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We spotlighted Georgia Southern's outstanding athletes

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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.

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

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"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 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).

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

The Georgia Film Academy has now unveiled its new 18,860 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:

- Clayton State University
- Kennesaw State University
- University of West Georgia
- Georgia Piedmont Technical College
- Southern Crescent Technical College
- Gwinnett Technical College
- Savannah Technical College

**JUST GEORGIA THINGS:**

**ROOSTER PATROL**

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.
Dedicated to Our Seniors

Class of '20

I can't believe we finally graduated college.

I know, right?

It's going to be smooth sailing from now on.

Real Life

Huh huh. I guess we'll see about that...

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 here and always wondered what mine would eventually be 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 our faces will live on after we leave but grateful for all the friends who still want the friendship carry on. None of the great things I've done or the memories I've had would've been possible without four years each of hard work and support from the people who grew and typos in the paper.

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 desperately wanted to get published, was lucky enough to figure 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've had 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.

To contact the opinions editor, email letters@georgiasouthern.edu

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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 some 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 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 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.
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

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 My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu. 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-meds 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 Vegas" 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.
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, 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 publicly, 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. McCullough said that the exercise gives students a sense of protection.

“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.”

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

College Health Tip #8
Have confidence in yourself.

Study hard and remember all of our health tips. We know you’ll do great this semester!
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.

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. 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.

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

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.

To contact the news editor, email ganewsed@georgiasouthern.edu.
A YEAR IN REVIEW

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

Oct. 1: "The Pillowman" opens at the CAT

Oct. 8: Shooting Sports Education Center opens

Nov. 16: Georgia Southern NAACP releases a list of demands for the administration and hold a 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 lose 23-17.

Dec. 2: GS WBB beats Savannah State 84-48, giving Kip Drown his first win at GS as head coach.
April 6: Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., named 13th president of GS.

April 7: John-Warren ticket wins SGA election.


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

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

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

March 28: Shots fired at 111 South.

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

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

Jan. 15: GS MBB beats App St. 101-100 on last-second four-point play by Mike Hughes.

Feb. 8: Harley Strickland becomes Miss GS.


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

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The Past Behind the Pastry
Statesboro local rolls out a new path by becoming a pastry chef.

Top: 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.

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 Landong, 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.

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 (girls, it’s time to buy a metaphorical parking pass and graduate. This buzzlist isn’t about actual celebrating, 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 in the room everyone was looking for. I mean, you’re my best friend and there’s no way I can fit everything into this. I promise senior year will be 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 kid to an 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 nad (newsroom dad) you’re welcome to come visit literally anytime you want.

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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 Snapchat.

Casey Cangle, 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 love is more than a plot line in every Netflix show ever.

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Heather Yeomans, enigma but still perfect, has been MIA for years. And though you totally could. I can only wish I was as motivated and relationship-proactive as you. 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 panic attack emails and waiting 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.

Kiana 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.

Kiara Griffin, 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 will be 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.

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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 (girls, it’s time to buy a metaphorical parking pass and graduate. This buzzlist isn’t about actual celebrating, 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 in the room everyone was looking for. I mean, you’re my best friend and there’s no way I can fit everything into this. I promise senior year will be 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 kid to an 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 nad (newsroom dad) you’re welcome to come visit literally anytime you want.

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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 outdoor competition.

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 1,000th 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.

Junior Nora El-Shami is the MVP because of how well she performed on offense this season. She led the team with 39 points, while scoring nine goals and attaining 12 assists, both of which are career highs for her.

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.

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

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.

LYDIA WITKOWSKI

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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UPB Spring Finals Fest
Time: Monday, May 2nd 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Location: Sweetheart Circle
Take a break from studying and enjoy a free meal and fun activities to replenish you for finals! Join campus administrators as they volunteer to serve YOU. Finals Fest provides students with a much-needed study break and gives University leaders a chance to visit with the students. This event is open to CSU students only. Students must have Eagle ID. No exceptions. Please note: In the event of inclement weather Finals Fest will be moved to the Russell Union Ballroom. For more information on accommodations related to access or participation, please email UPB at upb@georgiasouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
Contact Information: UPB@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

UPB Spring 2016 Lantern Walk
Time: Friday, May 6th 7:00 pm
Location: Sweetheart Circle
Join the University Programming Board as we honor all of the Spring 2016 graduating seniors! Friends and families of graduates are welcome to attend. Graduates wear your caps (and/or gown) and receive a free commemorative lantern! Light refreshments will be served. Please note: In the event of inclement weather, Lantern Walk will be moved to the Russell Union Ballroom. For information on accommodations related to access, email upb@georgiaSouthern.edu at least 2 weeks prior to the event.
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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 these 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 Breeze, aka ‘Twelvefive’, are joining forces to bring a musical masterpiece that GS has never experienced before. 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,” Breeze said.

Artist such as J. Cole, Kanye West, Outkast and Lil Wayne have influenced Williams and Breeze. 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.

“Everyone on the mixtape will have a chance to broaden their fan base.”
CHRISTIAN WILLIAMS
OL, Football Sophomore / Wetumpka, Ala.
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-Anrie 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 seniorRestorematti Lanne's college career. He will be at GS for another semester, working with the team, but this was his last chance to win a conference championship as a player.

“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 a 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 bitter sweet for 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 a couple 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. “I’ll talk to the players 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.”

“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.”

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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 doubleheaders with two coming against Sun Belt opponents. The players remember all well how it is to go into tournament play with a losing record.

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 the 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.

The baseball team is currently sixth 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.

The baseball Sun Belt Championships will be held in San Marcos, Texas at the Bobcat Ballpark from May 25-May 29.
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