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COVERING THE CAMPUS LIKE A SWARM OF GNATS

## Students react to Proposition 8 court decision

By Chris Buchanan  
Senior writer

Tears were visible on the faces of some same-sex marriage proponents attending Tuesday's Day of Decision rally following the announcement that California's Ballot Proposition 8 was upheld by the California Supreme Court by a 6-1 vote.

Proposition 8 called for an addition to California's Constitution that states "only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California."

"The one silver lining in the cloud is that the 18,000 plus same-sex marriages that have already been conducted in California are still being honored and valid," rally organizer and GSU student Reuben Hayslett said.

Participants in the event included members of the Gay-Straight Alliance, the Unitarian Church, and the National Association for Women as well as concerned members of the campus community. According to Hayslett, the event was actually part of a nationwide focus on the decision.

"This is a national movement; there are over 57 cities in the nation that are going to be holding events all day [Tuesday]," said Hayslett. "I wanted to try and get a chance for the campus to be involved and for people to see that there are supporters for marriage equality everywhere."

The event included music and speakers at the Russell Union Rotunda. Besides Hayslett, the Rev. Jane Page of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship spoke following the court decision.

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## Gray skies can't damper pilots' enthusiasm



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Right: Pilot Rusty Herrington talks with Statesboro airport manager Jeff Herrington while boarding his 1946 Navion. The pilots were in town for the Navion Air Show that took place during the extended holiday weekend.

Above: Rich Fusakio, a pilot from Atlanta, performs a little maintenance on his 1929 Waco in a hangar at Statesboro Regional Airport Saturday.



Chris Buchanan/STAFF

For more on the air show, see page 3.

Find more photos from the Memorial weekend event, visit GADaily.com.

## Eagle baseball hits the road for NCAA Regionals

By Latrice Williams  
Staff writer

After going on a seven-year hiatus, the Georgia Southern Baseball team is making its first appearance back to the NCAA Regionals. The Eagles compiled a 38-15 regular season record with big

wins over Indiana, East Carolina and ACC foe Georgia Tech.

The Eagles soared through the Southern Conference Tournament and defeated the Elon Phoenix, 7-3, in the SoCon Championship, earning them the second seed in the NCAA Regionals.

"Everyone is pretty excited about going out to California. It will be a fun trip and great experience. I have always watched regionals on TV and have always wanted to experience it myself. Now we finally get that chance," said Blackburn.

Kyle Blackburn was named the

Most Valuable Player for the 2009 SoCon Tournament after launching a three-run homer.

"I had a great time at the tournament and I thought we had a great chance of winning going into

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CRI's new Wellness Ambassador class focuses on health and fitness.

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# New CRI program focuses on total wellness on campus

By **Christan O'Brien**

Guest writer

Most students as well as the faculty and staff here at Georgia Southern University know Campus Recreation and Intramurals (CRI) for its intramural sports, which allow students to play their favorite sports competitively.

However, there is a newly developed program within the CRI that may be grabbing the attention of students.

The Wellness Ambassador Program is an orga-

nization that originated from CRI.

The mission of the organization is to promote wellness behaviors, educate the campus community, and create a culture of wellness for students, faculty, and staff at Georgia Southern, as stated by Katrina Moor, the graduate assistant of the University Wellness Program.

The creation of Wellness Ambassadors came from the want of greater involvement in wellness programs and activities as well as the need for visibility on campus through student involvement. Thus, the idea of Wellness Ambassadors was initi-

ated to meet these needs.

"Right now the organization is in the process of starting up and becoming an official new student organization recognized on campus. It just started this past Spring," Moor said.

The organization has 15 members and they are eager to gain more, according to Moor.

"I think it would be a great opportunity to show that with today's rise in disease and unhealthy habits, students are still concerned with their health even at young ages," says Angelica Strowder, a junior biology major who is thinking of joining the program

next semester.

Becoming a member is a fairly simple process. In order to join, students need to submit a membership application which can be found at <http://welcome.georgiasouthern.edu/wellness/ambassador.html>.

Students must also have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better and be enrolled in at least six credit hours here at Georgia Southern University.

More information on the Wellness Ambassadors Program or CRI can be found at the University's Recreation Activity Center (RAC) or on the University Web site.

## Averitt Center to host camps for students

By **Abbey Lennon**

Guest writer

The Averitt Center for the Arts, home of the Emma Kelly Theater in downtown Statesboro, is offering several new programs for the summer months.

According to Executive Director Tim Chapman, the Averitt Center will use past programs as well to offer a wide range of activities for young kids this summer.

"Each year we offer some of our past programs," said Chapman, "but we are offering some really fun and interesting new camps as well," he said.

According to the Averitt Center's Web page, several programs offered by the Averitt Center are Camp Snipesville in which children between ages 8-12 can explore the idea of time travel in relation to the books "The Snipesville Chronicles" by Annette Laing who will be instructing the camp.

Other programs include Grease Camp, Outside the Box, and the Jungle Book Camp Show, which all provide participants with an interesting take on the arts.

"All of these camps are very unique and are targeted at aspiring young artists," said Chapman.

Georgia Southern University's Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art is working with the Averitt Center

during the summer as well offering three different Summer Studios sessions on the Georgia Southern campus for students in first grade up to 12th.

"We have elementary school sessions, which is first through third grade and the fourth through fifth grade classes, and then we have the middle school and high school classes," said Stephanie Neal, Gallery and Outreach Programs Coordinator. "Each grade level takes the same topic, but our Summer Studios teachers will cater the lessons to that specific age group."

GSU students are eligible to get involved with the Averitt Center camps as well as the camps offered here on campus.

"The Averitt Center for the Arts has an extensive volunteer program," said Chapman. "Volunteers must go through an orientation and assignments are made after the completion of the training," he said.

Also on GSU's campus, volunteers usually involve art students, said Neal.

"They either teach or assist the classes," she said, "and some of our faculty members and graduate students also partake," she said.

For more information on all camps available with the Averitt Center for the Arts and GSU, visit the Web site at <http://www.averittcenterforthearts.org> or call 912-212-2787.

## RALLY

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"Since the biblical models of marriage range from polygamy at one end to celibacy on the other, we shall have to find our own way and not claim that the Bible permits only one form of marriage," Page said.

According to a release citing the Supreme Court majority opinion, the court made the decision on the basis that its role is not to determine whether Proposition 8 is "wise or sound" but rather "is limited to interpreting and applying the principles and rules embodied in the California

Constitution, setting aside our own personal beliefs and values."

The release also stated that the ruling will only have an affect on the use of the term "marriage" and will not change rights granted to same-sex couples that were enumerated in a previous court opinion.

At the end of the rally, the floor was opened to rally participants to express their view of the decision.

Hayslett said that the next move for the group will be to continue informing people of the laws in Georgia and other states.

"I really hope that this event starts a dialogue with people to talk more about these issues," he said.

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Chris Buchanan/STAFF

## Classic aircraft fly into Statesboro for Memorial weekend

By Chris Buchanan  
Staff writer

Fans of classic aviation were in for a rare sight when members of the Southern Navion Air Group (SNAG) held their Memorial Weekend fly-in at the Statesboro Airport on May 25.

"The [Navion] I guess has a following kind of like a Harley Davidson," said local pilot and event organizer Rusty Harrington.

Despite cloudy weather, pilots and fans from across the South got a chance to mingle and tell tales about their favorite 1940s airplane – referred to by one fan as "the Corvette of the sky".

Two members of the organization – Bob Swanzy and Charlie Allen said they enjoy the planes so much that they have been flying them for half a century.

"It's just as much fun after 50 years as it was the first hour," said Swanzy who's been flying the same Navion for 49 years.

"It's a real forgiving airplane and it's easy to fly," said Allen, who has been flying his plane for 53 years. "It's just got a good feel to it."

The event lasted until Monday with occasional flights when the weather permitted.

During its events, the group performs everything from "balloon-busting" to the "flour bomb," where they attempt to hit a ground target with flour sacks.

But of all the contests perhaps the most talked about between the pilots that day was the "Pucker Factor Award" given to the pilot that had scared himself or other pilots while in his airplane.

"We pass it around and it's all done in fun," said Harrington.

Harrington explained that North American Aviation (NAA), which began production of the planes in 1946 was the same company that built the famous P-51 Mustangs of World War II.

"If you look at it from a distance in flight, it resembles a P-51 Mustang a lot," Harrington said.

Only 2500 of the original model were created.

"A lot of pilots don't know what they are because there are only about 1400 [still in flight]," Harrington said.

With little more than half still in the skies the Navions have gained notoriety as a rare airplane.

The rarity and the quality of the aircraft have played a major role in bringing this group of pilots together. To them, as one pilot put it, all other aircraft are merely "Wichita Spam Cans."

## POLICE BEAT

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Lisa Marie Taylor, 21, Greenbriar Apartments, was charged with DUI, failure to maintain lane and failure to meet headlight requirements.

Friday, May 22, 2009

Officers issued three traffic citations, three traffic warnings and assisted two motorists.

Saturday, May 23, 2009

Officers issued two traffic warnings, assisted one motorist, assisted another agency and responded to one alarm.

The windshield was broken on a vehicle at Eagle Village.

Monday, May 25, 2009

Officers issued one traffic citation, one traffic warning, assisted one motorist and responded to one alarm.

Evan John Downton, 19, The Woodlands, was charged with minor in possession/consumption of alcohol.

Jonathan Tyler Brown, 22, Lanier Drive, was charged with public intoxication.

## CORRECTION

In the May 21, 2009, edition of the George-Anne, Paul Floecker, Manager of Media Sales, was misidentified.

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## Georgia's youth participate in local summer camps

*Georgia Southern faculty and students hold camps for prospective students*

By Abbey Lennon

Guest writer

Georgia Southern University's Continuing Education Center's annual summer camps are scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, hosted by GSU for over ten years.

Children from all over the state of Georgia can choose to participate in several camp opportunities ranging from football, politics, and sciences, to fine arts, such as drama and ballet.

Summer camps at GSU are taught by GSU faculty and staff.

One particular camp involved is Georgia Boys State and Georgia Girls State in which participants who are rising high school seniors and in the top 10 percent of their class, are taught "an intensive study of government," said Program Specialist Deborah Champion of the Continuing Education Center.

"During their stay, participants will be considered citizens of a mythical 51st state," Champion said describing the camp, "and

they will have to function within this state," she said.

GSU students can become involved with these summer camps said Judy Hendrix-Poole, a program development specialist for the Continuing Education Center.

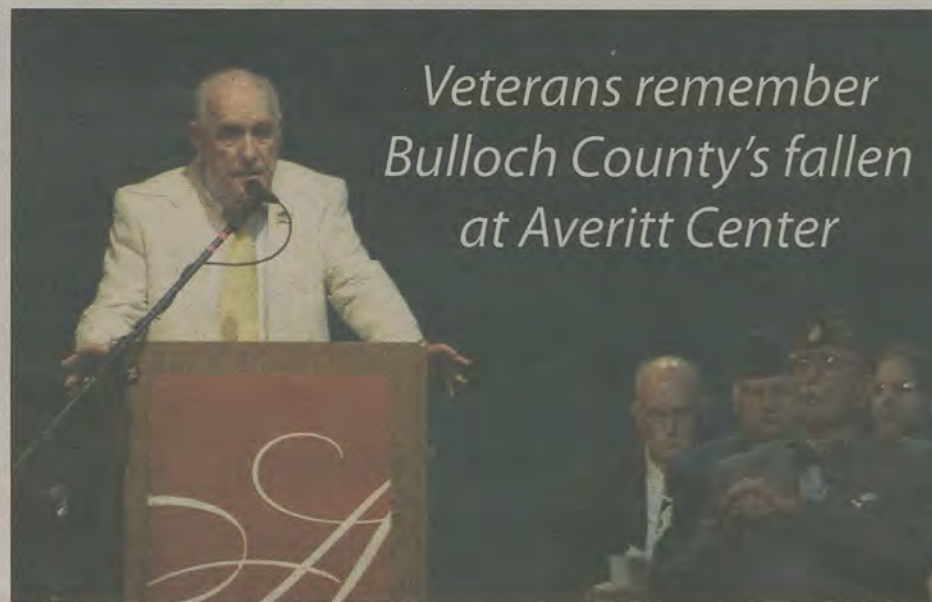
"We utilize GSU students as camp directors, counselors etc," Poole said. "We think GSU students make great role models for these, hopefully, future GSU students," she said.

Aimed primarily at attracting up and coming college freshman to Georgia Southern, these summer camps are also great for the participants because they provide lifetime learning for all involved Poole said.

"GSU benefits by making students aware of the importance of continuing their education and provides an atmosphere that makes students realize that this is a great place to continue their education as they start looking at universities to attend after high school," Poole said.

For more information for registration and how to become involved, visit the Continuing Education Center's Web site.

## Veterans remember Bulloch County's fallen at Averitt Center



Katherine Kennedy/STAFF

Above: WWII veteran Flem Cliett addressed the solemn crowd that gathered at the Emma Kelly Theater in downtown Statesboro Monday. Cliett discussed his experiences in the Pacific and displayed a tattered Japanese flag that he recovered during an assignment in the 1940s. Left: Michael Braz performed patriotic tunes for a crowd of a few hundred at the annual community event.



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# OPINIONS

...WHERE WE ARE THINKING THAT IT'S TIME  
FOR A LITTLE SUNSHINE. THAT IS THE POINT  
OF SUMMER, RIGHT?

The child stars of Academy Award winning Best Picture *Slumdog Millionaire* are reportedly being given brand new houses by the Indian government.



Sadly, however, the old men from *No Country*, for *Old Men* (last year's Best Picture) still don't even have a country.



## Jon and Kate could separate eight



**James Kicklighter** is a senior public relations major from Claxton, Ga. He is a staff columnist for the George-Anne.

I am sure some of you out there are big fans of TLC's "Jon and Kate Plus 8." Though this is a series I have never really watched or gotten into, recent developments in the Gosselin's personal life have spilled into gossip pages across the country.

For the unaware, Jon and Kate have been accused of separately cheating on each other, even bringing their alleged partners home in front of their eight children.

With the start of a new season this week, TLC has cashed in on the hype stating, "Jon and Kate face each other for the first time."

Like any effective marriage, it is great they are finding time to talk with each other and a few million of their best friends. Meanwhile, half of their eight children are about to start school, and will be faced with the social structures of primary days.

Remembering back, kids are not always so friendly to the plights of individuals, especially when it is plastered all over prime time.

Can you imagine your first potty training experience being televised? That's some fodder for those awkward middle grade years. For now, however, they could deal with the dissolution of something much worse; their family structure, and it may unwind as the kids start and continue their academic careers.

There comes a time when media ethics should come into play, and I believe this is one of those moments. Some rumors claim that Kate is power-hungry, and refuses to cancel their contract, while Jon is ready to leave and have a normal life.

Judging body language in the teasers, there could be some merit to this. However, let's throw that out the window a moment and go back to TLC. Undeniably, this is their most profitable program.

I believe it will be damaging to their brand to allow a divorce to air. But in this economy, I wonder if it will even matter.

Now, we wait and see if anyone can put on their big boy pants.

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## Maybe it is time that we practice what we preach



**Shannon Knepp** is a senior broadcasting major from Albany, Ga. She is the managing editor for the George-Anne.

On Tuesday, the California Supreme Court made the decision to uphold Proposition 8, a proposition passed in November 2008 that denies same-sex couples to the same rights of marriage as "straight" couples.

Interesting, because the last time I checked, we lived in a free country.

Within the past couple of months, the United States has been allowed to boast of our huge steps forward.

We elected a black president. A woman was his biggest democratic competition. The USA is pushing away from prejudice and becoming a more "united" states.

Except when it comes to gay rights. In this area, we still seem to be locked in the Dark Ages.

Passing Proposition 8 just proves how many more steps we need to take to prove equality in this country. Gay citizens are still citizens. They are taxpayers. They have all the same rights as any other straight citizen, so why deny them the right to marry whomever they choose?

This country was founded as a diverse country. A country where people could practice their beliefs freely, no matter who they are. We claim to have a separation of Church and State, yet we are making decisions that feel religiously influenced.

Please don't get me wrong here. I am a Christian. I have strong beliefs toward my religion.

However, how can we take it upon ourselves to judge and say what other free people can and cannot do? It is not our place to judge the actions of others.

It is time for this country to take the steps it needs to protect gay rights. If it is so easy to strip away the rights of some of our citizens, what is to say it won't be just as easy to start taking away the rights of other people?

This is a free country. We have the right to say what we think, go to school. Work where we choose. We are allowed to date who we want, and fall in love with who we want. Why should these rights stop at marriage?

In some of the appeals that will more than likely occur from this decision, our country can prove that we are the nation of tolerance that we claim to be.

It is time that we learn tolerance. Time that our country gives innocent citizens the same rights every other straight citizen receives. This way we can be the tolerant country we claim to be.

## Man on the Street

What do you think about the baseball team going to the SoCon?



**Michael Bergeron**  
"I think it was great winning the SoCon in something."



**Brittany Herrington**  
"It's a well deserved win. I know they'll do really great."



**Tuvayas Duckworth**  
"I think it's great our team played their best, and it's great they get to play the best, no matter how far they have to go."



**John Nwosu**  
"I think it's great. I think Georgia Southern is doing great things."



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# Eminem's new album "Relapse" finds him up to his old tricks

By Matt Mauney

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The curtain rises once again on one of rap's most talented and controversial artists with Eminem's most recent release, four plus years after his greatest hits album.

"Relapse" is composed of 15 tracks and five skits that, in typical Eminem fashion, combines fast paced beats with rhyme after rhyme about drug abuse, murder, rape, and celebrity-bashing.

However, unlike Eminem's early work, the album seems to lack that certain element that made Marshall Mathers one of the best and well-known talents in the game.

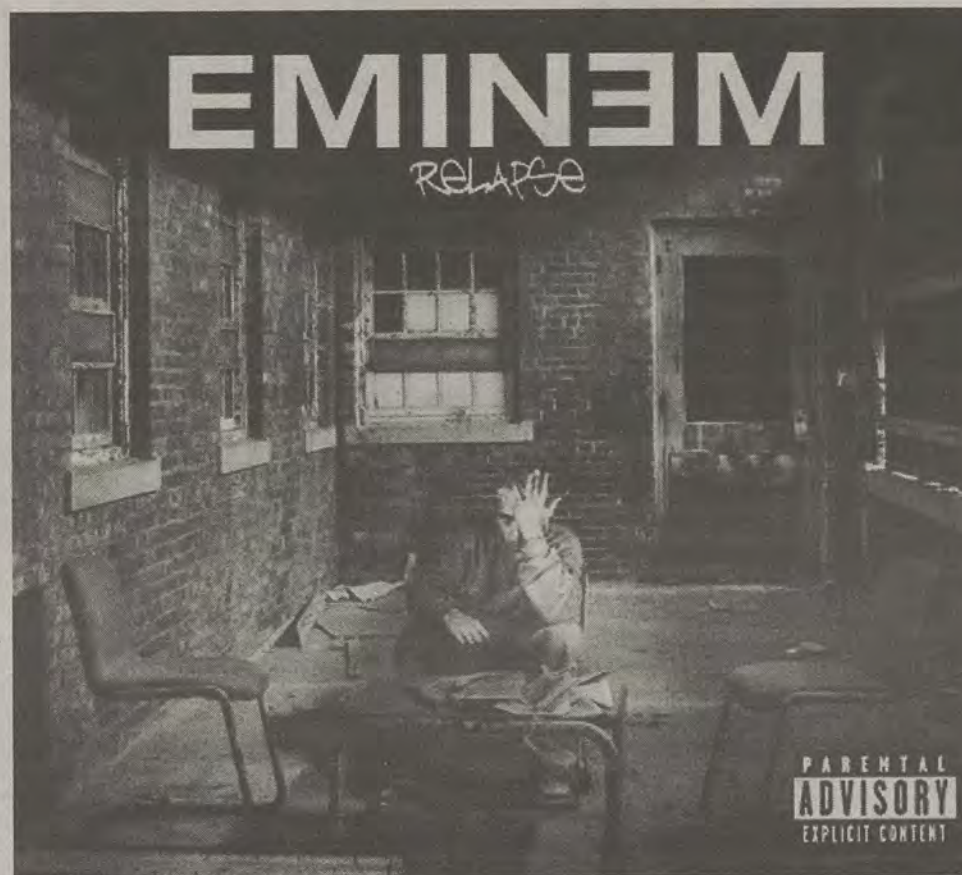
The CD stays true to its name with numerous songs focused on drug addiction and addresses Mather's personal struggles with narcotics and prescription pills. The intro, entitled "Dr. West," enacts a dream where Mathers meets with his rehab doctor who becomes a demonic sounding character that advises him to drink to "take and edge off" before offering him pills.

The skit concludes with the sound of an alarm clock leading into the first track, "3 a.m.," which focuses on drug abuse and addiction, making references about Mathers not being in control of his body or actions by lines like, "I wake up naked at McDonald's with blood all over me and dead bodies behind the counter again, s\*\*t must have blacked out again."

"My Mom" continues the trend of each release containing at least one song focusing primarily on Mather's mother and her accused addiction to Valium when he was growing up.

The upbeat version on the song strays away from past songs with similar content matter like "Cleaning Out My Closet," but the lyrics are explicit in the matter that they address prescription drug addiction.

However in this year's version, he not only criticizes Ms. Mathers for being a terrible mother,



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"Relapse" is the first studio effort from Eminem in over four years and features his signature fast-paced rapping with rhyme after rhyme.

but blames her for making him the way he is, by spitting verses like, "my mom loves Valium and lots of drugs / That's why I am like I am 'cause I'm like her." He even goes as far as saying that he is his mother, admitting his ongoing problems with popping pills.

The fourth track is properly titled "Insane," which addresses, quite literally, Mather's, or in this case his alter ego Slim Shady's, mental state.

The song accuses his step father of sexually abusing him as a child and continues to criticize

his mom, saying that she ignored the entire situation.

"Bagpipes From Bagdad" and "Hello" are two more upbeat tracks, with the former sampling an interesting bagpipe beat and the latter being this year's "My Name Is" or "I'm Back," where Eminem discusses his hiatus from the rap game.

Next, following a disturbing skit entitled "Tonya," "Same Song & Dance" features Eminem rapping about talking a young girl named Tonya into getting into his car and then drugs, rapes,

and eventually kills her, saying, "Yeah, baby, do that dance / It's the last dance you'll ever get the chance to do / Girl, shake that ass / You ain't never gonna break that glass / The windshield's too strong for you."

The song doesn't stop there, as Eminem's next two victims are controversial Hollywood starlets Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears, who he both criticizes for being sluts and having weight problems.

The next two tracks, "Medicine Ball" and "Stay Wide Awake," stay true to the album's theme of prescription drug usage until Eminem pairs up with long time friend and producer Dr. Dre in a track entitled "Old Time Sake," which focuses on smoking marijuana much like the next song, "Must Be The Ganja."

The last track "Underground" acts as an answer to fans and critics alike about what Eminem was doing in his almost five-year hiatus and tells his reasons for it.

The song shares harsh and explicit subject matter, as most songs on the album do, but this album's finale takes a much more serious tone about Eminem's frustration with retirement questions and taking multiple years off without studio work.

Overall, Relapse stays true to the last few releases from Eminem, but the album seems to be missing that certain something, the rawness and truthfulness that was easily found in Shady's earlier works.

For true Eminem fans, the album is definitely good enough to satisfy die-hard supporters until, and if, Em decides to release another album in the future.

However, for casual fans, the album seems to be almost forced as if he tried to live up to his controversial reputation so much that most tracks became rudimentary and predictable unlike the shocking and moving songs that can be found on "The Slim Shady LP" and "The Marshall Mathers LP."

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The Eagles celebrate on the mound after defeating Elon 7-3 and earning their fourth SoCon title.

"I think it is a great opportunity for us... that will not only help our program, but also the Southern Conference."

- Rodney Hennon

Georgia Southern Baseball Head Coach

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the tournament and so did everyone else on the team. We had a lot of confidence going in, and I think that helped us a lot," said Blackburn.

Friday, GSU will head out west to California to face off against 19th ranked Gonzaga. This is the first time the Eagles will go head-to-head against all three Fullerton Regional teams.

Head Coach Rodney Hennon is not intimidated by the unfamiliar competitors they will have to face.

"We are not as familiar with those teams as maybe some others in our region, but we'll try and find out as much information as possible in the next couple of days and get prepared," coach Hennon said.

"I think it is a great opportunity for us. Most people are familiar with our program in our region, but the opportunity to go to a different part of the country and go out and play well, certainly, I think that will not only help our program, but

also the Southern Conference," he said.

Should the Eagles win, their next opponent will be either Cal State-Fullerton or the University of Utah. Either way, the Eagles are prepared for what's ahead of them.

"We are all very excited about getting to go to California this weekend," said second baseman Eric Phillips. "When we heard the news, everyone went crazy. I think we can go all the way. We have the players to do it, we just have to perform."

Heading into their matchup against Gonzaga, the Eagles have won seven straight games and 10 out of their last 11.

Gonzaga is currently ranked no. 19, and GSU holds a 4-2 record when facing ranked opponents this year.

The Bulldog's ace on the mound is Matt Fields, who holds an 8-1 record with an impressive 2.86 ERA.

Gonzaga's heavy hitter is Tyson Van Winkle, who has recorded a .361 batting average this year. Van Winkle also has 24 doubles and 54 RBI's.

Eagle fans can watch the Georgia Southern Eagles in action live at 6 p.m. on ESPN.

## Superstar Breakdown

### Batting

GSU

C - Griffin Benedict

.401 Batting Average, 11 HR's, 61 RBI's

OF - Phillip Porter

.368 Batting Average, 11 HR's, 50 RBI's

### Pitching

GSU

SP - Chris Mederos

11-1 record, 3.66 ERA, 112 Strikeouts

SP - Jake Brown

6-3 record, 4.54 ERA, 58 Strikeouts



Gonzaga

C - Tyson Van Winkle

.361 Batting Average, 5 HR's, 54 RBI's



Gonzaga

SP - Matt Fields

8-1 record, 2.86 ERA, 73 Strikeouts



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GSU raises the SoCon trophy high into the air and now travel to California to face the Bulldogs.