practices and collegiate practices were something that hit her on the first day.

"It wasn't exactly how I thought it was going to be. I think it was a lot longer than I thought it was going to be, a four hour practice [that was pretty intense]," Raley said.

Her home, Milledgeville, and Statesboro are similar in the fact that they both have a small town feel, but there are a bit more people than her hometown, due to GSU's presence. The best impression Statesboro has had on her so far has been the food and football. Raley and her teammates also love to go out to eat together and watch sports.

"We eat, we like to go out to eat a lot and watch sports. When the Super Bowl came on we got together and we just hang out and chill," Raley said.

The chemistry shown between her and her teammates are shown in their games played this season. They always cheer her on when she struggles at the mound at times and help her when she gets frustrated. Her team is willing to help her through the ups and downs and there is no other person that has been through it all with her other than fellow true freshman and roommate, Hannah Farrell.

"We're the only true freshmen on the team and we've kind of done this all together. She's definitely my go to person," Raley said.

Raley's experience at GSU, whether it's sports or social, has shaped her into the person and player she is now and she'll only continue

to progress throughout her collegiate career. Her teammates will be crucial in her success going forward as well as her own mentality to keep getting better.

Her future is bright for her and for Eagle softball, but behind the stats and the game, Raley is a student-athlete who has adjusted to the college life and is enjoying her college experience.



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### Meet Dixie Raley

**Favorite music genre?**  
Country Music.

**Favorite song?**  
Low Life by Future feat. The Weeknd

**Favorite vacation spot to visit in the future?**  
Bora Bora

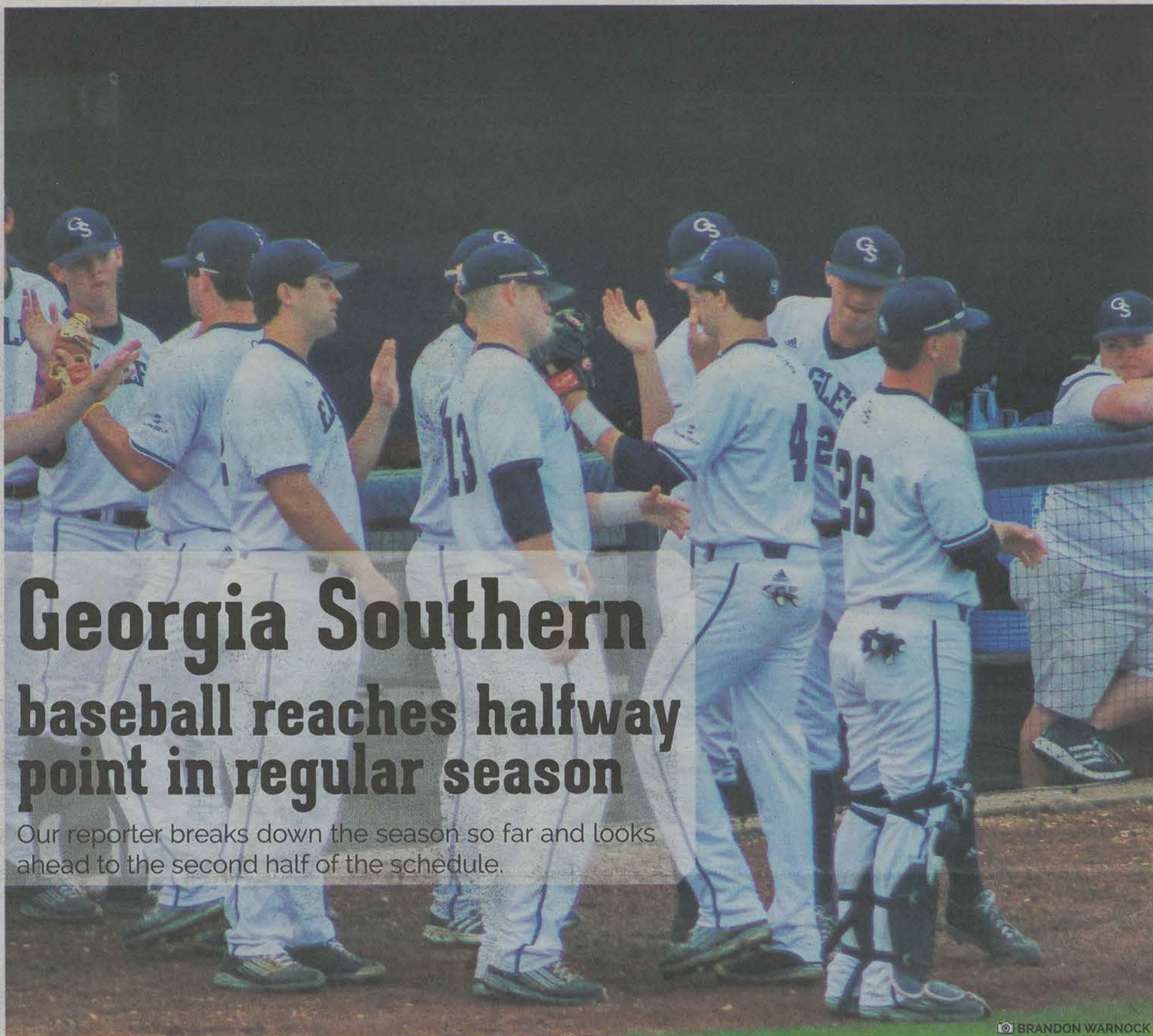
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## Georgia Southern baseball reaches halfway point in regular season

Our reporter breaks down the season so far and looks ahead to the second half of the schedule.

Georgia Southern is 17-12 on the season and tied for fourth in the Sun Belt. They will host UL Lafayette this weekend.

**BY KEVIN KENEELY**  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern baseball team is entering the second half of the season with hopes of regaining momentum and winning the Sun Belt.

GSU is 17-12 on the season and 6-6 in conference play, tying them with Little Rock at fourth place in the Sun Belt.

Entering the season the Eagles were awarded a pair of first place votes in the coaches poll, but were projected to finish sixth in the Sun Belt.

The team has been riding the success of their starting rotation, which has a combined 2.44 ERA and a 9-5 record from its main three starters, Evan Challenger, Brian Eichhorn and Chase Cohen. In Sun Belt play, the three have a 5-1 record and both Challenger and Eichhorn have a sub 2.00 ERA.

The team's offense has been superb during conference play while outdoing their Sun Belt opponents in batting average,

runs, hits, doubles, home runs and runs batted in.

Ryan Cleveland is leading the way in terms of offensive power this year with seven home runs on the season, three away from his career high, which he set last season.

The only real concern the team is facing at the midway point of the season is on defense. With 43 errors on the season, the team has let some games get away from them and has resulted in them having a record worse than it probably should be.

GSU has proven that they can play with the best teams in the nation, as they have beat the #24 ranked College of Charleston team twice and has sent Georgia Tech, who at the time was ranked #17, into extra innings.

With the team's success on both the offensive and pitching sides, they are poised to have a great run to finish the season as long as they can fix their defensive miscues.

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# Eagles gearing up for last regular season competition

The Georgia Southern women's tennis team is riding a two-match winning streak heading into the final stretch of the season.

Top: Paige Christian rears back for a forehand.  
Bottom: Giulia Riepe returns the ball over the net.

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The Georgia Southern women's tennis team stands at a solid 11-7 record on the season. Their recent wins over Sun Belt Conference opponent UL Monroe and out-of-conference Savannah State have put the Eagles on a winning streak again. They will be closing out the regular season this weekend before entering the postseason in late April.

The team has met some of their tougher competition this season from Sun Belt rivals, Georgia State and South Alabama. Two weeks ago, the Eagles met both opponents in Troy, AL and suffered losses. They have been able to take back a win over UL Monroe to push their conference record to 1-2, but they are still looking to be solid competition with their remaining Sun Belt foes.

"We have some really tough competition. We played some tough matches, but I think we can be contenders," freshman Lindsay Truscott said. "I think our team has been working really hard and we can contend with these teams. Hopefully we do well in conference."

Truscott has been the No. 3 spot player for the Eagles this season since competition play started in January. They will need big matches out of her and the other singles players against Troy and Appalachian State this coming weekend to ensure a higher seed in the Sun Belt Championship.

"It's a mental thing. Tennis is a very mental sport," Truscott said. "When you're down, you need to know how to get yourself back up. With your teammates, you all know how to pick each other up and get back to where we were the day before or the match before."

With every other remaining competition being away, the team will need to channel all their focus ahead.

"Basically, my teammates help me a lot. It's something you that you got to learn how to do. You have to move on," Truscott said.

GSU will need to push past Troy and App State to set their sights on a championship. Last season, it was South Alabama that claimed the Sun Belt Championship. Their win over UT Arlington secured their postseason triumph. Although none of the Sun Belt teams on this side of the conference have seen UT Arlington this season, the Mavericks 13-3 record now makes them a contender again. The end of season tournament will give the Eagles their second chance at a Sun Belt Conference championship and another chance for postseason success.

GSU will play Troy on Saturday, April 9 in Boone, NC. They will then play App State that following Sunday, closing out their regular season competition until the Sun Belt Championship starts on April 21.



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