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High: 86°  
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Low: 59°

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High: 85°  
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Sunday



High: 83°  
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We have reached the boiling point of the year, and I'm not just talking about the weather. With temperatures peaking at 96 degrees this weekend and a high chance of storms on Sunday, it looks like studying should be done indoors this weekend.

## Weather Bar

### NATHAN DEAL SIGNS BILL TO ALLOW FUNDING TO CENTERS WHO DISCOURAGE ABORTIONS



PHOTO COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA

By DJ Fullmer

Nathan Deal signed a bill yesterday allowing for funding to pregnancy resource centers, who offer aide in pregnancies, to discourage abortions.

According to Guttmacher Institute, cited by jacksonville.com, this makes Georgia join 10 other states to allocate funding against abortions. They also continue by stating there were 72,500 abortions reported in Georgia in 2013.

Opponents of this bill argue this will cause deceptive advertising techniques and there are other ways to lower abortion rates like sex education.

The proposal is starting at \$2 million that will go to funding all these resource centers. However, Deal has not made an official amount yet, and will have until Tuesday to make a final statement in preparation for the financial year (July 1).

### GEORGIA CAN NOW LEGALLY REQUIRE YOU TO PAY FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY

Nathan Deal signed Senate Bill 356 yesterday which could require a person to pay for their animals' care if they have their animal seized.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, animal advocates immediately cheered from this signing.

Debra Berger, the Georgia state director for The Humane Society of the United States, was thrilled by this passing, which focuses on the financial burden it takes to have to care for all the animals that are abused.

"We congratulate all our partners in passing this important law to help put the financial burden of caring for abused animals on the abuser, rather than on the taxpayer," Berger told the AJC.



### THE GEORGIA FILM ACADEMY HAS OPENED A NEW SOUND STAGE

By DJ Fullmer

The Georgia Film Academy has now unveiled its new 15,860 square foot sound stage which will be used to train budding film makers the ins and outs of production life.

According to the Atlanta Journal Constitution, the sound stage was opened to sync with the beginning on a 10-week summer program, "Semester on Set."

The Georgia Film Academy was created by Nathan Deal earlier this year in order to efficiently train more people in film making. With Georgia's ever increasing bank of movies filmed here, Georgia needs to fill 3 to 5 thousand jobs in the next five years. Deal hopes that this academy will effectively fill these jobs with qualified workers instead of having to bring more people from the LA area.

This academy will train "...set dressers, mixers, boom operators, camera assistants, dolly-grips and other movie, film and television production jobs," the AJC reports.

If you are interested in being apart of the program GFA is offered at these colleges:

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## JUST GEORGIA THINGS: ROOSTER PATROL



By DJ Fullmer

Norcross, Ga. in Gwinnett County, is having a rooster problem. The roosters are waking them up at odd hours of the morning, and causing health concerns for children from their droppings.

CBS News reports the roosters have been let loose in order to avoid being fined up to \$1,000 for owning them since they are illegal in Gwinnett County, and only chickens are allowed in Norcross if they are in a pen.

The roosters are apparently seen forming gangs going yard to yard causing trouble. These gangs are such a nuisance the local police department has had to create a rooster patrol, with a specific goal to find Rodney the rooster.

If you have any information on Rodney and live in the Norcross area, call the local police department.



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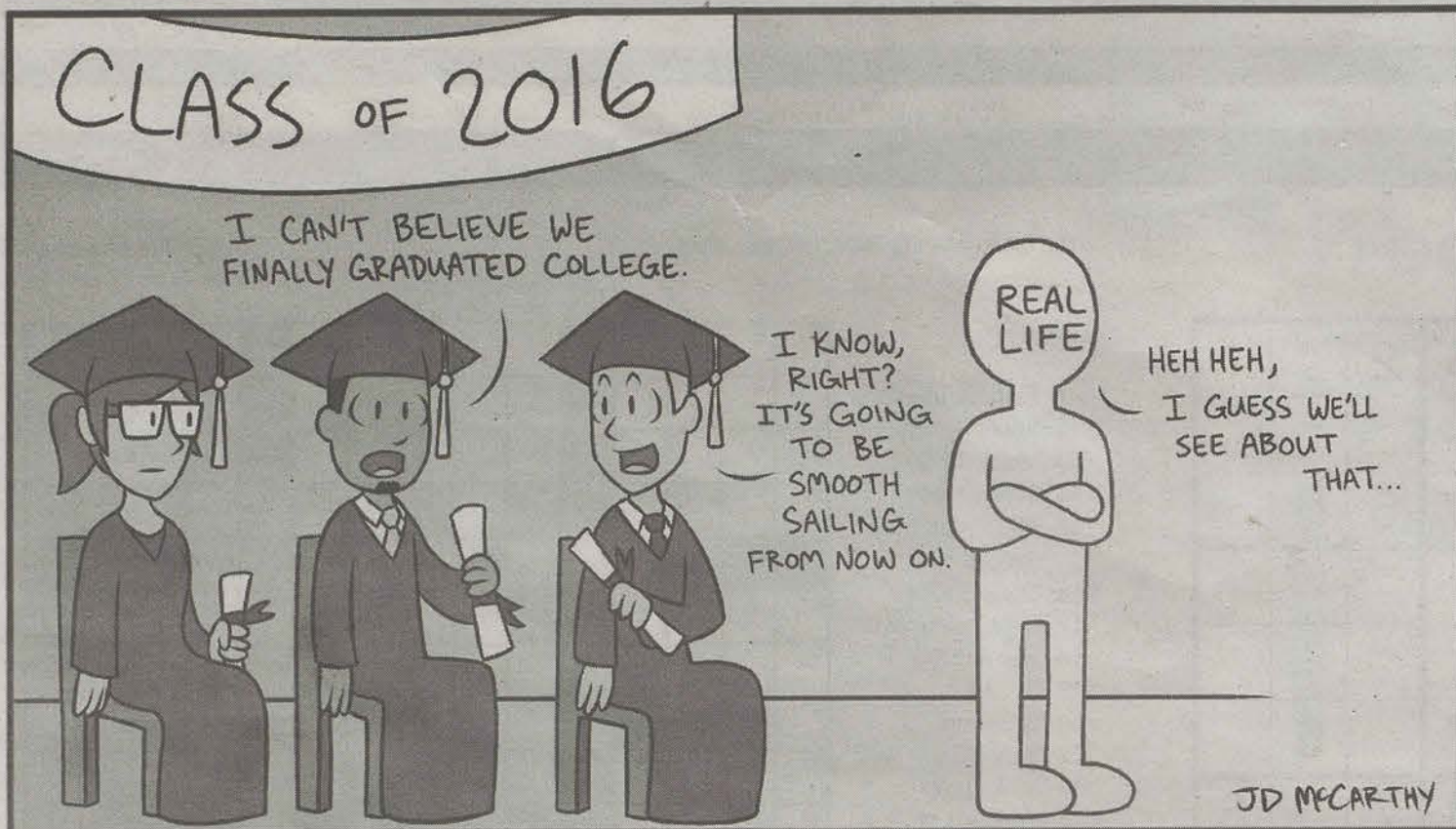
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# Thanks for the memories



**LAUREN GORLA**

Gorla is a multimedia journalism major from Warner Robins, Ga. She has worked with Student Media for four years.

I've thought about this column for months now. I have dreaded the moment that I would finally sit down and try to put four years worth of memories and experiences into a few hundred words.

I have seen many goodbye columns come and go over my four years of working here and always wondered what mine would eventually look like. Would I be sad to

leave but grateful for all the great people I met? Maybe I would throw up a middle finger to the haters (you know who you are), or come to some great conclusion that college is just a phase in our lives and we are more than the GPA we graduate with.

While all of these columns would be fine and dandy to write, it's just not that easy to translate what happens in our offices to the greater Georgia Southern community.

No one understands the satisfaction of blasting "Ignition (Remix)" at the end of layouts, or why we would ever give up every Monday and Wednesday night of our lives to making a paper that someone will always find a problem with.

I couldn't begin to explain why our jokes are funny or why my face will live on in the office photoshopped to Lana Del Ray's album covers.

Our movie nights, potlucks, seemingly endless

meetings, staring contests, desk knick knacks, squad trips to the Union, they're all just things that from the outside look weird or mundane. But for us, they're the critical foundations of who we are within Student Media.

Student Media made me. The people that I met these past four years each had their own little moments of teaching me and shaping me into who I am now, a person who in a short week and a handful of days will be a college graduate.

The time has come to leave Student Media behind, and to move on to "bigger and better things." And while I'm sad about closing the door to the newsroom one last time, those bigger and better things would not be possible without four years of hard work and support from the people who grew to be some of my closest friends.

So, here's to the people who believed in the overeager freshman who so

desperately wanted to get every front-page byline. The sophomore who had no idea which major would be the right one. The junior who thought maybe her life was figured out only to have a wrench thrown in the plans. And finally, to the senior who was lucky enough to come to work every day surrounded by her friends.

None of the great things I've done or the memories I have would've been possible without the collection of people I've met over these four long, rewarding and memorable years. Keep being great, and don't forget about your graduated friends who still want the late night snaps at layout and typos in the paper.

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# It's a bittersweet goodbye



**KATIE TOLBERT**

Tolbert is a senior multimedia journalism major from Charlotte, Nc. She has worked with Student Media for four years.

Tuesday night of this week I ate really good Oreo cheesecake and little bread bites that surprisingly

ended up being filled with whatever makes pizza taste so perfect. I also attended my last Student Media banquet.

This semester's banquet was my eighth, but I can honestly say it was the best. When I first joined Student Media, way back in fall of 2012, I remember going to the banquet because it was an obligation, and my editor was going to call me out at the next staff meeting if I wasn't there to represent the sports crew.

This semester, as an executive for Student Media, it was the furthest thing from that. It was like a family reunion. It was like I was getting sent off into the world by some of my

biggest supporters. Over the past four years, I have made a home for myself at Student Media, and it sure is bittersweet to have to leave.

Learning how to be a manager, learning how to be a teacher and learning how to work on a board were some of the hard things I had to cope with this past year. But, creating lasting relationships with so many people, getting involved all across the Statesboro community and finding myself along the way were some of the things that have made my senior year the greatest year at Georgia Southern yet.

Student Media allowed me to grow at Southern as a

journalism professional and as a student trying to figure out life. I am so lucky that back when I was a freshman I was not afraid or hesitant to get involved immediately.

Whatever it is that you are passionate about, I guarantee there is something related to it at GS. Don't wait; don't second-guess yourself, you could potentially be missing out on one of the best decisions of your life.

I want to thank Student Media for all the experiences and the memories I have gained along the way. And, yes, that includes all the eight banquets that I will forever hold near and dear to my heart. I want to thank everyone who has helped

guide and lead me in the direction I am in today. Georgia Southern and the people I have met along the way have surpassed everything I could have hoped for out of a university. Goodbye Eagles.

# A change gon' come



**CYDNEY LONG**

Long is a senior public relations major from Franklin, Ga. She has worked with Student Media for three years.

When I was nine years old I decided I wanted to be an obstetrician. In high school, I took health occupation courses and dual-enrolled to get my Certified Nursing Assistant certification. Junior year I was looking at colleges and comparing pre-

med programs. As a senior I visited Georgia Southern and was impressed by the stats and biology department professors. It was raining (of course) on our tour of the campus, but that didn't stop me from falling in love with this school.

SOAR came and went and I was so pumped for college. I was so pumped, in fact, that I signed up for BUILD and came here two weeks before classes started to volunteer with GS. My family moved me into my dorm and classes started that Monday. I quickly realized that a major in biology was not what I enjoyed. I tried to stick it out my second semester here, but my heart wasn't in it anymore. I am the extrovert of extroverts; I thrive on social interaction. I had two friends from back home I grew up with, one of

them was my roommate, but other than that I hadn't really made significant connections with any other people. After a long conversation with my mom I decided I wanted to do something that would let me meet and communicate with new people. I changed my major to public relations and picked up a minor in Spanish.

This decision not only changed the course of my college career, but my entire life. From that point I began to look at things with a new perspective. I joined The George-Anne where I've helped students tell their stories. I've planned events and managed social media to help Student Media share its stories. I learned how to swing dance. I've made some of the best friends and had some of the best times of my life. I've taken

the opportunity to study abroad, which has been the best experience in my 22 years, all thanks to this one decision.

So in this first and last column I'd like to say to my family: thanks for being the best, most reliable support system. To my professors: thanks for pushing me to see things from different perspectives. To my Student Media family: thanks for the skills, the laughs, the fun, the opportunities, basically everything. To my Swing Cats family: thanks for the trips, the crafting, the all around great times. To my roommates: thanks for showing me what friendship really means. To GS: thanks for becoming my second home for what seems like has been forever.

President Obama once said, "Change will not

come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." Change is different and can seem terrifying, but what happens as a result can be exciting. And that excitement and not knowing is the beauty of it. Embrace the change head on. Make the decisions that seem scary but also give you butterflies. And do all this with your head up.



# GS offers new minor in public administration

BY Blakeley Bartee and Tandra Smith  
The George-Anne staff

For students interested in the study of public and nonprofit management, the Georgia Southern University Institute for Public and Nonprofit Studies (IPNS) will offer the new undergraduate minor in public administration by Fall 2016.

According to Trenton Davis, public administration associate professor and director, the minor will be taught by faculty from the public administration graduate program, and will introduce students to many topics within the field of nonprofit management.

"The minor is for any major or student who is interested in a career in government or the nonprofit sector, or a career that might work with the government or nonprofit sector," Davis said. "For instance, even journalism majors, who may be covering local government or city council meetings and that sort of thing, knowing something about how the government or how public administration works can be very helpful."

According to the GS website,

the minor requires 15 credit hours in courses covering topics such as public budgeting and finance, administrative law and management.

"The curriculum was designed to give students a great introduction to the field, so that covers a lot of topics, including public administration, but also nonprofit management, law, public policy and leadership. So it covers areas that are both of interest to those wanting to know about the government broadly, but who also may be interested in working in the government," Davis said.

For students who plan to devote their lives to nonprofit work, the public administration minor offers management studies tailored to their aspirations.

"The new minor is interesting because it's not traditional. Something unorthodox. Instead of helping yourself, you're helping the community," Saurabh Ali, freshman chemistry major, said.

While the IPNS encourages students from

all undergraduate majors to consider minoring in public administration, Davis admits that the minor will likely attract students from social science and liberal arts majors.

"Traditionally, these types of minors draw students from political science, criminal justice and, in our case at Georgia Southern, public health—for those majors that require a minor, it could be helpful. History is another great option, [or] sociology. For a lot of the traditional social science and liberal arts degrees that require minors, this is a great option," Davis said.

According to Davis, public administration classes will begin during the Fall 2016 semester, and students can currently enroll in the courses.

"[The minor] sounds interesting. You can do good things for others," Esperanta Valesco, junior math major, said. "If I decided to do a non-math minor, I would do this one."

## Students taking the public administration minor must choose 15 credit hours from the following:

PBAD 3231 Introduction to Public Administration\*

PBAD 3431 Public Budgeting and Finance

PBAD 3631 Introduction to Nonprofit Management

PBAD 3731 Public Policy

PBAD 4231 Administrative Law

PBAD 4331 Leadership and Managerial Innovation

PBAD 4431 Special Topics in Public Administration

PBAD 4731 Field Internship in Public Administration

## Voting underway for 2016 Homecoming theme

BY Taisha White and Blakeley Bartee  
The George-Anne contributor and staff

### 4 Topics You Can Vote For

☐ Eagle Arcade

☐ Southern Homecoming

☐ Back to the Future

☐ Olympic Games

The Georgia Southern University Programming Board (UPB) is giving students a chance to choose the 2016 homecoming theme through a poll on MyInvolvement, accessible from MyGeorgiaSouthern.

Students may choose from four different themes: Eagle Arcade, Southern Homecoming, Back to the Future and Olympic Games.

"Maybe Back to the Future or the Eagle Arcade would be a good theme," Surjania Awer, junior psychology and pre-med major, said. "The Eagle Arcade idea would be interesting, because there would be a lot of games

involved, so you can't go wrong with that."

Ashlynn Jenkins, the spirit and tradition chair of UPB, believes UPB should give students a chance to vote for the theme.

"UPB was created to be the voice of the student body and bring incivility and creativity to the campus," Jenkins said. "Giving the student body the opportunity to have an input in the homecoming vote is a way to get everyone involved in the events that go on at our school."

In the past, GS has had homecoming themes like the 2015 Las Vegas, or "Las Southern" theme. Every

year, the UPB hosts events to raise the homecoming spirit.

"My hope for this homecoming is that they have more stuff for us to do during that that makes it feel like homecoming week," Jessica Vernon, junior psychology and pre-med major, said. "Doo-dah is really cool, so I would like to see more things like that."

Preparation for Homecoming 2016 will begin this summer, and theme voting ends July 15 at 5 p.m.



# UPD names new police chief

BY ERIN MCGUINNESS

The George-Anne contributor

Laura McCullough has recently been elected Chief of Police for Georgia Southern University after serving as the Interim Chief since May 31, 2015. McCullough has risen in the ranks at the GS Office of Campus Security over the past 11 years.

McCullough started as a patrol officer before progressing to being a shift supervisor for patrol, a criminal investigator, an assistant chief director, interim chief of police and finally chief of police. McCullough stated that her diverse roles have given her insight into the dynamics of each division and each department of campus safety.

"I think that being here and having the ability to experience and work in every single one of those roles has helped me to understand where they are, what their needs are, what their day to day issues are that they deal with and hopefully have that understanding when there's issues, and concerns and things we need change," McCullough said.

Chief McCullough hopes to lead the department towards being a more professional agency with modern policing, while also creating community engagement with the students by creating various student geared programs. McCullough's goal is to make the "Large Scale, Small Feel" slogan exemplified by the campus police.

"I think it's important for the chief to have relationships with students because it makes them feel that they can come to her or her department, without hesitation," Charlotte

Mason, senior public relations major said.

Although McCullough feels that the department has excellent group dynamic and open communication, she believes that the Office of Campus Security faces a problem with the rapid expansion of the campus.

"We have increased a lot of our training that we do here with our officers, we've increased a lot of things that we require of our officers and added a lot of specialized training that we think our community needs," McCullough said.

Campus Carry has been a topic of conversation around the campus. McCullough expressed that she thinks the fewer guns on campus, the safer everyone is.

"I understand the proponents that are for the second amendment and I don't oppose the second amendment. I think the way the law stands now is good but if they do decide to move on with it in some other form, we as a department will go along with that law," McCullough said.

The campus safety department has incorporated an active shooting exercise offered to officers and students at Georgia Southern.

"I think public safety is important to our campus for a number of different reasons, the most important being that it gives students a sense of protection," Mason said. "It's a vital part of college campuses to make students feel like they are safe, and this is something that I believe the department should always strive for."

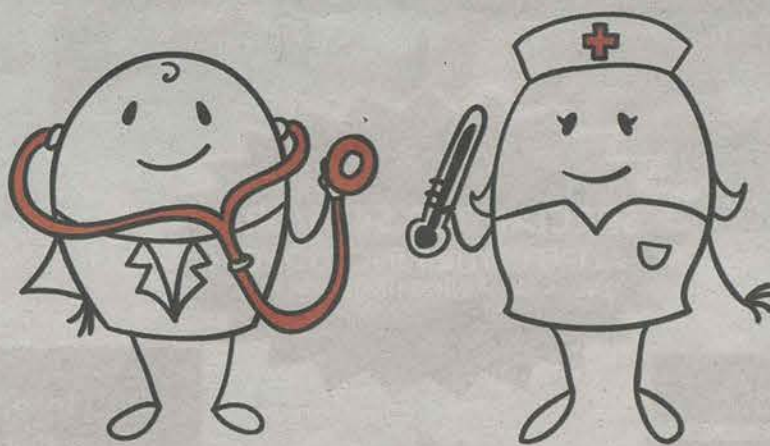
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Laura McCullough began her career at UPD 11 years ago. Her main goal as Chief of Police is to increase community and student engagement.

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# University announces 2016 spring commencement speakers

**BY TANDRA SMITH**  
The George-Anne staff

Stephen Harmon, professor and chair of the learning technologies division in the College of Education and Human Development at Georgia State University, and Carol Burrell, president and CEO of Northeast Georgia Health System, will be Georgia Southern University's 2016 commencement speakers.

Burrell will give her speech during the undergraduate commencement ceremony which will take place in Paulson Stadium on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 9 a.m.

According to a press release from the university, Burrell has over 30 years of experience with a wide variety of clinical operations. She graduated from Georgia Southern with her bachelor's degree in medical technology and has been named one of the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend Magazine.

Xavieria Jeffers, senior double major in political

science and history hopes that the commencement speaker will give encouraging words to not only herself, but her fellow graduates as well.

"I think [the speakers] should address what they had to overcome after graduating and some of the trials they faced. I hope the speakers are funny, inspiring and most of all I hope they give us meaningful words to live by," Jeffers said.

Harmon is the graduate commencement speaker. Their ceremony will take place Friday, May 6 at 1 p.m. inside of Hanner Fieldhouse. This will be Harmon's first time giving a commencement speech at the university level. Harmon says he is excited to be speaking at GS.

"GS has a great reputation. For me to have the chance to give my perspective to these great folks is an honor and a privilege. It allows my thoughts to expand from what they normally would be to. Hopefully I will say things that will make the world a better place," Harmon said.

Many senior students are surprised by how fast time has flown by, but are glad to be finally graduating.

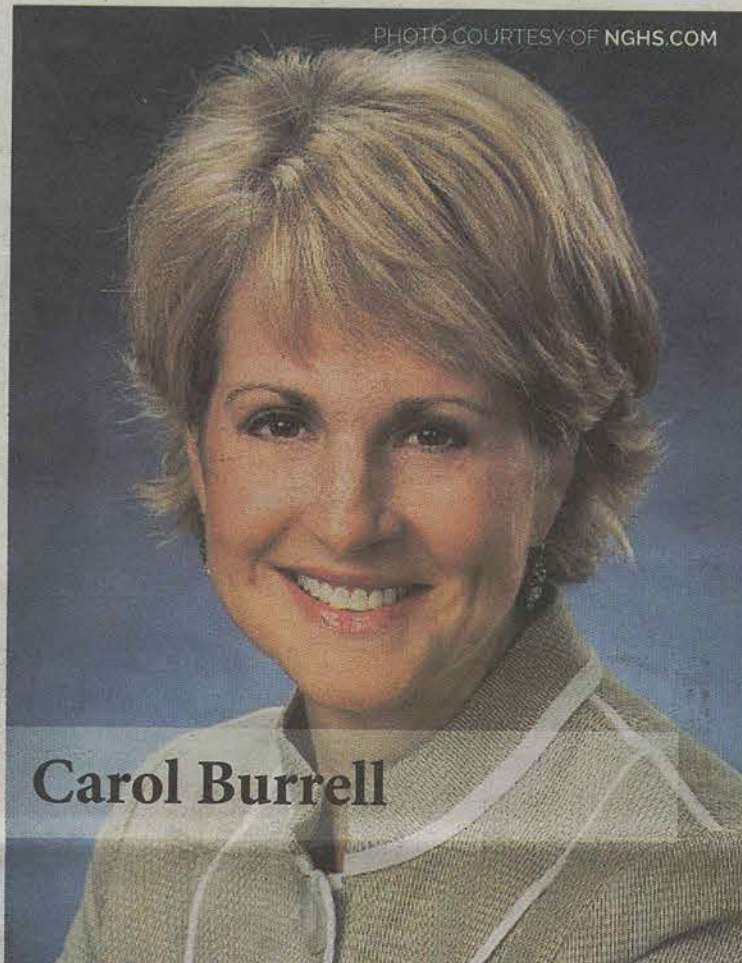
"It's weird that four years have flown by so quickly and I can't believe it's time to finally graduate from Georgia Southern," Alexis Beatrice, senior accounting major, said.

Beatrice wants the commencement speaker to be able to offer them some guidance and advice for the future.

"I know so many people are nervous about the future and I believe it would be beneficial to hear about what [the speakers] did after college to transition into their next step," Beatrice said.

Both commencement ceremonies will be streamed live and available to watch on [georgiasouthern.edu/commencement](http://georgiasouthern.edu/commencement).

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**Carol Burrell**

Carol Burrell is currently the president and CEO of Northeast Georgia Health System. She graduated from GS with a bachelor's in medical technology and is very active with volunteer work in her community.

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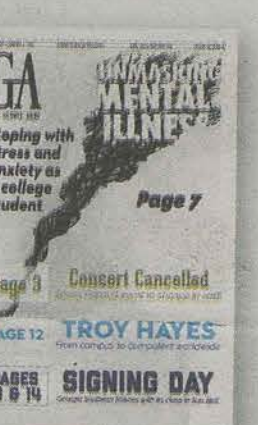
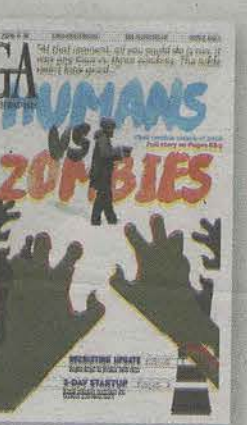
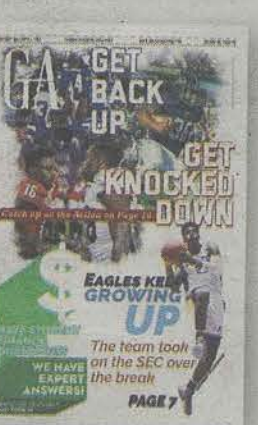
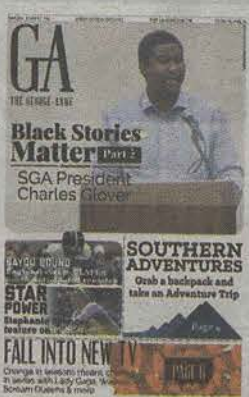
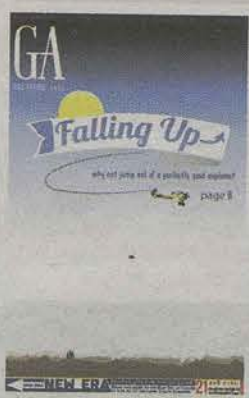
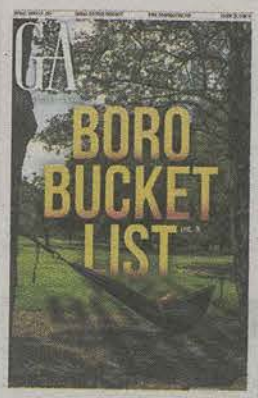
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**Stephen Harmon**

Graduate commencement speaker, Stephen Harmon, is currently a professor and a chair at Georgia State University. Harmon wants students to realize that their true strength lies with being experts in learning.





# YEAR



# REVIEW



# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Aug. 20: Fashion Merchandising & Apparel Design (FMAD) program named Top 50 fashion design schools in the US.



Nov. 16: Georgia Southern NAACP releases a list of demands for the administration and hold sa protest in response to a Facebook post by a GS student



Aug. 25: Three Tree coffee opens new location



Sept. 12: GS FB wins first non-conference, FBS game over Western Michigan.

Oct. 19: Memorial garden next to Nursing and Chemistry building dedicated to nursing students

Nov. 10: GS student, Briana Ward, becomes Miss Black Georgia

Nov. 21: GS FB takes UGA to OT on national television, but loses 23-17.



Dec. 2: GS WBB beats Savannah State 64-48, giving Kip Drown his first win at GS as head coach.





**Dec. 23:** GS FB makes first bowl appearance and defeats Bowling Green 58-27 at the GoDaddy Bowl in Mobile, AL.



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**Feb. 23:** GS MBB beats Georgia State 54-52 at a sold-out Hanner Fieldhouse on national television.

**March 5:** Angel McGowan scores her 1,000 career point against ULL.

**March 7:** Campus Carry passes both Houses. Awaits Gov. Deal's approval

**April 6:** Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., named 13th president of GS



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**April 7:** John-Warren ticket wins SGA election

**April 9:** Gov. Deal vetoes 'Religious Freedom' bill

**April 20:** Families of nursing students reach settlement with trucking company



**Jan. 11:** New Health Center opens across the PAC

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**Jan. 25:** GS MBB beats App St. 101- 100 on last-second four-point play by Mike Hughes.

**Feb. 8:** Harley Strickland becomes Miss GS



**Feb. 21:** Shooting at Aspen Heights

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**March 28:** Shots fired at 111 South

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## The Past Behind the Pastry

Statesboro local rolls out a new path by becoming a pastry chef

CRISTEN GULLATT



Top: T. Chad Montgomery, owner of 4&20 Bakers, talking to customers at Three Tree Coffee roasters. Left: In the near future, Montgomery's pastries, such as his Guinness-Bomb and Lemon-Blueberry cake, will be available for purchase at Three Tree.

BY TOM BARSZCZ

The George-Anne contributor

With this year coming to an end, one can't help but look forward to the adventures summer can bring. It's important to know that one must always be inspired. As college students in a time of great technological and ideological expansion, there are so many individuals around us to learn from and be encouraged by, especially here at Georgia Southern.

This is the story of a man who is not only a local business owner, but part of our GS community as well, T. Chad Montgomery. Montgomery owns and runs a completely organic and raw pastry company out of his home and farm in Sylvania, Georgia known as "4 & 20 Bakers." There, he grows all of the produce for his unique pastries to create the 'wicked good' taste only 4 & 20 has to offer. As a Marine, ex-bodyguard, business owner, former college football player, professional bass fisherman, counselor for troubled youths, sustainable farmer and innovator of the culinary arts; Montgomery can truly inspire the uninspired.

### The Beginning

Born and raised in Bridgewater, New York, Montgomery said that he began pursuing his interests for cooking and farming early in his youth.

"I've always wanted to be a chef, so I was excited to be in a kitchen even at an early age," Montgomery said.

At the age of thirteen he worked as a bus boy in a local restaurant in his hometown, giving him the chance to see life in the kitchen. At the age of sixteen, he worked on a local dairy farm which exposed him

to the life of working for self-sustaining produce. From there, he went on to join the marines at the ripe age of seventeen, where he was stationed first in Southern California and then in Japan. During his time out of state and abroad, Montgomery acquired different culinary influences from different cultures. After his time in the Marines, Montgomery returned to New York to start his first business and eventually attended Morrisville State College. There, he studied animal science with a focus in equine studies.

"I've always wanted a hobby farm as a kid, so that's why I studied horses," Montgomery said.

### College Years

During his time at Morrisville, Montgomery worked at an Eckerd's, which eventually sponsored him as a professional bass fisherman after placing top 50 out of 1600 anglers at a Wal-Mart hosted Bass Fishing League. During his early years as a professional bass fisherman, Montgomery was featured as a guest on ESPN's "One More Cast with Shaw Grigsby."

After graduating from Morrisville and spending some time casting for Eckerd's, Montgomery went on to working with troubled-youths in Lancing, New York. He would take them out to his family farm and teach them how to grow, camp, hike and cook. His charitable work didn't stop there. Montgomery went on to be a co-founder of an organization called "Cross World Africa" which has aided children and farmers in Africa to this day.

Story continued on [www.thegeorgeanne.com](http://www.thegeorgeanne.com).

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# THE FINAL BUZZ LIST

## MATT SOWELL

Sowell is a multimedia journalism major from Waycross, Ga. He has worked with Student Media for three years.



We interrupt your usual Kat Shuman Buzzlist to bring you me, Matt Sowell, for one last hoorah. After three years of riding the struggle bus (gold route) it's time to buy a metaphorical parking pass and graduate. This buzzlist isn't about actual celebrities, it's about the best people I've ever met on campus and me throwing shade and saying goodbye. So, without further ado:

► **Rashida Otunba**, all around bad-ass and future celebrity, was last seen panicking even though nothing is wrong. Girl, you're my best friend and there's no way I can fit everything into this. I promise senior year is better than junior year, and when it does get bad you know where to find me. I'm proud of how far you've come and can't wait to see where you're going.

► **Meg Elwood**, future Vogue editor and successful soccer mom, is spending the summer in Chicago. Watching you go from a scared candidate to the most kick-ass person I've ever met has been a treat. You're going places, don't let anyone hold you back.

► **Ian Leonard**, adopted son with severe abandonment issues, is allegedly the new boss of the George-Anne. Son, I'm proud of you. Sorry I can't always be around. To prove I'm a good dad (newsroom dad) you're welcome to come visit literally anytime you want.

► **Lauren Gorla**, future president, continues her climb to the White House one day at a time. Sorry I put "shitty" in the paper junior year, and sorry for doing it again just now. I'm glad we're friends, never give up because you seriously will probably be the President one day.

► **William Price**, handsome beer snob who is aggressively chill, is finally returning home after a long internship that started at the same time as our friendship. You're probably the most laid-back and well-put-together person I've ever met. Never change and please never stop replicating angsty snapchats.

► **Casey Cargle**, former employer but current friend, is probably mad that I haven't uploaded this on Town News. I'm sorry.

► **Skyler Black and Macy Holloway**, cutest couple that ever dated, need to literally date for the rest of forever. Seriously guys, you're both adorable and perfect for each other. You make people like me believe that love is more than a plot line in every Netflix show ever.

► **Katie Tolbert**, current employer and also friend, I'm sorry I missed almost every Circle meeting. Thank you for not beating me up even though you totally could. I can only wish I was as motivated and organized as you. In fact, in grad school I'm going to start using "WWTD" (What Would Tolbert Do) when I have to juggle school, jobs and relationships.

► **Kiara Griffin**, coolest person I know, keep up the confidence and keep in touch because you're the closest to being friends with Beyoncé I'll ever get.

► **Heather Yeomans**, enigma but still perfect, has been MIA for years now. Seriously, I only see you after I've had alcohol. Are you real? Are you just a hallucination? If you're just a vision induced by alcohol, I'm going to keep drinking because when you're around life is great.

► **Kenneth Lee**, cinnamon bun of a human, is probably smiling somewhere on campus right now. Man, you make the cloudiest days sunny. Keep on keeping on and never stop writing.

► **Dr. Broadway and Dr. K**, professors who have taught 80 percent of the classes I've taken and somehow never killed me, are allegedly going to pass me and let me graduate on time despite a lot of panicky emails and walking into opinion journalism almost five minutes late since day one. Thank you for being such great teachers and never giving up on me. I promise that, if we're friends after I graduate, I won't send as many emails worrying about grades and life.

► **Sammi Reid**, newsroom mom, reportedly lives in Savannah. Please show me how to be a Savannah native because moving scares me.

Everyone else, you guys rock. Student Media changed my life. I know it's cliché and cheesy, but I'll never forget these last three years and the things I've learned. Work hard but take time to enjoy life, never take shit unless you deserve it and never take yourself too seriously. With that, I'm flying away like Freedom at a football game. Peace out.

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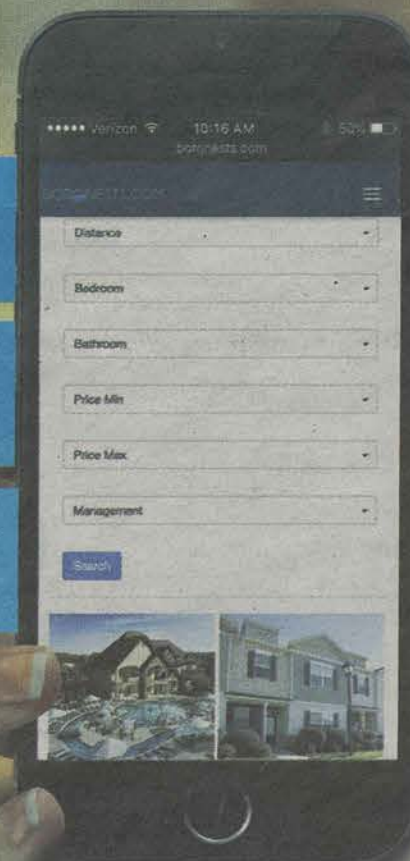
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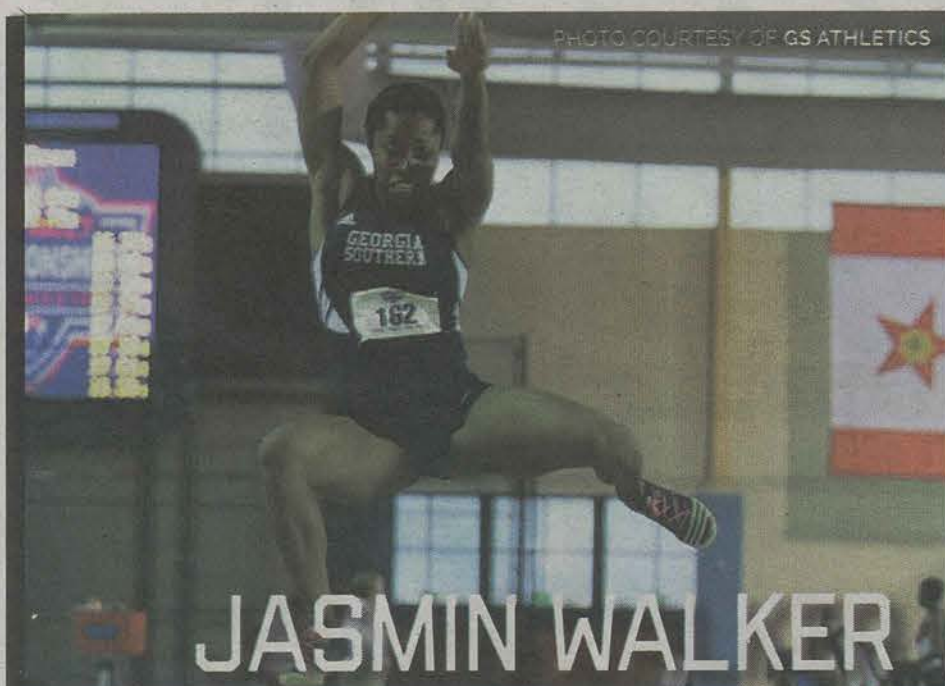
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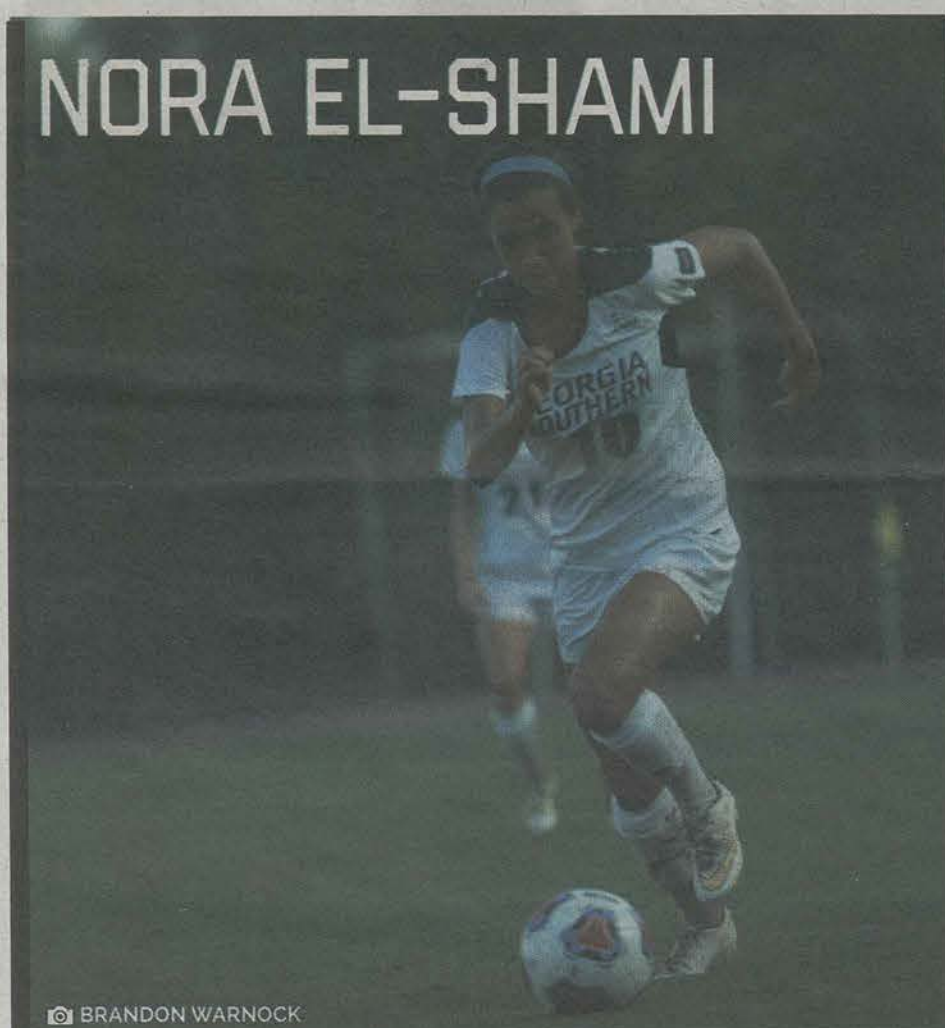






## JASMIN WALKER

Senior Jasmin Walker recorded a few first place finishes in her final season as an Eagle. Her event of the long jump made her an elite, on both indoor and indoor and outdoor competition.



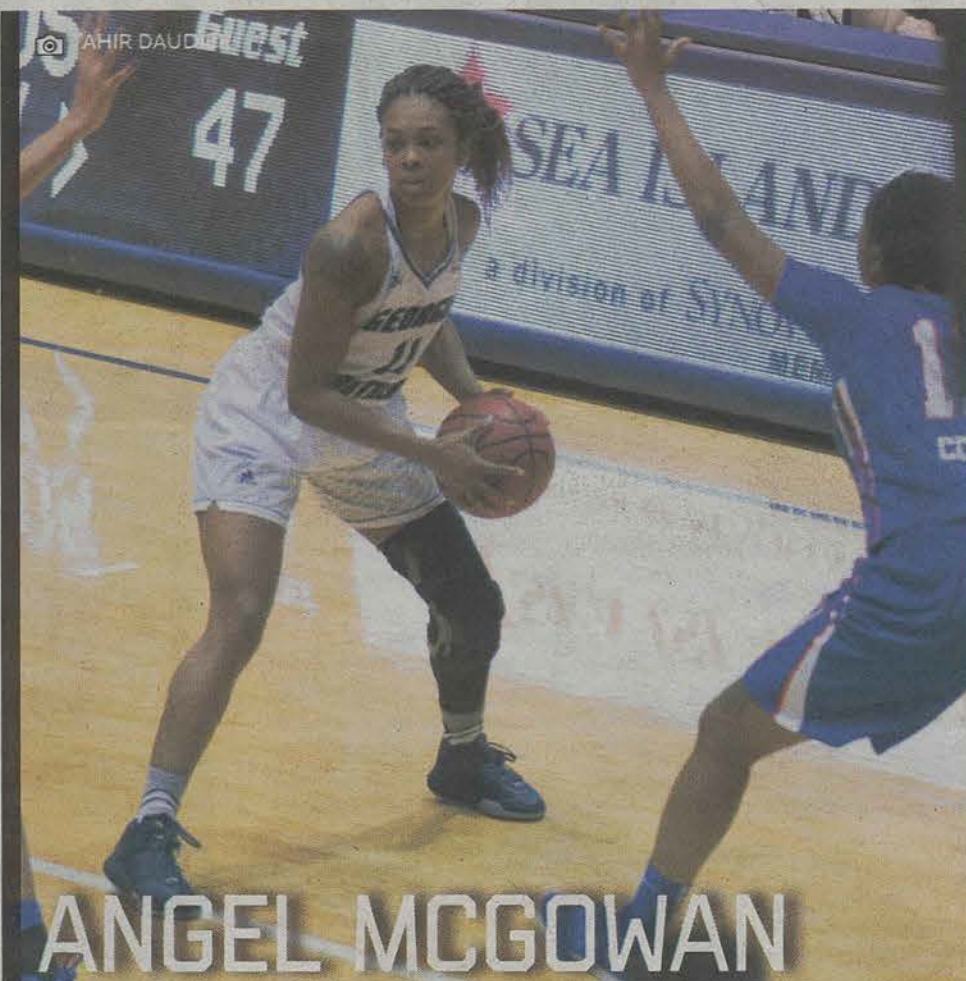
BRANDON WARNOCK

El-Shami is the MVP because of how well she performed on offense this season. She led the team with 30 points, while scoring nine goals and attaining 12 assists, both of which are career highs for her.



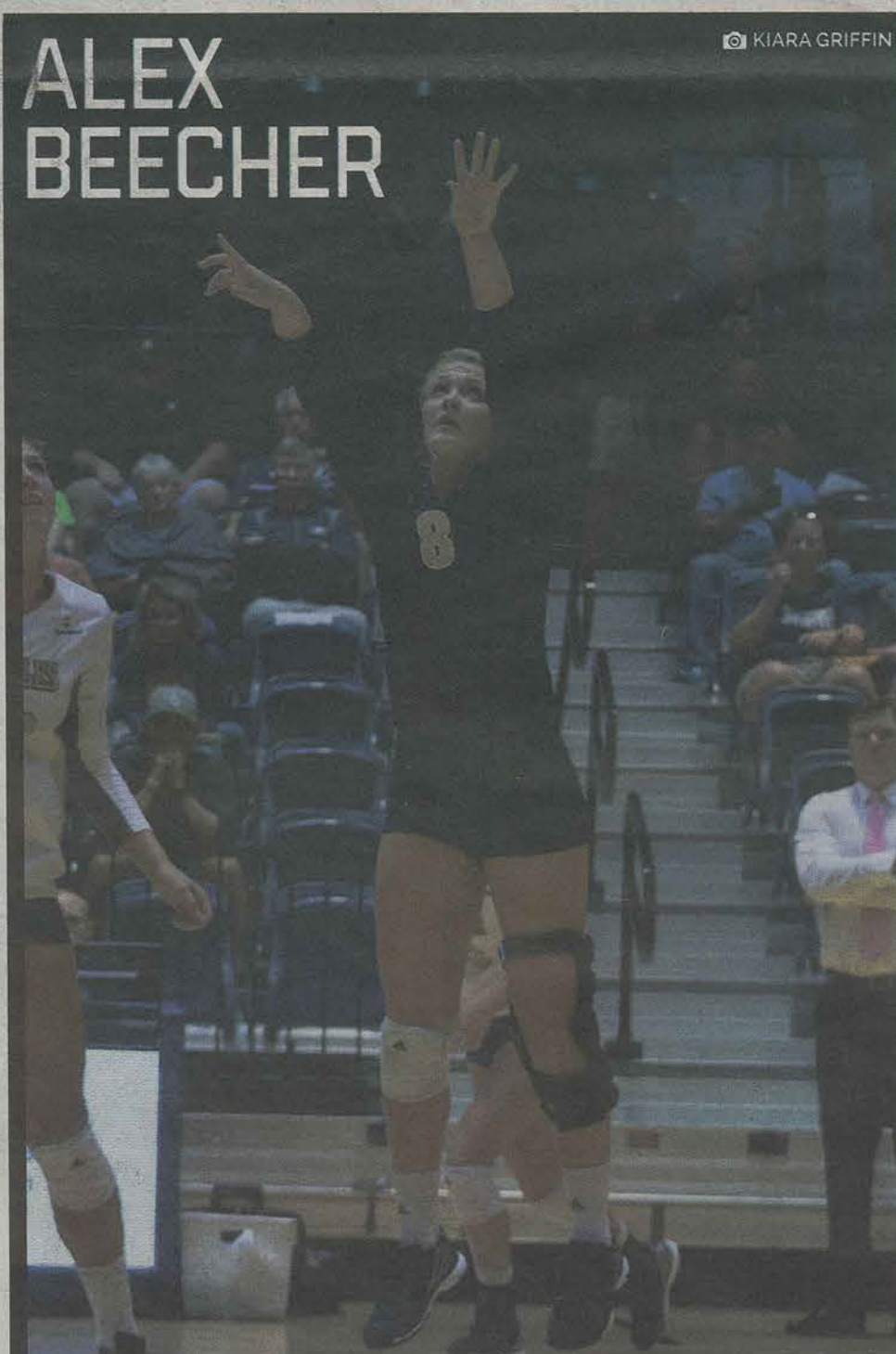
## GIULIA RIEPE

Junior Giulia Riepe competed at the number one spot for women's tennis this season. She found a great number of wins, ensuring the team another winning season.



## ANGEL MCGOWAN

The MVP for women's basketball this year goes to junior shooting guard Angel McGowan. McGowan led the Eagles in points averaging 14.7 points per game. McGowan also scored her 1000th point in the final game of the season against UL Lafayette. Whenever the Eagles needed scoring and needed someone to make a play, McGowan was their go-to player.



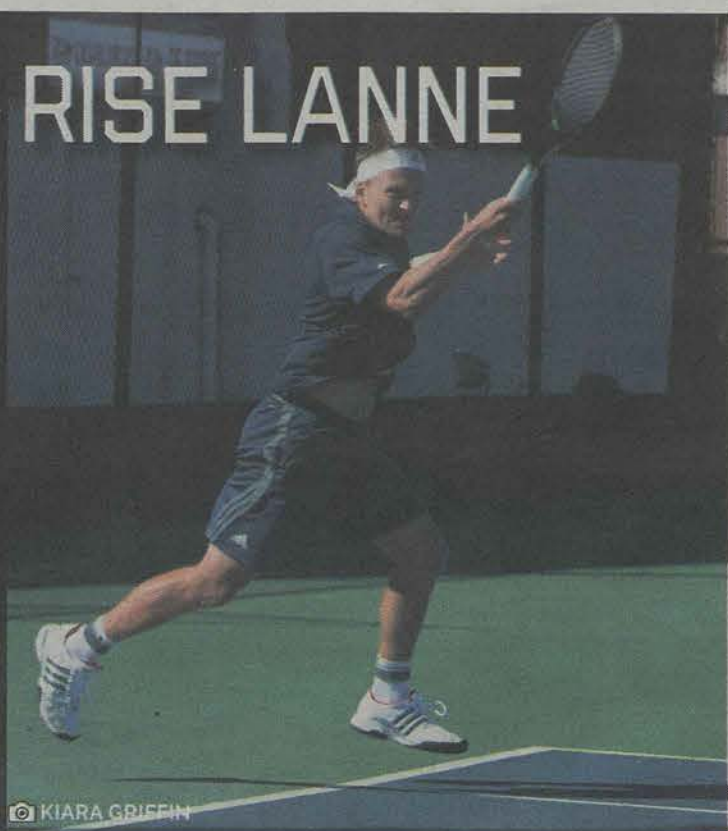
## ALEX BEECHER

Redshirt senior Alex Beecher, a team captain, headed the team as the defensive specialist. Her ability to save games with clutch digs helped the team throughout the season.



# GS MVPS OF 2015- 2016 SEASON

## RISE LANNE



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Senior team captain Rise Lanne helped lead men's tennis to one of the biggest seasons in program history. His play at the number one spot inspired his teammates and will be remembered for years to come.

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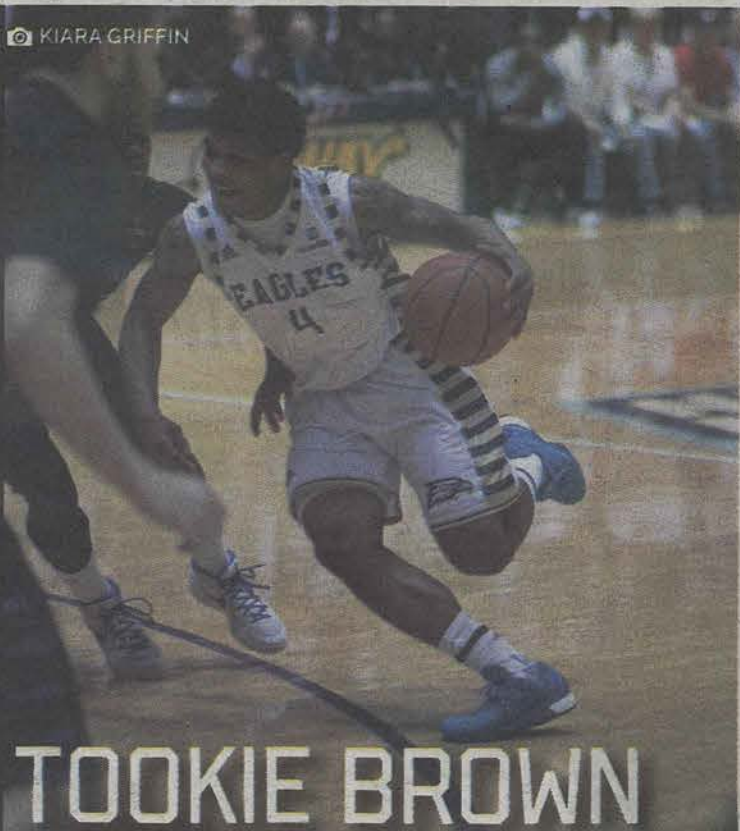
## RYAN CLEVELAND



Cleveland is the MVP because he leads the team in home runs and RBIs, while having the second best batting average and fielding percentage. He has already tied his career high in home runs and RBIs, and is also on pace to finish with career bests in batting average and fielding percentage.

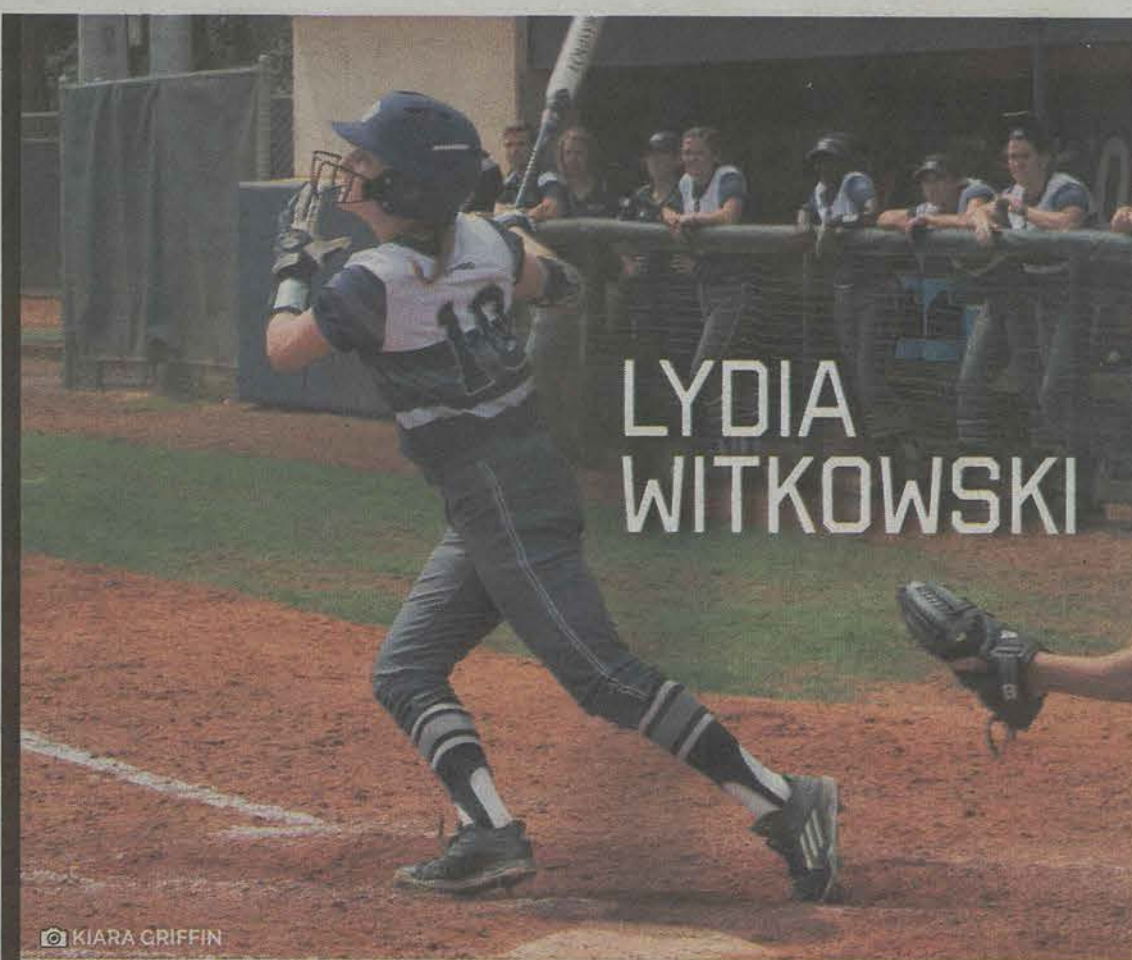
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## TOOKIE BROWN



Brown led the Eagles in points per game with 17.8. He was also named Sun Belt Freshman of the Year and holds the all time record for most points scored as a freshman in GS history.

## LYDIA WITKOWSKI



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Georgia Southern utility player Lydia Witkowski is showing her skills at all facets of the game. Witkowski is leading her team in batting average at .337 that includes 33 runs, 55 hits and two home-runs. She is currently ranked number 11 in batting average among other Sun Belt conference players.

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## EMMANUEL RAJI



Raji tied a team-high for goals in the season with four and added an assist. He played in every game in the season.

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## ANTONIO GLOVER



The MVP for the 2015 football season is senior safety Antonio Glover. Glover was tied for seventh nationally in interceptions with eight on the season. He always seemed to be in the right place at the right time and was the leader of an improved Eagle defense.





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**Time:** Monday, May 2nd 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Location:** Sweetheart Circle

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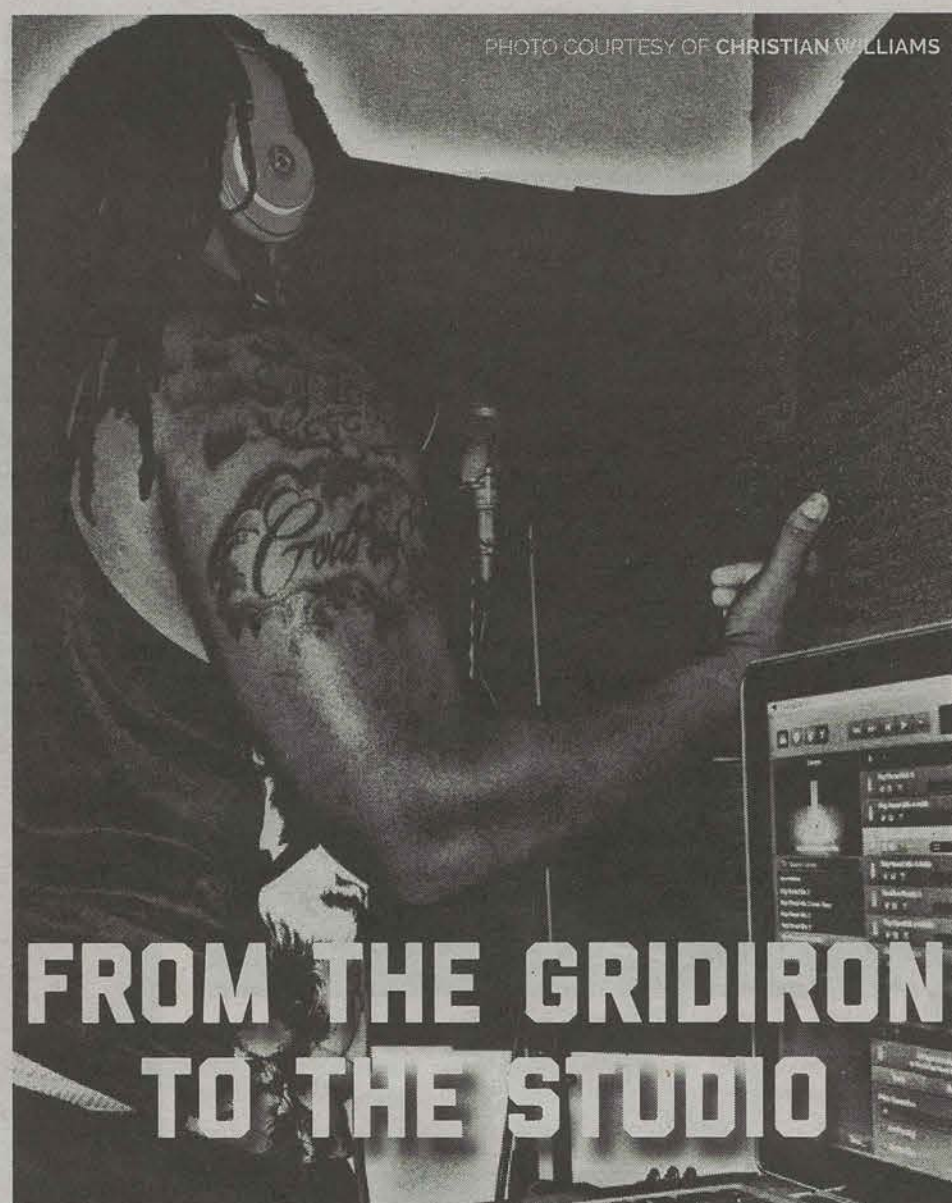
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**Location:** Sweetheart Circle

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#### YOUR STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES AT WORK

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Williams, who goes by his stage name 'CWILL', working on his music in the studio. He's a student-athlete who plays on the football team.

BY CHRIS SMITH  
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern is home to many talented students who are gifted in the arts, academics, music and sports. There are many students on campus who are gifted in multiple areas. Two of those special types of students play on the GS Football team.

Christian Williams, also known by his stage name 'CWILL', is an offensive lineman for GS, but off the field, he is an aspiring rapper.

Williams and his fellow teammate Robert Brice, aka 'Two5ive', are joining forces to bring a musical masterpiece that GS has never experienced before. Williams and Brice decided that they wanted to create a mixtape featuring the top 27 artists at the university and make it available on the popular mixtape application Spinrilla.

"We started learning about other artists here at Georgia Southern, so we were like what's the best way to meet all of these people. Another big thing is for us to network with them. Everyone on the mixtape will have a chance to broaden their fan base," Williams said.

Williams and Brice are the artists behind the Eagle's song "Paulson Party", which was played at the Georgia

State game and at the GoDaddy Bowl. Within 24 hours of releasing "Paulson Party", it received 5,000 views on SoundCloud. "Paulson Party" is not the typical sound you will hear from these two artists. They generally make songs that deal with real world problems and songs that are motivational.

"Making party songs is not how you get true fans. When you first make a party song everyone is going to like it, but if I don't make another one than I lost them. When you start making conscious songs, you start touching people in ways where your songs can help them get through the day," Brice said.

Artist such as J. Cole, Kanye West, Outkast and Lil Wayne have influenced Williams and Brice. These two have started going out to poetry events, music events performing and recruiting people to be part of the mixtape. There is no official title for the mixtape, because they want the input of every singer and rapper involved in the production of the mixtape before deciding on a name.



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“Everyone on the mixtape will have a chance to broaden their fan base.”

CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS  
OL / Redshirt-Sophomore / Wetumpka, Ala.



# A FINAL SEND-OFF FROM SENIOR AND TEAM CAPTAIN RISE LANNE



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Lanne approaches the net to return a shot. Lanne ended his historic career against South Alabama on April 22 in the Sun Belt Championships.

**BY DERIK WUCHTE**  
The George-Anne staff

The historic season for men's tennis came to an end with a loss to No. 2 seed South Alabama on Friday, April 22. Although the loss came in close at 4-2, the defeat marked the end of the Eagles for the 2015-2016 season.

With that final closing comes the last regards for senior Ristomatti Lanne's college career. He will be at GS for another semester, working with the team, until he finishes his coursework, but this was his last chance to win a conference championship as a player.

In a last talk with the senior, there were opportunities to discuss with him the past, the future and for him to reflect on his career. The men's tennis program has been able to do something special this year, and his leadership has helped with its success.

"In the end, I'm surprised that it went that well," Lanne said. "There haven't been many moments that have been bad or anything. Even though I lost a couple of matches, I played good tennis in those."

Lanne prides himself on his level of play. It was important for him to compete at a high level and show the others this team could win.

"I want people to remember I was a leader who led with an example," Lanne said. "If I wanted other people to do something, I would go and do the same thing. If I talk the talk, I walk the walk. That's the biggest thing, on and off the court."

Lanne's leadership style fit very well into the system that head coach Sander Koning worked to establish. The two complimented each other side-by-side to help the team find results. It's bittersweet to them knowing Lanne won't be around

to see how future teams turn out, but they know the sport will go on, with or without him.

"It's tough," Lanne said. "I want good things to happen for this team and for the program. But, on the other hand, I know tennis still continues in my life. It's tough, but I have confidence they will have a bright future with Coach Koning. We have good players who still have two, three years to go. I believe they're going to have a good season to come."

Since his days back at Old Dominion as an assistant coach, Koning could recall the times he has worked with players resembling Lanne's nature.

"I've had it once," Koning said. "You see it right away with the other guys on the team. They look up to players like that. They also see their passion and dedication. It's so important to have. If I get a player like Rise every four years, that would be incred-

ible. I cannot count on that, but guys like him, if you have them on your team, it's great."

This will not be Lanne's official departure from the team yet when this season ends. As mentioned, he will have one more semester to work with his teammates.

"I'm going to come back in the fall, and complete the degree," Lanne said. "I don't know exactly my role on the team in the fall, but I'll still be involved. Then, at the moment, the major plan is to complete my military service starting next January."

With how things have worked out for Lanne, this could be his last summer playing tennis the entire time. That is not the guaranteed case, but Lanne spoke with his father already about the possibility. However it works out, GS will always be glad for his contribution to men's tennis and for the future of the program.

"We've had a really good season, regular season. It not only comes down to Rice, but all the players that are involved," Koning said. "I'm very grateful for everything that the guys have been doing. We should see this as a beginning to something big. We've done some good things, but I know with these guys that are here, and the ones that we're bringing in, that we will have much bigger aspirations."

Lanne reflected on everyone who has helped him reach this point in his career.

Lanne said, "I'm really thankful for the opportunity to play here. I want to thank all my teammates, my coaches and staff. They've done everything in their ability to make my and the team's experience the best I could ever have. It's been a wild ride. It's definitely worth all the hours that we put in."



# NOT DONE YET

The Softball team looks to gain a higher seed heading into the conference tournament.



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Above: The team celebrates a home run at the plate.

Below: An Eagle baserunner looks to take third.



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BY KEITH SMILEY  
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern University softball team is looking to finish strong with the Sun Belt tournament right around the corner.

The Eagles are 11-7 in the conference and currently have hold of the No. 3 seed. The next couple of weeks will be a true test for the Eagles as they play three double headers with two coming against Sun Belt opponents. The players remember all well how it is to go into tournament play with a losing record.

The first Sun Belt doubleheader will be against UL Lafayette, in which they will do battle three games in a row. This won't be an easy task for the ea-

gles as they are going up against the top team in the Sun Belt. UL Lafayette are currently running away with the division sitting at first seed with a 16-1 conference record and will be looking forward to test their abilities with the third seed eagles.

GS position player Lydia Witkowski leads the team in batting average at .337. Witkowski has recorded 38 runs and 55 hits for the season and the team will need her to come up big in next couple of weeks to sustain momentum heading into the tournament.

The last three games of the season are nothing short of a challenge. Not only will they be facing their rival Georgia State, but the bad taste left in their mouth from last season against

this team may still be haunting them.

Redemption has to be the goal for Eagles when they go up against the Panthers, who beat them in four straight games including tournament play in their 2015 season. Georgia State holds a 9-9 conference record but the Eagles shouldn't expect them to back down as they're still playing to get a higher seed.

The Eagles will be looking to gain ground in the win column with a doubleheader Wednesday against Savannah State in an away game.

## EAGLES LOOK TO BUILD MOMENTUM IN SUMMER SLATE

BY STEPHANIE MATZELLE  
The George-Anne contributor

The baseball team is currently six in the Sun Belt Conference with an overall record of 24-17 and 10-11 in conference. They have won six of their last nine games and are looking to keep that momentum going into the summer.

They will continue to play into the summer after finals end and students leave. The last day of finals is May 6 and on this day the Eagles will be in Mobile, Alabama to play South Alabama for the weekend.

After that, GS will play

North Florida in a midweek home-and-home series. That Tuesday, the game will be in Jacksonville, and the next day it will be here in Statesboro at J.I. Clements Stadium.

The Eagles will host the last two series against Clemson on May 13-May 15 and Georgia State May 19-May 21.

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### RAC HOURS:

May 16 - July 22

Mon-Thurs: 6am-10pm

Friday: 6am-9pm

Saturday: 11am-7pm

Sunday: 11am-10pm

\* See Schedule for Closures  
and Special Holiday Hours

### INTRAMURALS:

	Online Registration:	Play Begins:
Basketball	May 2-18	May 23
Softball	May 2-18	May 23

### FITNESS:

A and B Term:

Blue & Gold Challenge  
Group Fitness Classes

### TRAVEL:

Southern Adventures Trips  
Campus Cycle Program

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